

CEnR Impact Grants 2021_RFP

PURPOSE: The Community-engaged Research Impact Grants initiative aims to build internal capacity for high quality, high-impact community-engaged research (CEnR) that meets the needs of students, faculty, staff, and the community while also enhancing the impact of existing community-based research in the priority areas of health equity, education equity, racial justice, and economic justice.

PROGRAM GOALS: This call for proposals aims to provide a pathway to

- Increase representation in exposure to high-impact experiential learning for first generation, pell grant eligible, and underrepresented minoritized students;
- Expand academic development opportunities for faculty and staff, especially junior and underrepresented faculty, via engagement in community-engaged scholarship; and
- Recognize community partners in CEnR as co-educators/co-researchers.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: The Community-Engaged Research (CEnR) Impact Grants will be awarded to faculty and staff (including adjunct faculty) who propose innovative methods to incorporate community-engaged research experiences into pre-existing undergraduate courses or co-curricular experiential learning opportunities at the exposure and/or experience levels. Proposed methods should be measurable as identification/development and implementation of an evaluation tool is part of the grant process. Priority will be given to proposals that:

- Include new curriculum, training and/or experiential learning opportunities that are relevant to community-engaged research or CEnR scholarship;
- Address issues of economic justice, racial justice, education equity, environmental justice, and/or social determinants of health; and/or
- Support research labs, research centers, studios and co-labs in facilitating CEnR activities with few to no current community-engaged learning opportunities for undergraduates.

REQUIREMENTS and TIMELINE:

Applicants will complete the application form via the REAL Grant Opportunities [link](#) by the **deadline of April 1, 2021**, including the Impact and Goals worksheet. If awarded, **applicants will be notified by May 1, 2021** and funds will be disbursed to the faculty member by June 1, 2021. The \$1,500 award amount will be disbursed directly to the primary faculty or staff member as a secondary assignment for work completed in Summer 2021.

Awardees will be required to complete the following:

- Attend four 1-hour virtual grant cohort meetings in 2021 – May, July, September, and November
- Utilize Summer 2021 to further develop and design method(s) and evaluation tool
- Implement method(s) during the Fall 2021 semester
- Evaluate outcomes of method(s) by end of Fall semester 2021
- Provide brief report detailing process and outcomes in January 2022

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

This grant initiative is funded by the Center for Community Engagement and Impact and facilitated in collaboration with the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program and VCU REAL. For more information about this grant and the application process, please contact the CEI Office of Community-engaged Research and Special Projects at CEnR@vcu.edu