Request for Proposals
Office of Community Engagement
AY 2020-21 Grant Application
Due March 23, 2020 by 11:59pm

The Office of Community Engagement is pleased to announce its 2020-2021 Grant Cycle. Please read the descriptions below. Contact communityengagement@csun.edu with any questions.

Visit https://www.csun.edu/undergraduate-studies/community-engagement to find links for each of the online grant applications. Hard copy applications will only be accepted with advanced notice.

Note: We will host a grant workshop on Monday, March 9, from 12-1pm (location TBD). Faculty will learn about the application process, including the point system used to evaluate the proposals.

Pedagogical Grant - $2500 (maximum)
This grant supports one faculty member in designing and teaching a community-based pedagogical project. Faculty are expected to teach at least one section of the class and have it designated as a Community-Based Learning (Service Learning) course in SOLAR. Faculty must use an approved community partner in our S4 Database. Faculty from the same or different departments who wish to collaborate on a joint project may apply for this grant, but each faculty must submit an individual application. If joint applications are funded, each faculty will receive up to $2500. Faculty may apply for a student scholar (see below) as part of this application.

Faculty Engaged Research or Creative Activity Grant - $1500 (maximum)
This grant supports community-based research or creative activity on a project that is connected with the community and leads to a presentation, publication, or other public-facing event. Faculty must use an approved community partner in our S4 Database. Faculty from the same or different departments who wish to collaborate on a joint project may apply for this grant, but each faculty must submit an individual application. If joint applications are funded, each faculty will receive up to $1500. Faculty may also apply for an hourly student assistant to help research, design, and implement this project.

Seed Grant - $1000 (maximum)
This grant supports faculty new to community engagement or faculty who wish to research and design a new community-engaged course, project, or creative activity. There is no commitment to teach a class connected to this grant in the AY it is funded, but faculty are expected to design a syllabus by the grant term's end and teach a community-based learning course in the following academic year, ideally by then applying for our Pedagogical Grant. Faculty may also apply for a mentor to help them design and implement this project.

Student Scholar Grant - $500
This grant allows a faculty to select and pay a current student to support a community-based learning (service learning course) taught that academic year. Student scholars receive training from our office and work a maximum of 20 hours over the course of the semester.

Travel Grant - $500 (maximum)
This is our only rolling deadline grant. Faculty can email communityengagement@csun.edu to request supplemental travel funding for a community-based project. Funds are limited and first come, first serve.