

# **The Puerto Rico Public Health Trust (PRPHT) announces the Public Health Research Grant Program** <sup>[1]</sup>

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In keeping with its vision of improving the public health of the communities of the Island, the Puerto Rico Public Health Trust (PRPHT) announced today that, as of this Friday , January 10, 2020, it will open the official platform for researchers in the country to submit proposals aligned to public health, towards increasing the understanding of these issues and discuss solutions in partnership with the communities of Puerto Rico. The Puerto Rico Public Health Trust is part of the 16 programs of the P.R. Science, Technology & Research Trust.

“Knowledge gives us the power to have a real picture of the situations facing the communities of our Island. These projects will increase the capacity to obtain recent data and information in collaboration with the communities mostly affected by the inequality of public health. In addition, the results obtained will open possibilities to develop programs that positively impact vulnerable sectors of our country,” said Dr. José Rodríguez Orengo, Interim Director of PRPHT.

This opportunity is open to qualified researchers or professionals who have obtained a medical or doctorate degree, from public and private universities, colleges and research institutions located in Puerto Rico that work on health aspects. Grants could be up to a maximum of \$10,000 per research / project.

The purpose of the program is for these researchers to develop an innovative health concept / product (including tele-health) in Puerto Rico. In turn, it must maintain a community vision that

shows a positive impact and economic development for the benefit of communities in the Island.

The projects considered should address health issues that could result in additional local and federal funds. The change of subject will also be considered, to motivate experienced researchers to explore alternate issues that positively impact public health in communities in Puerto Rico. Finally, once the project is finished, it is expected to be published in peer-reviewed professional journals.

Proposals will be reviewed by qualified external reviewers with experience in the public health sector and will be evaluated according to the criteria requested in the request for proposal. The proposal submission process must be completed before Friday, February 7, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. (local time of Puerto Rico).

"It is important to note that the funds allocated, and the grants awarded will be determined according to the merits and viability of the projects received," concluded Dr. Rodríguez Orengo.

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