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Service-Learning Course Designation

If you are embedding a community project into your course (this fall or in spring 2024), please apply for the Service-Learning (SL) Designation. **All SL courses for 2023-2024** academic year will be reported in the application for Carnegie re-Classification for Community Engagement so we don't want to miss any. Learn more and [click here to apply](#). Or **send your syllabus to juilanne.gassman@uni.edu** and she will assist you in applying (hint: she will apply for you).



Project HERE Pilot

The Office of Community Engagement has been working with Dr. Bettina Fabos and Kamyar Enshayan on PROJECT HERE, a pilot for an interdisciplinary, university-wide community outreach initiative that combines the energy and innovation of UNI faculty and staff and hundreds of students with Iowa community partners throughout the state. In case you missed it, [PROJECT HERE was featured in Inside UNI](#). You can learn more at our upcoming Town Hall (see events below) or visit our website by [clicking here](#).



Funding Opportunities

McElroy Youth Leadership Funds

The Office of Community Engagement is excited to announce the McElroy Youth Leadership Fund. This program will support UNI faculty, staff, student, and student organizations that focus on supporting and enhancing programming, activities, events, and course-based projects that advance and build capacity for youth, youth-serving organizations and nonprofit agencies.

Funding requests will be accepted on an ongoing basis. Those supporting and providing programs and services for youth and youth-serving organizations in the community are encouraged to apply. [Application and additional information here](#).

Veridian Community Engagement Fellowship

Applications for Fall consideration are Due: Nov 15, 2023

This fellowship supports faculty to engage with community partners to better the community in a manner that also enhances their teaching and scholarship.

[Fellowship Criteria and Application can be found by clicking here.](#)

Impact Awards



Campus Compact

Campus Compact is now accepting nominations for the next Impact Award recipients!

Campus Compact seeks to recognize outstanding faculty, community engagement professionals, and teams at Campus Compact member institutions for their transformational leadership in advancing the public purposes of higher education.

Individuals may be nominated by a colleague or submit an application on their own behalf. Learn more about eligibility and application requirements at compact.org/impact-awards.

Applications & Nominations are due October 25, 2023

[Learn more and nominate by clicking here](#)

Events

50 Years of Prairie

When: Saturday Sept. 16th

Time: 1-3pm

Where: Daryl Smith Prairie 720 W. 29th St., Cedar Falls

Join the Tallgrass Prairie Center and the UNI Department of Biology to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Daryl Smith Prairie and Iowa Prairie Heritage Week.

Town Hall for Community Engagement: PROJECT HERE

When: October 4th, 2023

Time: 9:00-11:00

Where: Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center

We invite you to join us for a re-imagined Town Hall for Community Engagement. This Town Hall will have a focus on UNI's newly designated Project HERE. This is an interdisciplinary, university-wide community outreach initiative that combines the energy and innovation of UNI faculty and hundreds of students with Iowa community partners throughout the state. [Register By Clicking Here](#)

Civic Action Academy

When: November 10th-11th, 2023

Where: Grinnell, IA

The Civic Action Academy is a professional development opportunity that brings students from Iowa and Minnesota together to learn new ways of making a difference and building skills through civic and community engagement. Sessions will offer skill-building in civic action including philanthropy, leadership, dialogue, advocacy, and students will also have a chance to learn what others are doing on other campuses and network with peers. [If you have interest in attending or sending your students please fill out an interest form by clicking the link here.](#) Direct questions to Kristina Kofoot.

Student Engagement

Civic Action Academy Presenters Needed

Student presentations include the option to present during a one-hour session block or to have a poster session. [Previous presentation examples and poster templates can be found by clicking here.](#)

Students can apply directly or have a campus staff or faculty member nominate them. **Proposals are due by 11:59 pm on Friday, September 29, 2023.** A complete timeline is provided in the proposal and nomination form ([linked here](#)). Contact Kristina Kofoot with questions or support needed.



UNI Engaged Podcast:

This episode of the UNI Engaged Podcast features the Meskwaki Summer Youth program hosted at UNI and how it provides opportunities for Meskwaki youth to learn about college, build connections with peers and faculty, and build skills that could open the door to their futures.

[To download and listen to our Podcast click here!](#)

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