

Presenting with Purpose: A Workshop and Community of Practice to Craft an Engaging Public Presentation

This Community of Practice will support a cross-campus cohort of faculty in elevating their scholarly work through the development of a public talk or workshop. Faculty will participate in a training to help them identify an audience and develop an engaging session that translates their scholarly work for a non-academic audience. In the winter and spring, the cohort will meet twice per quarter to refine their talk or workshop and reflect upon learning and challenges in developing and implementing their session. CCESL will support faculty members in delivering their session to a public audience in winter or spring.

Topics covered may include:

- Identifying and understanding public audiences
- Translating your scholarly work for non-academics
- Finding the story in your work
- Developing an engaging or interactive session
- Techniques for delivering a memorable talk

Learning Objectives:

- Deepen skills and capacity to communicate your scholarly work to a public audience
- Develop and give a workshop or talk to a public audience
- Build the reflective capacity of faculty participants
- Prepare faculty leaders who champion community engagement for public problem-solving.

Commitment: Each participating faculty will:

- Attend a training to gain skills and begin developing your workshop or talk (TBD – we'll coordinate with those who apply)
- Develop a talk or workshop for a public audience
- Deliver the talk or workshop at least once (with support in identifying audiences provided by CCESL)
- Share progress, ideas, and strategies with Cohort members during 2x/quarter meetings (winter and spring)
- Complete pre- and post-program reflection activities, and
- Submit one [public reflection](#) that can be published in [CCESL's Public Good Impact](#)

Participants who meet the above commitments will be eligible to receive the following:

- \$300 for attending the training (dates/times TBD),
- \$600 (\$300/quarter) for the post-training reflection sessions, and
- \$125 for submitting a reflection after delivering their talk/workshop to a public audience at least once

*****Funds can be processed as either a stipend (processed in your regular paycheck) or as a grant to support your community-engaged work.***

Support:

Staff from the Center for Community Engagement (CCESL) and the Office of Public Good Strategy and Research will facilitate cohort sessions, provide support to participants, and will be available for meetings/consultations.

To Apply:

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis with priority given to those who submit before October 1, 2025. Complete the Application Online here: <https://ccesl.info/25-26CommOfPractice>

Please direct questions to ccesl@du.edu