

The University of Akron
The EX[L] Center for Community Engaged Learning
Community-Engaged Course Funding – Application Guidelines

The EX[L] Center offers small grants (up to \$1000) to support courses at UA that incorporate community-engaged learning, research, and/or creative activity.

For an instructor to receive funding, the course must include all enrolled students in some form of engagement with local partners (Akron or Summit County based) as a core component of the course. All faculty are invited to apply, including part-time faculty.

To apply submit a 1-2 page letter that includes:

1. Name, academic title, and unit affiliation for all internal applicants
2. Course title and number, course description, semester, meeting days/times
3. Partner name(s) and brief organization description(s)
4. Narrative description of proposed engagement including:
 - a. planned engagement activity;
 - b. explanation of relationship between activity and course content/learning objectives;
 - c. explanation of how activity addresses partner's needs and how the partner has been involved in the design of the activity;
 - d. assessment (e.g., graded assignments, student reflection opportunities);
 - e. potential for sustainability in future semesters; and
 - f. the anticipated number of students involved and the number of hours a student will spend in the experience.
5. Proposed Budget: list and explain anticipated costs and how the funds will be used

Applications will be evaluated by the EX[L] Center Director and at least one member of the EX[L] Faculty Steering Committee. Proposals will be accepted beginning July 1 for the current academic year. Please allow at least 2-3 weeks for evaluation. Grants will be awarded until funds run out each semester. Although a faculty member may apply for repeat funding in future semesters for the same proposed activity, preference will be given to first time applicants and new projects. Efforts to achieve sustainability in pilot projects are encouraged.

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