The University of Akron  
EX[L] Experiential Learning Center  
Support Grants for Community-Engaged Learning  
2016-2017 Application

The EX[L] Center at UA is pleased to be able to offer small grants (up to $500 each) to support UA courses that incorporate community engagement through community-based research and/or service-learning.

For an instructor to receive funding, the course must include all enrolled students in some form of engagement with local or regional community partners (Akron and Northeast Ohio). Applications must make clear how curricular course goals relate to the partner(s) and proposed community engagement.

To apply please submit:
1. A cover letter (including applicant’s name, title, course title and number, course description, semester, and meeting days/times; and partner’s names, and organization’s descriptions)
2. Description of proposed engagement (including planned engagement activity; explanation of relationship between activity and course content/learning objectives; explanation of how activity addresses partner’s concerns; planned relevant assignments, student reflection opportunities and course assessment; potential for sustainability in future semesters)
3. Budget (list and explain anticipated costs)

Applications will be evaluated by three UA faculty members (EX[L] co-directors and one member of the EX[L] Faculty Advisory Council). Successful grants will demonstrate strong connections between course content and engagement activity; significant partner involvement; appropriate opportunity for student engagement/contact with partner given size and level of class; clear focus on partner’s concerns/issues; and potential sustainability of partnership.

Proposals accepted on a rolling deadline. Please allow 2-3 weeks for processing and evaluation. Grants will be awarded until funds run out each semester.

Grantees will submit an Outcomes Report within one month of course completion. The Outcomes Report may be incorporated into student assignments and should describe the experiences of the course, including relevant student and partner reflections, and evaluations.

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