

# Community Research Platform

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The Community Research Platform (CRP) is a partnership between McMaster's Faculty of Social Sciences and five community organizations designed to foster community-engaged research that advances community wellbeing



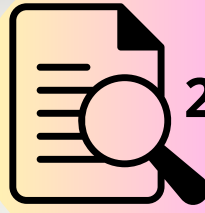
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## RELATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE

The CRP initiates, builds, and sustains relationships of trust and reciprocity between and among researchers, students and organization partners. The CRP manager provided over 700 hours of expert facilitation for community-engaged research partnerships and projects.

## RESEARCH PROJECTS

Over 22 community-engaged research projects with more pending funding!



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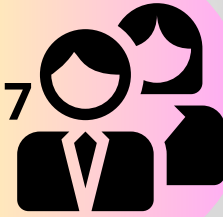
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## FACULTY

The CRP facilitated community-engaged research partnerships with faculty from Anthropology; Sociology; Health, Aging and Society; Political Science; Civil Engineering; Linguistics; Social Work; and the School of the Arts.

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## STUDENTS

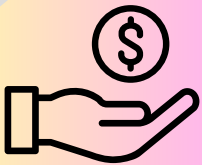
The CRP enabled 21 students (3 post-doc fellows, 13 graduate students and 5 undergraduate students) to conduct over 6400 paid hours of community-engaged research.



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## GRANTS

CRP supported research projects received funding from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), Mitacs, McMaster's Strategic Alignment Fund, and community grants.



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# CRP Impact Testimonials

"The CRP really helped me to start to build a community engaged component to my program of research as an early career researcher. I had always worked with community organizations, but typically on knowledge mobilization projects, and not in the research realm. This was an opportunity for me to learn how to do that in a way where I could apply the research skills that I learned in my PhD to something that was helping the community. This introduction that I had to community engaged research has also helped me in my current role as Executive Director of the Centre for Advanced Research on Mental Health and Society (ARMS) at McMaster where we are working closely with the CRP to develop projects and have sustainable, long-term relationships with partners like CMHA."

**Diana Singh, Director of ARMS & Adjunct Assistant Professor, Sociology**

"There has been a big impact of the community research platform, and more broadly the research partnerships we've had with McMaster for many years. I think one of the first things that these research partnerships do is they help us learn the process of research, and to get used to the discipline of evaluating what we're doing and getting some objective advice about what we could be doing better. The other benefit would be that when we have programs and we're having good outcomes or impacts, having that confirmed by some independent researchers is a lot more impactful to stakeholders and funders where there's a credibility there. Having that objectivity is really important."

**Paul Takala, CEO, Hamilton Public Library (HPL)**

"The CRP has benefited our organization tremendously. In addition to our partnerships with faculty members, I think it's really important to recognize that students, whether they are placement students, internship students, or students who are completing a particular requirement as part of their academic learning, are truly one of the vertebrae of the backbone of nonprofit organizations. And that's why it's so important for me to recognize that it's been tremendously important to know that we are part of their learning. But we've also learned so very much from our students."

**Violetta Nikolskaya, Senior Program Analyst, YWCA Hamilton**

"Prior to doing my doctoral degree, I was practicing as a community social worker and I find myself most comfortable and thriving the most in community engaged spaces. So it's really been a pleasure to take the skills that I've developed in academia and be able to use those in a community space. Also I've been able to learn from a diverse range of perspectives, and I've enjoyed being a part of different discussions and different projects."

**Alexe Bernier, PhD Candidate, Social Work & student intern with Centre [3] for Artistic and Social Practice**

"As someone who is driven and passionate about socially conscious work, work that is impactful to communities on the ground, I have really benefited from my CRP internship with the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA). As I go forward in my career, I have a deeper understanding of the principles of community engaged scholarship, specifically how to build vital trust and equity in research-practice partnerships, which is so valuable for me professionally and personally".

**Loa Gordon, PhD Candidate, Anthropology & student intern with CMHA.**

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