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Office of the Provost | Division of
Community Engagement

Community Engagement Resources for Faculty

2016-2017

Community Engagement involves mutually-beneficial partnerships that impact our teaching and learning, our scholarship and our outreach efforts that strive to improve the human condition and support the public good at home and abroad.

As outlined in VCU's *Quest for Distinction*, the Division of Community Engagement is prepared to lead the university in becoming a national model for community engagement and regional impact. VCU is one of only 54 universities designated by the Carnegie Foundation as "Community Engaged" with "Very High Research Activity."

In support of VCU's mission, the VCU Council for Community Engagement (CCE) connects and supports community engagement efforts across the campus.

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This document serves as an introduction to the resources provided by the division. Visit the website for more details.

Scholarship Development

Community Engagement Institute: Co-hosted with the Center for Clinical and Translational Research, this annual Institute provides faculty members, community partners and graduate students with the opportunity to build a basic understanding of community engagement through Service-Learning and Community-Engaged Research learning and networking opportunities.

Service-Learning Workshop: A half-day workshop is offered each spring to provide faculty and graduate students with more advanced training on community engagement focused topics of interest.

Faculty Mentoring Program: Faculty members who complete the Service-Learning Institute are invited to participate in the Service-Learning Faculty Mentoring Program.

Professional Development Series: The Division of Community Engagement offers professional development and training opportunities throughout the academic year through special series. Check the DCE calendar for specific offerings.

DCE Scholars Compass: View community-engaged scholarship on VCU's open access repository and publishing platform at scholarscompass.vcu.edu/community.

Funding

Council for Community Engagement Grants: One-year seed grants up to \$20,000 are available to support interdisciplinary projects that will enhance and increase university engagement with the greater Richmond community and will contribute to the research and teaching within VCU units.

Faculty Fellows: Service-Learning Faculty Fellows serve for up to two years, receive a stipend of up to \$5,000, are mentored in the development of their service-learning scholarship and serve leadership roles on campus in promoting service-learning.

Travel Grants: Faculty members who are successful in having their service-learning research accepted for presentation at professional conferences may apply for up to \$1,000 per conference to present their work.

Partnership Small Grants Program: Faculty members who are initiating or deepening relationships with off-campus community members/organizations to support high-quality service-learning courses are eligible to apply for up to \$2,500 in two funding categories—New Partnership Funding and Established Partnership Funding.

Project Small Grants Program: Instructors who are teaching service-learning classes may apply to receive mini-grants of up to \$1,000 to support their use of service-learning pedagogy.

Adjunct Faculty Support: Financial support is provided to VCU adjunct faculty members who are interested in participating in either the Community Engagement Institute or the Service-Learning Workshop.

Additional Resources & Contacts

Service-Learning

- Professional development for new service-learning courses
- Consultation on developing scholarly products
- Lending library with community engagement books
- Service-Learning Teaching Assistants
- Service-Learning Faculty Fellows Program
- Service-Learning Interest Group ListServ

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Community-Engaged Research (CEnR)

- Guidance documents on conducting CEnR
- Resources to support the development and implementation of CEnR projects
- Resources and support for teaching undergraduate and graduate students in CEnR
- Community-Engaged Research Interest Group ListServ

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Community Service & Outreach

- Community Service Leave eligibility and ideas
- Information on service opportunities
- Connections with the surrounding neighborhoods

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- If you are involved in a program on the VCU campus that includes minors, make sure to comply with Safety and Protection of Minors Policy requirements. Learn more at mfyc.vcu.edu.

General

- Consultation to community-engaged scholars on preparing promotion and tenure materials
- Online orientation videos to prepare students for service projects
- E-newsletters specific to community engagement at VCU
- Promote your community engagement news: E-mail your community engagement project, service or research news to engage@vcu.edu and we'll highlight it on our website and social media.

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