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The Asian Health Coalition partners with community-based and national organizations to support the All of Us Research Program

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CHICAGO – In efforts to engage Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (AANHPIs) in the *All of Us* Research Program (AoURP), the Asian Health Coalition (AHC) will partner with six community-based organizations (CBOs) and two national organizations to form the *Asian Engagement and Recruitment Core* (ARC).

What Is the All of Us Research Program?

All of Us is a new research program from the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The goal is to advance precision medicine, and precision medicine is health care that is based on you as an individual. It takes into account factors like where you live, what you do, and your family health history. Precision medicine's goal is to be able to tell people the best ways to stay healthy. If someone does get sick, precision medicine may help health care teams find the treatment that will work best.

To get there, we need one million or more people. Those who join will share information about their health over time, and researchers will study this data. What they learn could improve health for generations to come. Participants are our partners, and we'll share information back with them over time.

The following organizations will participate in the ARC:

CBO Partners

- Asians for Miracle Marrow Matches (Los Angeles, CA)
- Asian Media Access (Minneapolis, MN)
- Health Education Advocacy Leadership, Inc. (San Diego, CA)
- Indo-American Center, in collaboration with South Asian American Policy & Research Institute (Chicago, IL)
- Korean Community Service Center of Greater Washington (Annandale, VA)
- Light and Salt Association (Houston, TX)

National Partners

- Asian Pacific American Medical Student Association (Headquartered in Huntington Beach, CA)
- The Hepatitis B Foundation (Headquartered in Doylestown, PA)

The goal of the ARC is to shape and implement the All of Us Research Program strategy and roadmap to create culturally appropriate, cost-effective, and scalable education and outreach for AANHPIs. The AHC





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will train its fellow ARC members, lead community discussions, and provide input on *All of Us* engagement strategies and educational materials.

"We are excited to be able to shape the national framework to understand how to increase participation and ensure inclusion of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders as part of this transformative program," said Fornessa T. Randal, Executive Director of the Asian Health Coalition. "This landmark initiative must include strategies that help all populations understand the value of research and the potential of precision medicine."

The Asian Health Coalition has joined the growing ranks of more than 60 community engagement partners and champions nationwide that help spread the word about the *All of Us* Research Program. To learn more, please visit https://www.joinallofus.org/en/asianhealth.

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