Chancellor’s Award for Community-Engaged Scholars

With strategic funding from the Chancellor’s Office, the Faculty Advisory Committee of the Center for Community Learning is pleased to announce the 2nd annual Chancellor’s Award for Community-Engaged Scholars. This program offers five $10,000 awards to support a cohort of UCLA ladder faculty who will advance community-engaged research and integrate this work within undergraduate education.

Community-engaged research, in this context, encompasses research and creative work across all fields that address an agenda of social justice and create reciprocal value with community partners. At its best, community-engaged research both achieves high levels of scholarly recognition within a field and advances efforts to redress social inequalities.

Eligibility: All UCLA ladder faculty.

The Program: Community-Engaged Scholars will participate in the following activities during 2020-21:

- A one-day workshop on best practices for teaching undergraduate community-engaged research (to be scheduled in September 2020)
- A once-per-quarter meeting of the Community-Engaged Scholars cohort to advance their work on undergraduate community-engaged research course design, culminating in presentation of a new syllabus by Spring Quarter 2021.

The Scholars will then work with their department chair to schedule this new undergraduate course during AY 2021-22 or 2022-23. Each Community-Engaged Scholar will receive an award of $10,000 to be transferred to the awardee’s research fund. Center for Community Learning staff will also work with each awardee to secure funding to support TAs and other course implementation costs.

To apply: Submit the following items to ccl@college.ucla.edu by April 3, 2020:

1. Proposal (2-3 pages)
   - Identify your community-engaged research agenda.
   - Describe the community partners with whom you currently work, and identify community partners with whom you anticipate working for this next stage of your research agenda.
   - Discuss your preliminary ideas for creating an undergraduate course that advances your community-engaged research. Describe your communication with your prospective community partner about this idea for an undergraduate community-engaged research course. (Within the frame of your research, such a course would create opportunities for undergraduates to work
reciprocally with community partners to understand social inequalities and advance social justice.)
  o  Please note when you propose to launch this course, either during AY 2021-22 or 2022-23.
2.  Your CV (please underscore community-engaged scholarly activity and achievement)
3.  Evidence of support from your department chair indicating that your proposed course could be incorporated into the department’s future course offerings.

The Center for Community Learning’s Faculty Advisory Committee will announce the award recipients by May 8, 2020.

For further information about the Chancellor’s Award for Community-Engaged Scholars or other support opportunities for your community-engaged research and teaching, please contact Dr. Shalom Staub, Director of the Center for Community Learning (sstaub@college.ucla.edu).