

# Call for Collaborations

**Solving challenges by advancing meaningful,  
equal, and impactful community  
partnerships**

# Value Proposition

- What if those experiencing the conditions that need addressing were the ones to define the problems and the solutions?
- What if university teams engaged communities in an equal, highly respectful, collaborative manner where the community members are the experts, and knowledge sharing is a two-way street?
- What if, instead of staying a short time simply to collect data, the SSW created prolonged relationships with the community via impact/learning hubs?

# General Description

- Call for Collaborations (C4Cs) are funded projects sponsored by the SSW and designed to support meaningful partnerships between the community and our School.
- Project ideas will derive from community partners
- Projects will comprise transdisciplinary and collaborative teams representing the School, community groups, organizations, and agencies.
- Broadly speaking, C4C projects are designed to fund pilot projects carried out by North Carolina-based organizations and groups that focus on helping children, families, and communities.

# Purpose

Project ideas must fall within one or more of the following most salient areas of impact:

- community and organizational resilience and capacity-building
- children, youth, and family well-being and development
- system and economic transformations
- solution-driven approaches that anticipate future challenges and provide prevention and support for those populations considered to be most vulnerable or at risk

# Objectives of the C4C Awards

- Support community organizations so that they can conduct an accurate and precise analysis of a need or social problem
- Develop teams comprising faculty, volunteers, students, public and private sector, and community practitioners to propose solutions
- Enable teams to benefit from a two-year planning period to develop a strategy to leverage additional research and federal funding, bringing resources to North Carolina to tackle the identified conditions
- The School will pair community agencies/organizations with faculty, staff, and students who will provide technical assistance and commitment to sustained partnerships
- The idea is to get the community group or organization started by empirically supporting their ideas so that they can leverage their results into larger, federally funded efforts

**There will be more information to come about the C4C's and we will invite community leaders and partners to join us in further defining the implementation plans**



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