

Nomination Guidelines  
**THE JOAN H. TISCH COMMUNITY HEALTH PRIZE 2017**  
Deadline: March 23, 2017

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***Purpose***

The mission of **The Joan H. Tisch Community Health Prize** is to recognize and honor one not-for-profit organization **and** one individual for distinguished accomplishment in the field of urban public health. Specific goals are:

- To provide financial support and validation to an exceptional individual and organization.
- To raise the profile of creative, community-based solutions to urban health challenges.
- To motivate public health practitioners and inspire individuals to pursue public health as a career.
- To create and enhance linkages between the Hunter College community and innovative public health organizations and individuals engaged in public health work.

***Eligibility Criteria***

A nominee must be:

- An organization **or** an individual in the New York City metropolitan area (including the five boroughs, Long Island, and Westchester, Putnam and Rockland Counties.)
- Involved in a community-based public health initiative in an urban setting that has had measurable impact.
- A tax-exempt nonprofit under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code if an organization; or affiliated with such an organization if an individual.

The nominee's work must be focused on improving urban public health in areas such as:

- ◆ Reducing health disparities
- ◆ Obesity/diabetes/nutrition
- ◆ Chronic disease prevention and management
- ◆ Environmental health
- ◆ HIV/AIDS
- ◆ Health problems associated with poverty
- ◆ Healthy aging
- ◆ Mental health
- ◆ Substance abuse and addiction
- ◆ Public health policy and advocacy
- ◆ Access, financing, and quality of care

Any organization or individual that meets these criteria as well as the evaluation criteria described below is eligible to be nominated for **The Joan H. Tisch Community Health Prize**.

***Evaluation Criteria***

The recipients will be selected based on:

- **Achievement:** Outstanding accomplishment and future potential in the development and implementation of a community-based public health initiative in an urban setting.
- **Imagination:** Demonstrated originality, creativity and innovation in tackling an urban public health problem.
- **Impact:** Positive and lasting improvement in health, well-being and community life for a significant proportion of the target population, and potential for replication in other communities.

### *Award*

**The Joan H. Tisch Community Health Prize** is a \$10,000 award. Two prizes will be awarded — one to a not-for-profit organization and one to an individual. When presented to an individual, \$5,000 is payable to the initiative the person is being honored for or to the organization he/she is affiliated with, and \$5,000 is for personal development. A prize presentation reception will be held at Roosevelt House at Hunter College to honor the recipients.

### *Nominator/Reference Eligibility and Nomination Process*

Nominators and references are persons knowledgeable about the nominee's contributions to improving urban public health.

- Nominators and references may not be the nominee or a member of his or her family.
- If the nominee is an organization, the nominator and references may not be an employee, officer or any other individual receiving payment for their services from that organization, or a member of their family.
- If the nominee is an individual, the nominator and references may not be an employee, officer or any other individual receiving payment for their services from the individual's affiliated organization to which half of the prize monies would be payable, or a member of their family.
- Board members (of an organization nominee or of an individual nominee's affiliated organization) may nominate or serve as references if they do not receive payment for their service from the organization. However, of the three required letters — nominator's narrative, reference 1 and reference 2 (see below) — only one may be from a board member.

1. Nominators must submit the Online Application Form.

2. Attach the required supplementary materials (see the Nomination Form for specific instructions):

- A narrative written by the nominator describing the nominee's accomplishments, creativity, and impact, and the specific public health initiative or program meriting this award (maximum 750 words).
  - o Please include three separate sections in the narrative, with the headings of the three prize evaluation criteria: **Achievement**, **Imagination**, and **Impact**.
  - o In the **Impact** section, provide any specific outcome measures of program effectiveness and reach.
- If the nominee is an individual:
  - o A biosketch or CV of the individual (maximum 5 pages).
- If the nominee is an organization:
  - o An Annual Report or brochure, **and** the organization's most recent audited financial statement.
- Separate signed letters of reference from two additional individuals knowledgeable about the nominee, and who can provide further validation of the nominee's reputation in the field and insight into the qualities and achievements that make the nominee worthy of **The Joan H. Tisch Community Health Prize**.

3. Submit your application electronically by Thursday, March 23, 2017 by uploading the above materials to the following form:

<http://www.roosevelthouse.hunter.cuny.edu/tisch-health-prize-nominations>

Alternately, mail a completed paper application form (certified, return receipt requested) postmarked by Thursday, March 23, 2017 to:

**The Joan H. Tisch Community Health Prize**

Hunter College Foundation, Inc.  
695 Park Avenue, Room 1313 East  
New York, NY 10065  
Attention: Laura Holbrook

***Selection Process***

A Prize Selection Committee comprised of Hunter College faculty and other representatives as well as practitioners from the public health policy and advocacy communities will choose the recipients. The recipients must attend the award presentation reception and be available for media interviews and inquiries about **The Joan H. Tisch Community Health Prize**.

***Key Dates***

Nominations Due: **March 23, 2017** (earlier submissions encouraged)

Award Presentation Reception: To be determined in consultation with the recipients and the Tisch family.

*For further information, please email [tischprize@hunter.cuny.edu](mailto:tischprize@hunter.cuny.edu).*