

2024 IIMS Community Engagement Small Project Grant Awardees

The Institute for Integration of Medicine & Science (IIMS) and the UTSA College of Health, Community and Policy are happy to announce that 5 community-academic partnerships from South Texas have been awarded \$5,000 grants as part of the Community Engagement Small Project Grants program. This program enables partnerships to develop activities that lead to the translation of research for public health benefit. Grants are available to newly developed or current partnerships with projects focused on: (1) research/assessment, (2) education/training, and/or (3) dissemination/communication of research results, program features, or policy implications. The 2024 awardees are:

Principal Investigators	Co-Investigators	Community Partner(s)	Project Title
Adolph Delgado, PhD – UTSA College for Health Community, and Policy	Cherise Rohr Allegrini, PhD - San Antonio AIDS Foundation Heta Javeri, MD, MPH - UT Health SA Division of Infectious Diseases	-San Antonio AIDS Foundation	<i>What R We Doing with Our Data: A Community-Academic Approach to Assessing HIV Data using RStudio</i>
Doshie Piper, PhD – University of the Incarnate Word, Dept. of Criminal Justice	Chantal Fahmy, PhD – UTSA Dept. of Criminology and Criminal Justice	-True Vine Baptist Church -East Point Promise Prevention Coalition -LGM Job for You -Texas Organizing Project Education Fund	<i>Encountering the Other, Conversations with the Least of Thee: A Reassessment of Faith- Based Reentry</i>
Joyce Turner, FNP, CHW- Lela Pharmacy	Corin Reyes, RN, BSN, CHW – Young Women’s Christian Association (YWCA) Adelita Cantu, PhD, RN – UT Health SA School of Nursing	-YWCA -Lela Pharmacy	<i>CHW/RN Collaboration for Skill Expansion on Geriatric Specialty Populations</i>
Jason Rosenfeld, DrPH – UT Health San Antonio Center for Medical Humanities & Ethics	Breanne Soteros, PhD and Amandine Grenier, PhD – UTHSA Dept. of Pharmacology Yvette Benavides and Andy Benavides – Studying Mindful Arts Resources Together	-SMART -Andrew Briscoe Elementary	<i>Nurturing Young Minds: When Brain Health Meets Art</i>
Vidya Sharma – MA, RD – UT Health SA Translational Science PhD Program and UTSA College for Health Community, and Policy	Sara Masoud, PhD – Supporting Older Adults through Research (SOARNet) Practice Based Research Network (PBRN)	-SOARNet PBRN	<i>Project ECHO Nutrition & Brain Health Training for Primary Care Providers: A Stakeholder- Engaged SOARNet Study</i>

The IIMS would like to thank all applicants for submitting proposals. We also would like to thank our Community Health Advisory Board members (Ann Salamone – Rochal Industries, Kate Martin, and Rhonda BeLue – UTSA – College of Health, Community and Policy Health) for serving on the Grants Review Committee.