

**The Community Engaged Research Scholars Program,
Facilitated by the Center for Community Engagement, Learning, and Leadership (CCELL)**

A select number of LSU faculty will be accepted for participation in the **Community Engaged Research Scholars Program** for the 2020-2021 academic year. Each Scholar will receive a total stipend award of **\$1,500** for completing the program. This program is intended for engaged scholars who have participated in community engaged research and service-learning and would like to create a piece of scholarship based on this work. Faculty members who have participated previously in the service-learning faculty scholars program are especially encouraged to apply.

Definition of Community Engaged Research:

- Research in any field that partners university scholarly resources with those in the public and private sectors to enrich knowledge, address and help solve critical societal issues, and contribute to the public good¹
- Publicly engaged academic work is scholarly or creative activity integral to a faculty member's academic area. It encompasses different forms of making knowledge "about, for, and with" diverse publics and communities. Through a coherent, purposeful sequence of activities, it contributes to the public good and yields artifacts of public and intellectual value. It includes:
 - Scholarly and creative work jointly planned and carried out by university and community partners
 - Intellectual work that produces a public good
 - Artistic, critical, and historical work that contributes to public debates
 - Efforts to expand the place of public scholarship in higher education, including the development of new programs and research on the successes of such efforts²

Description of Program

Participants will identify an item of engaged scholarship they wish to develop and finalize for dissemination during the 2020-2021 academic year. Engaged research questions at all stages of development (idea conception, experimental design, data collection and analysis, synthesis of results, and dissemination) are welcome. Throughout the year, participants will meet as a group monthly to discuss topics related to engaged scholarship, including collaborating with community partners, identifying venues for publication, and framing work for career advancement, such as tenure and promotion. Participants will work in teams of two throughout the year to brainstorm, exchange ideas, and provide the support, troubleshooting, and accountability that is vital to the creative process. Each participant will also present their work to the group for feedback and will write a press release about their project. Scholars will be expected to provide regular progress updates and follow a plan to ensure the project's completion by October 31, 2021. Stipends will be distributed to scholars when they complete the Scholars program and submit a written scholarly product for publication.

Application specifics are included on the application cover sheet on the next page. Questions about the application should be emailed to Sarah Becker, Director of CCELL, at sbecker@lsu.edu.

Selection Process and Timeline:

Selections will be made by a committee consisting of faculty and CCELL staff using the evaluation criteria included on the application cover sheet. Full-time faculty members at the rank of instructor or above are eligible. We seek faculty with a solid understanding of community engagement and reciprocal campus-community partnerships who represent a variety of disciplines and areas of expertise. Successful applicants will be notified by October 26, 2020.

Email completed applications to ccell@lsu.edu by Friday, October 16, 2020 (firm deadline).

¹Stanton, T. K. (2008). New times demand a new scholarship. Opportunities and challenges for civic engagement at research universities. *Education, Citizenship and Social Justice*, 3, 19-42.

²Eatman, T.K. (2009). Engaged scholarship and faculty rewards: A national conversation. *Diversity and Democracy*, 12(1). 18-19.

Community Engaged Research Scholars Program Application Cover Sheet

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Department: _____ Phone: _____

Rank: _____

Your application should include the following:

1. Two-page Curriculum Vita, emphasizing community engaged activities (e.g. engaged research, service-learning, and/or outreach) and dissemination of related scholarship
2. A copy of your fall semester weekly schedule for meeting facilitation (you should indicate hourly time slots during which you are available between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday)
3. Written answers to the following questions (no more than 3 single-spaced pages total)
 - a) Please describe your idea for the engaged scholarship you plan to develop for publication. Please indicate your progress, if any, on the completion of the project.
 - b) Why is your proposed project considered engaged scholarship?
 - c) How will the community be involved in your work? Is there already an established relationship and/or agreement with a community partner?
 - d) Why do you want to participate in the Community Engaged Research Scholars Program? Please be reflective.

Nominations will be reviewed by a committee of service-learning faculty, community partners, and CCELL staff, and will be evaluated using the following considerations:

- Feasibility of project completion
- Extent that the proposed idea will contribute to the common good
- Level of community involvement in project
- Previous experience with engaged scholarship
- Willingness of applicant to be a reflective scholar
- Quality of application and effort

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I support the attached application for participation in the Community Engaged Research Scholars program.

Faculty: _____ Date: _____
(signature)

Department Head: _____ Date: _____
(signature)