

THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND DIVISION OF STUDENT SUCCESS

2015 Award to Recognize Excellence in Community Engagement *Criteria and Application Process*



THE AWARD

The University of Akron recognizes and celebrates faculty, administrators, and staff that have made engagement with the community a central focus of their approach to student learning and scholarship. Recipients should demonstrate engagement in public problem-solving and excellence in scholarship that addresses critical community concerns or leadership in academic service-learning. The award will include a \$1,500 honorarium.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Individuals who are nominated should collect, prepare, organize, and submit a portfolio containing the following materials to the Office of Academic Affairs, Buchtel Hall 102, by 4 pm on Monday, March 2, 2015. The materials should be contained in a 3-ring binder with labeled tabs for each of the requested sections.

1. A current and complete resume/vita
2. Supporting material (no more than 20 pages, single-sided) that includes:
 - a. A letter of nomination
 - b. A letter of application—no more than 4 pages in length—responding to the general criteria, highlighting applicant's level of engagement with and **verified** impact on public and/or community organizations in addressing critical community concerns, and evidence of student learning
 - c. A letter of support from the community members with which the nominee has been **substantially** involved
 - d. A complete list of activities or projects with which the nominee has been **substantially** involved
 - e. Other forms of **verifiable** evidence

GENERAL CRITERIA

Excellence in community engagement can take many forms. Those submitting materials may want to consider the following perspectives:

Individuals must have demonstrated excellence in community engagement in one or more of the following areas:

- **Leadership** in working with the public and/or community organizations in addressing critical community concerns, and/or
- **Innovative** ways of working for the well-being of citizens and communities, and/or
- **Excellence** in extending University knowledge
 - Evidence of **verified** impact on a targeted audience and/or
 - Evidence of **verified** impact on scholarship/research, instruction and curriculum development, and/or student learning