



The Asian Health Coalition Announces *All of Us* Research Program Funding Award

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The Asian Health Coalition (AHC) has received \$1.3 million in initial funding for a community engagement partner award from the National Institutes of Health's *All of Us* Research Program that is expected to last five years. The program seeks to gather data from more than one million people living in the U.S. to accelerate research and improve health outcomes.

"Our community engagement partners provide crucial support to help deliver on the promise of *All of Us*," says Josh Denny, MD, MS, CEO of the *All of Us* Research Program. "Through their continued commitment to the program, they fortify our network of trusted community organizations, provide a vital sounding board to shape our activities and direction, lend their expertise to overcome communities' distrust of research, motivate diverse communities to enroll and remain engaged with our program, and support diverse researchers doing research with *All of Us* data."

The *All of Us* Research Program is a key element of the Precision Medicine Initiative (PMI) launched by the Obama Administration in 2015. Precision medicine is an approach for disease prevention and treatment that takes into account individual differences in lifestyle, environment, and biology. The program seeks to extend precision medicine to all diseases by building a national research cohort that reflects the country's rich diversity, with an emphasis on communities that have been traditionally under-represented in biomedical research. To further address the health disparities experienced by communities of color, including Asian American, Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders (AANHPI), and African immigrants, AHC and the University of Chicago Medicine formed the Center for Asian Health Equity in 2015.

In collaboration with *All of Us*, the Asian Health Coalition will coordinate with national and local community-based organizations around the country to engage and educate AANHPIs about the program. Together, these partner organizations will build the *Asian Engagement and Recruitment Core* (ARC). The goal of the ARC is to shape and implement the program's strategy and roadmap to create culturally appropriate, cost-effective, and scalable education and outreach. AHC will train its fellow ARC members, lead community engagement and education efforts, and provide input on *All of Us* engagement strategies and educational materials.

"The Asian Health Coalition is a proud national engagement partner of the *All of Us* Research Program," says Fornessa T. Randal, AHC Executive Director. "Together with our regional partners, AHC is excited to work towards a more equitable and robust database for biomedical research."

To learn more, visit [Communications and Engagement Partners | National Institutes of Health \(NIH\) — All of Us](#)

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