Building a Culture of Health Across the United States

**Interdisciplinary Research Leaders**
Cohort 7 (2022–2025) Fellows

IRL teams are composed of three individuals—one community partner and two research partners—working together on applied research projects to build a Culture of Health.
IRL fellows live and work across the United States and its territories. IRL fellows on a given team do not need to be in the same location. This list shows “home” locations of Cohort 7 (2022–2025) fellows.

**Team ATL Grove Park**  
*Creating Margin for the Marginalized: Evaluating a Multilevel Strategy to Address Effects of Systemic Racism in Housing on Health*  
Linda Baffo, Amammere Consulting, LLC  
Justin Bleecker, Grove Park Renewal  
Erin Bradley, Agnes Scott College

**Team Baltimore**  
*Shifting From Restorative to Transformative Justice in Baltimore’s Schools: Co-Developing Strategies that Center Anti-Racism to Promote School Health*  
Dylan B. Jackson, Johns Hopkins University  
Richard Lofton, Johns Hopkins University  
Larry Simmons, Larry Simmons Consulting

**Team Boston**  
*Identifying Practice-based Strategies to Promote Mental Health Among LGBTQ+ Youth of Color in the Context of Structural Racism and Anti-LGBTQ+ Stigma*  
Madina Agenor, Brown University  
Davine Holness, Justice Resource Institute  
Shoba Ramanadhan, Harvard University

**Team California**  
*Identifying Solutions for Equity-centered, Data-driven, and Community-led First Response Systems in California*  
Shani Buggs, University of California, Davis  
Kristina Gelardi, Public Health Advocates  
Susan Perez, California State University, Sacramento

**Team DC**  
*Building Local Power to Challenge Structural Racism Through Systems and Policy Change Advocacy*  
Adam LaRose, Capital Area Food Bank  
Jessica Owens-Young, American University  
Jane Palmer, American University

**Team Indiana**  
*Advancing Racial and Ethnic Equity in Health Care Access: COVID Pandemic Medicaid Changes*  
David M. Craig, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis  
Elaine M. Hernandez, Indiana University  
Ivan D. Hicks, First Baptist Church North Indianapolis

**Team Iowa**  
*Building Political Voice for Latino Health: Strategies for Overcoming Voter Suppression in Iowa*  
Nicole L. Novak, The University of Iowa  
Julianna Pacheco, The University of Iowa  
Nicholas R. Salazar, KraftHeinz

**Team Moloka‘i and Maui**  
*Mokiha: Restoring Water and Prosperity Back to Indigenous Communities*  
Troy J. Andrade, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa  
Mapuana C. Antonio, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa  
V. Lu‘ukia Nakanelua, Ka Huli Ao Center for Excellence in Native Hawaiian Law

**Team North Philadelphia**  
*Growing Freedom Down North: Addressing Intersecting Health Inequities through Community Gardening in North Philadelphia*  
Muhammad Abdul-Hadi, Down North Foundation  
Ajima Olaghere, Temple University  
Celeste Winston, Temple University

**Team North Port St. Joe (Florida)**  
*Using Transformative Scenario Planning to Address Structural Racism in Health in North Port St. Joe, Florida*  
Kwame N. Owusu-Daaku, University of West Florida  
Christian Wells, University of South Florida  
Dannie Bolden, Pioneer Bay Community Development Corporation

**Team Philadelphia**  
*Power Tools: A Youth-focused Community-engaged Research Approach*  
Kimberlee Douglas, Thomas Jefferson University  
Valerie Gay, Barnes Foundation  
Russell K. McIntire, Thomas Jefferson University

**Team St. Louis**  
*Prostate Cancer Patient, Healthcare Provider, and Healthcare System Perspectives on Equity in the Cancer Care Delivery System in St. Louis*  
Darrell Hudson, Washington University  
Reginald Tucker-Seeley, ZERO-The End of Prostate Cancer  
Robin Wright-Jones, The Empowerment Network