



UNIVERSITY NETWORK ON COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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Web Resources: <https://outreach.okstate.edu/UCEngagement.vbhtml>

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Purpose of the Network

To advance a vision and understanding of community engagement at Oklahoma State University in its instruction, scholarship, and service missions.

- Support the development and implementation of institutional policies related to effective, mutually beneficial community engagement
- Provide informational resources related to current theory and best practices of community engagement
- Facilitate professional development experiences related to community engagement for administrators, faculty, staff, and students
- Create and disseminate campus-wide messaging to raise awareness of opportunities to participate in and develop community-engaged activities

To identify and sustain community-engaged leadership in each institutional unit across Oklahoma State University.

- Identify, train, and support one to three Community Engagement Representatives in each institutional unit to provide evidence-based leadership and information
- Create innovative resources for faculty members interested in participating in and/or leading community-engaged activities

To think collectively about how Oklahoma State University can better tell the story of its contribution to the public good.

- Develop assessment and tracking practices for community-engaged activities
- Create and disseminate messaging to off-campus partners to promote community-engaged activities, impacts, and opportunities

Expectations and Responsibilities of Community Engagement Representatives

Network Support/Participation

- Attend relevant informational and coordination meetings

Committee Participation (Development Team Members)

- Actively participate in and support one or more Network committees, its goals and activities
- Attend committee meetings each semester

Unit Leadership

- Provide information on the theory and best practices of community engagement
- Disseminate information about community-engaged activities
- Encourage community-university partnerships in mutually beneficial settings

Purpose of Monthly Meetings: Inform, Inspire, and Think Together

Inform

- Detail the importance of university engagement in responding to community challenges – locally, in Oklahoma, nationally, and around the world
- Explore trends in the scholarship of community engagement, focusing on leading journals, organizations, and partnerships
- Discuss best practices in community engagement across higher education institutions and how they can be applied at OSU

Facilitate

- Prepare for and coordinate renewal of OSU's Carnegie Foundation Classification for Community Engagement in 2025. Assist with the application for the APLU Innovation & Economic Prosperity Designation
- Draft and propose recommended best practices for OSU faculty, staff, and students partnering with community members, with a focus on sustainable outcomes identified by community members
- Identify and support opportunities to recognize and celebrate the community-engaged work of OSU faculty, staff, and students through awards, influential relationships, publications, and presentations in professional and community settings

Think Together about

- How to develop and sustain mutually beneficial community-university partnerships that benefit student instruction and academic research
- How to track and assess community-engaged activities involving OSU faculty, staff, and students
- How to develop and implement sustainable policies to support community engagement
- How to expand and enhance collaboration between OSU units to support community-engaged activities
- How to secure the future of community-university partnerships through fund development and other sustainable resources
- The critical issues facing Oklahoma, including poverty, food insecurity, economic opportunity, transportation, energy, water, globalization, education, drug abuse, and health care
- The history and future of OSU's relationship with its local, national, and global neighbors
- The role of community engagement in student academic achievement and workforce preparation
- Opportunities for professional development on topics related to community engagement for OSU faculty, staff, and students

Scholarship of Engagement Defined*

1. Scholarship in the areas of teaching, research, and/or service
2. Intentionally engages faculty, staff and students...
3. In academically-relevant work that...
4. Simultaneously meets OSU's mission and goals and community needs.
5. This scholarly agenda contributes to the public good.



**Adapted from the definition used by the National Review Board for the Scholarship of Engagement*