



# 2026 Excellence in Interprofessional Education Collaboration Award

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)



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### What are the award criteria?

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1. Exhibited core competencies of interprofessional collaborative practice as identified by [Interprofessional Education Collaborative \(IPEC\)](#):
  - a) person/client/family-centered with an emphasis on advocacy,
  - b) community/population-oriented,
  - c) relationship-focused,
  - d) process-oriented,
  - e) linkable to learning activities, educational strategies, and integrative assessments that are culturally and developmentally appropriate for the learner,
  - f) implementable across the learning continuum,
  - g) sensitive to systems contexts and applicable across practice settings and professions,
  - h) communicated using a common language that is meaningful across the professions, and
  - i) outcomes-driven.
2. Promoted scholarship in interprofessional collaborative practice, focusing on community and public health practice to address social determinants of health and advance health equity.
3. Included local community leaders and find ways to foster creativity and innovation across the different sectors/organizations to make lasting gains.
4. The team composition must include health professional faculty and students from an accredited university or college.

### In addition to the overall award, what are the honorable mention categories?

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Category 1 - Health Communications and Health Technology

Category 2 - Behavioral Health

Category 3 - Public Health Infrastructure

Category 4 - Community Empowerment and Education

Category 5 - At Risk and Vulnerable Communities

To view past recipients and their projects, go to <https://www.ipecollaborative.org/ipe-collaboration-award-recipients>

## About many submissions are received during the award cycle?

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Approximately 8-12 applications are received each year.

## What were the most common reasons why an application was not chosen?

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- 1) The proposed project should aim to establish a relationship between interprofessional practice and outcomes (community practice, public health education, and/or research). (Note: There must be reportable and measurable practice and/or community health outcomes.)
- 2) The team must have an interprofessional composition, with representation by two or more health professions. (Note: Solely teaching to another discipline does not constitute interprofessional partnership.)
- 3) Public health significance needs to be established. (Note: This must include metrics and necessary background.)
- 4) Community need must be evident, and information provided to review committee, including how need was established. (Note: Community members should be active participants in establishing need.)
- 5) Applicants must be able to demonstrate integration of learning and sustainability of initiatives.
- 6) Meaningfulness of the program to community needs must be established. (Note: Several programs did not provide how this would be of interest to the community.)

## If my application was not selected, may I apply following year?

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Yes. Absolutely. We encourage you to share your work and progress with us!

## What is the timeline for the 2026 award cycle?

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The application timeline is as follows:

- Applications open: October 31, 2025
- Applications close: February 27, 2026 at 11:59 P.M. Eastern
- Notifications: April 14, 2026

## Where can I direct future questions?

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Please send all questions to [award@ipecollaborative.org](mailto:award@ipecollaborative.org)

## Is there a website for this award?

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Visit <https://www.ipecollaborative.org/ipe-collaboration-award.html>