

Center for Community Engagement to advance Scholarship & Learning UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

COMMUNITY-ENGAGED FELLOWS POSITION DESCRIPTION

Center for Community Engagement to advance Scholarship and Learning and DU Grand Challenges AY 2024-2025

The Center for Community Engagement to advance Scholarship and Learning (CCESL) understands *community engagement* to be an approach to academic work emphasizing collaborative, mutually beneficial community partnerships for community impact.

Community-Engaged Fellows advocate for community engagement and pursue community-engaged work. During the academic year, Fellows serve as ambassadors for CCESL, mentor students, learn and reflect with their peers, and develop and implement a community-engaged project. Community-engaged projects include scholarship (e.g., as part of their thesis/dissertation research) and other creative, collaborative work. These projects can be ongoing projects, new ideas that Fellows develop, explorations with community organizations interested in working with DU students. Through these community-engaged projects, Fellows connect their academic and professional endeavors to supporting thriving communities.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

All graduate students enrolled for the entire 2024-2025 academic year. Undergraduates who demonstrate advanced expertise and experience in community engagement will also be considered. International students are welcome to apply.

COMPENSATION, TIME COMMITMENT, AND IN-OFFICE EXPECTATIONS:

- Pay Rate: \$20.00-\$23.00/hour, commensurate with education level and relevant experience
- **Hours**: 10 hours/week for Fall-Spring quarters, with most hours occurring during normal business hours
- **In-office**: At least 4 hours/week in-office or at CCESL-sponsored events, including: weekly 90minute Fellows meeting and biweekly 1to1 meetings with a CCESL staff member

RESPONSIBILITIES:

COMMUNITY-ENGAGED PROJECT (E.G., RESEARCH, CREATIVE WORK, AND OTHER COLLABORATIVE WORK)

- Create, review, and pursue a personal action plan
- Identify, build relationships with, and actively communicate with community partner(s)
- Co-develop and implement a mutually beneficial collaborative project with community partner(s)
- Fellows may work to support ongoing projects. To view ongoing community-engaged projects looking to be matched with a fellow, <u>click here</u>.
- Present community-engaged scholarship in relevant academic and community outlets

Advancing Community Engagement

- Attend and support CCESL events, activities, and projects
- Give presentations to departments, student organizations, and classes



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• Participate in tabling to promote community engagement, and CCESL's student programs

Mentoring

- Facilitate reflection and guidance to students involved in community engagement
- Meet with students for biweekly, 30-minute 1to1s
- Support students in writing funding proposals and completing action plans, trainings, and ePortfolios

PEER LEARNING AND REFLECTION

- Participate in 90-minute Fellows weekly meetings for personal professional development
- Complete all required trainings, readings, and other work related to the position
- Create an ePortfolio (website) that summarizes and reflects upon Fellow's project/collaborative work

BENEFITS:

In addition to an hourly wage, Fellows receive access to project funds, community-engaged research opportunities, professional development, and mentorship.

HOW TO APPLY:

Applications for the 2024-2025 academic year are now open. Priority deadline for review of applications is April 28th, 2024 at 5 pm MST. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled. <u>Apply here</u>.

MORE INFORMATION:

Learn more about CCESL and the Community-Engaged Fellows Program <u>here</u>. Contact Student Programs Manager John Macikas at <u>John.Macikas@du.edu</u> with questions.