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# **CHI's Health Equity Challenge**





## ABOUT THE HEALTH EQUITY CHALLENGE

The CHI Health Equity Challenge is a case competition focused specifically on developing innovative solutions to pressing health disparities impacting underserved communities. Inspired by CHI's commitment to embracing new perspectives to make healthcare more equitable, the CHI Health Equity Challenge provides undergraduate & graduate students and early-stage professionals the opportunity to work together on relevant and impactful solutions to a health equity case. Teams will present on Day 2 of CHI's 12th Annual Diversity, Inclusion, & Health Equity Symposium. Participants will form new connections and engage with their peers and healthcare industry leaders.

Learn more about the symposium by clicking on the button below.



# DIVERSITY, INCLUSION, & HEALTH EQUITY STATEMENT

For the purposes of the CHI Health Equity Challenge, the Center for Healthcare Innovation has adopted the following definitions of diversity, inclusion, and health equity aligned with the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)'s Health Equity Glossary](#):

## DIVERSITY

Diversity encompasses the range of similarities and differences each person brings to society, including but not limited to national origin, language, race, color, disability, ethnicity, gender, age, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic status, veteran status, and family structures. It means respect for and appreciation of differences.

## HEALTH EQUITY

Health Equity is the state in which everyone has a fair and just opportunity to attain their highest level of health. Achieving this requires focused and ongoing societal efforts to address historical and contemporary injustices, overcome economic, social, and other obstacles to health and healthcare, and eliminate preventable health disparities.

## INCLUSION

Inclusion is a state of being valued, respected and supported. It's about focusing on the needs of every individual and ensuring the right conditions are in place for each person to achieve their full potential.

# TEAM COMPOSITION & ELIGIBILITY

Teams must comprise 2-4 participants. Undergraduates, graduate students, and recent graduates (~ 1 year post-graduation) are eligible to participate. Participants can apply as individuals or teams, and multiple teams from one university may apply. Students from all disciplines, i.e., business, law, public health, medicine, pharmacy, dentistry, policy, etc., are eligible to apply. CHI encourages inclusive and diverse teams, as reflected in the statement above.

Participants will receive complimentary admission to the Diversity, Inclusion & Health Equity Symposium (June 25-27). Participants must be able to present in person on Wednesday, June 26, in Chicago, Illinois. Unfortunately, we cannot reimburse or compensate for travel or lodging.

## THE CHALLENGE

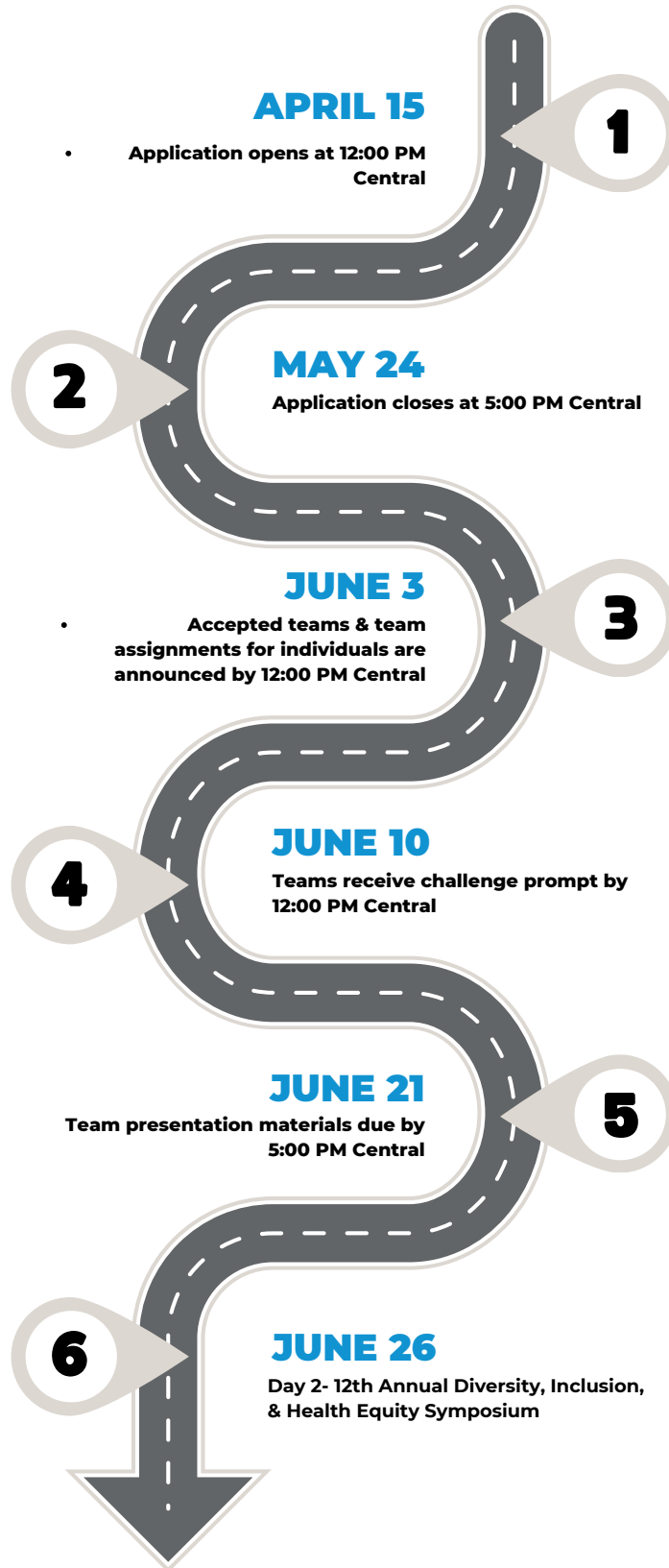
Teams will develop a feasible and creative health equity action plan to address a Chicago-specific health challenge. Each team will submit a written health equity action plan and PowerPoint as their presentation materials. Teams will present their solutions on June 26 at CHI's 12th Annual Diversity, Inclusion, & Health Equity Symposium. This year's theme is health equity and chronic diseases in Chicago.

## APPLICATION

Interested teams and individuals must submit a completed application by May 24, 2024, at 5:00 PM Central. Teams should identify a primary contact and will only need to submit one application. Individuals may apply, and if selected, the CHI team will share team assignments via email.

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY](#)

# PROGRAM TIMELINE



## IN-PERSON PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS

# JUNE 26 LOGISTICS

## Health Equity Challenge Schedule

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | CHI Health Equity Challenge Team Presentations

- Presentation: 15 minutes

- Judges Q&A: 5 minutes

2:15 PM - 3:00 PM | Health Equity Challenge Awards & Closing

- Prize details coming soon

Selected participants must submit their presentation materials to the CHI staff. By submitting your application, you give the CHI staff consent to share your resume, presentation, and all applicable details with the sponsor organization for their internal use.

Participating teams will be given a random number to ensure university affiliation is masked during judging. Teams are not permitted to share their university during presentations.

The time limit for presentations will be strictly enforced. A 5-minute warning will be given for presentations. Any remaining time will be added to the judges' Q&A.

Judging will focus on how each team addressed the problem it was trying to solve, how it arrived at its recommendations, the feasibility of implementing such recommendations, and each team's ability to present and support its findings.

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