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The 2019 $100K Hearst Health Prize Call for Submissions Open!

The Hearst Health Prize, in partnership with the Jefferson College of Population Health, is now accepting applications for the 2019 award. The winner will receive a $100,000 prize, with $25,000 awarded to up to two finalists, in recognition of outstanding achievement in managing or improving population health. The goal is to discover, support and showcase population health programs that have made a measurable difference. For more information, visit Jefferson.edu/HearstHealthPrize. Submission deadline is Thursday, August 9, 2018, 3:00 PM EDT/ 12:00 PM PDT. For questions, please email HearstHealthPrize@jefferson.edu.