



Community Reciprocity Fund Adjudication Committee

Terms of Reference

Partnerships and engagement with local communities in Saskatchewan have been an essential part of educating health professionals and students about the social determinants of health, health advocacy and the priority health needs of communities.

Within the Division of Social Accountability (DSA) and the College of Medicine, we seek to build a strategy and framework of community engagement that is decolonized, shares control and ownership of knowledge, is community-centric and asset-based, and situates the university within the community. This community engagement approach focuses on advocacy and social change and begins, we believe, to address the inherent power differentials between the university-community context.

As one way to begin to address this power differential and to respond to the resource imbalances often experienced in academic-community collaborations, the DSA initiated the “Community Reciprocity Fund” – a source of funding available to community-located partners. The purpose of this fund is to foster and strengthen community-driven, knowledge-based activities and action-oriented strategies on the social determinants of health, health advocacy and the priority health needs of communities, while enhancing health student/professional skills through learning about and engaging in the community in which we all live.

The Community Reciprocity Fund adjudication committee is a space for students, residents, community members, faculty and staff to collaboratively work to advance best practices of community engagement.

Committee Function

The purpose of the committee is to:

1. Review applications and make award recommendations.

Membership

- Membership is open to faculty, staff, students and community partners working in the College of Medicine (CoM) or on a CoM supported initiative

Other members include:

- Community Engagement Specialist, DSA
- Administrative Assistant, DSA

Reporting

This committee is a sub-committee of the Social Accountability Committee.

Meetings

Committee meetings will be held four (4) to six (6) times per year face-to-face, by telephone, videoconference or other electronic means. An agenda and associated documentation will be circulated ahead of time, as early as possible. Any conflict of interest must be stated prior to the meeting.