**Spring-Summer 2024 Penn State Commonwealth Campus Undergraduate Community Engaged Research Awards**

**Call for Proposals**

**Introduction**

With strategic funding from the President’s Office, we are pleased to announce the PSU Commonwealth Campus Community Engaged Research Award program. This is a seed funding opportunity for Commonwealth Campus faculty across ranks that will support undergraduate research opportunities that support emerging and/or innovative campus /community partnerships that help transform our practices.

Recognizing the role that CWCs play in their communities and how they often serve as anchor institutions, this initiative will offer research awards up to $25,000 to support Commonwealth Campus faculty in advancing community engaged scholarly / creative/service activity and developing undergraduate student research and engagement opportunities that are aligned with the CWCs mission of community engagement and impact.

Community engaged scholarship is work done in and with communities that is innovative, collaborative, and has the goal of improving the well-bring of communities (Calleson, Jordan, & Seifer, 2005). Boyer notes that, “The scholarship of engagement means connecting the rich resources of the university to our most pressing social, civic and ethical problems, to our children, to our schools, to our teachers and to our cities.” (1990)

The projects can be exploratory (for example to investigate project possibilities, plan with community partners, researching effective community- university partnerships) or support an already designed project.

Preference in awarding the grant will go to proposals that promote one of the following priorities that are aligned with the President Bendapudi’s goals of:

* Enhancing Student Success
* Growing Interdisciplinary Research
* Increasing Land Grant Impact

The projects funded are expected to build connections between the university and community and provide meaningful experiential opportunities for students.

Proposals must identify the community-based issue being addressed; identify the level of involvement with community partners; have a demonstrated positive impact on the community; be conducted with undergraduate student(s) as part of the team.

**Application**

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Additional team members who will assist with project implementation:

Description of the Project and its Significance:

In a narrative not to exceed two single-spaced pages, please provide the following:

* Project Description and Relationship to Institutional Priorities
* Expected Outcomes / Impact
* Timeline and Milestones
* Assessment Plan
* Bios of Project Participants
* Budget(may include summer salary support; no funds may be allocated to faculty/staff salary during the Fall or Spring semester; student wages may be allocated throughout the year)
  + Please note that the following fringe rates must be assessed for salary support: 36.0% for faculty and staff, 25.4% for post-docs, 10.4% for graduate students, 8.0% for wage employees, and .4% for undergraduate student workers

**Please submit your proposals to Rick Brazier (**[**rab27@psu.edu**](mailto:rab27@psu.edu)**) by April 12.**