

SPECIAL CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Healthy Inclusive Place-Making: Global Ideas for US Solutions

Deadline: April 15, 2017

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation will sponsor a track at the 2017 International Conference on Urban Health on the theme: **Healthy Inclusive Place-Making: Global Ideas for US Solutions**.

The theme of **Healthy Inclusive Place-Making** reflects recognition of the importance of public place — the communities in which people live, the places where they work and learn — to an individual's health. This means that actions in multiple sectors in addition to the health sector — education, economic development, built and natural environment, urban planning— can be positive or negative determinants of health and that the benefits of healthy place-making should be available to all people living in cities.

In accordance with its vision for a [Culture of Health \(COH\)](#), the Foundation seeks to identify best practices in countries outside the United States that might be adapted to US conditions to assure that all urban residents have the opportunity for, and access to, the conditions in their communities that provide healthy options and promote their maximum possible health.

The Foundation seeks abstracts on the following topics of special interest to its program for Healthy Inclusive Place Making:

1. Strategies for engaging the public and securing policy-maker support for the creation of socially inclusive, healthy communities with public spaces that encourage social interaction, civic engagement, and healthy behaviors (e.g., physical activity, access to healthy affordable foods, green space)
2. Innovative models for the revitalization of and investment in built and natural environments (housing, transportation, green space) that fully consider the physical and mental health of all marginalized populations, including older adults and disconnected youth
3. Models for healthy and inclusive place-making that improve health and decrease loneliness and isolation in vulnerable and older persons.
4. Examples of successful policies, practices and system changes that prevent inequities and eliminate real or perceived barriers to the use of the community's built or natural environments
5. Creating partnerships among multiple sectors (government, business, recreational, arts/culture) to promote innovative investment vehicles that prioritize health equity
6. Promising strategies for research methods on and the measurement and evaluation of the health benefits of inclusive health placemaking

Abstracts should address these topics in the context of the Foundation's RWJF COH Framework and the ICUH 2017 conference themes, described at www.icuh2017.org. Submissions that emphasize collaborative models involving community based organizations are especially encouraged.

Topics of special interest include:



To submit an abstract, poster, or pre-formed team presentation (up to four presenters):

- Follow the instructions at <http://www.icuh2017.org/submit-abstract.asp> to submit up to two abstracts per individual author.
- Submissions should be a maximum of 300 words including title, background, objectives, method, results and recommendations.
- No modifications can be made once the application has been submitted.
- Abstract must not have been previously published.
- Abstracts should be clear, concise and written in English.
- Include all co-authors and presenting author's name, affiliation, and contact information and identify corresponding author.

Scholarships for LMIC participants

Individuals from LMICs whose abstracts are accepted will be eligible to receive scholarship support to attend ICUH 2017. Further information will be available in May 2017, when authors will be notified if their abstracts have been accepted.