

**The University of Akron**  
**EX[L] Center**  
**Community-Engaged Course**  
**Grant Application**

The EX[L] Center is pleased to be able to offer faculty small grants (up to \$1000 each) to support courses at UA that incorporate community engagement through community-based research and/or service-learning.

For an instructor to receive funding, the course must include all enrolled students in some form of engagement with local or regional community partners (Akron and Northeast Ohio). All faculty are invited to apply, including part-time faculty.

To apply please submit:

1. A cover letter (including applicant's name, title, course title and number, course description, semester, and meeting days/times; and partner's names, and organization's descriptions)
2. Description of proposed engagement including
  - a. planned engagement activity;
  - b. explanation of relationship between activity and course content/learning objectives;
  - c. explanation of how activity addresses partner's concerns;
  - d. assessment (e.g., graded assignments, student reflection opportunities);
  - e. potential for sustainability in future semesters
  - f. an estimate of the time needed to set up the engagement experience before the course begins
  - g. the anticipated number of students involved and the number of hours a student will spend in the experience
3. Budget (list and explain anticipated costs)

Applications will be evaluated by EX[L] co-directors and at least one member of the EX[L] Faculty Steering Committee.

Proposals will be accepted beginning July 1 of the academic year. Please allow at least 2-3 weeks for processing and evaluation. Grants will be awarded until funds run out each semester. Although a faculty member may apply for repeat funding in future semesters for the same proposed activity, preference will be given to first time applicants and new projects. Efforts to achieve sustainability in pilot projects are encouraged.

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