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PanthersVote



Young people are often known for having the lowest voter turnout among American demographics. Panthersvote, founded in 2018 by the Political Science Department, aims to change that by encouraging electoral participation. UNI students already have a strong tradition of voting and civic engagement, and

Panthersvote seeks to build on that foundation. By coordinating the various voter registration efforts already happening on campus, creating a unified brand for voting activities, and serving as a catalyst for student involvement, Panthersvote strives to make voting a core part of UNI's culture.

To read the rest of this article, [click here](#).

Engagement Opportunities

Participate in a Community of Practice

Seed Coalition (formerly Iowa Campus Compact) is excited to launch three Communities of Practice this year! Communities of Practice (CoPs) are small-group peer-learning experiences where individuals who share a domain of interest come together to share knowledge and experience. Topics are listed below.

- Beyond Recidivism: Reconsidering the Value and Purpose of Higher Education in Prison
- Building Collaborative Spaces and Practices for University and Ethnic Community-Based Organization Partnerships
- Community Engaged-Learning Deep Dive

Each group will meet four times between January and April. The priority deadline for applications is Friday, December 6th.

[To learn more and apply to participate click here.](#)

Service-Learning

It's Service-Learning Course Designation Time!

Applications for SL Course Designation are ongoing, however, the spring schedule is available. If your course will include a service/community aspect, please consider applying for the SL designation!

[Apply here](#) or send your course syllabus to gassman@uni.edu and your application will be processed for you!

November Office Hours

If you have questions about Service-Learning, want to talk through a project idea, or need a suggestion for a community partner, stop by our virtual office hours. We can assist with all things service-learning.

Every Wednesday in Nov, noon, 1:00pm - [Click here](#).

Every Thursday in Nov., 9:00-10:00 - [Click here](#).

Or email Julianne at gassman@uni.edu to schedule an appointment.

Service-Learning Institute - Winter Session

Seed Coalition is providing an online, asynchronous Engaged Faculty Institute (same as UNI's Service-Learning Institute). The winter session is January 3 to January 16 with an introductory call on December 12, and calls on January 9 and 16. The EFI includes:

- Foundations and Critical Commitments
- Planning and Facilitation
- Partnerships and Engagement
- Learning Outcomes and Reflection
- Assessment and Evaluation

[Click here](#) for more information and to apply.

Funding

Veridian Community Engagement Fellowship

Applications for Fall consideration are Due: Friday, Dec. 6th 2024

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

This engagement is not simply service or membership, but it is the combination of meeting a community need through teaching and/or scholarship.

For questions email: julianne.gassman@uni.edu

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

Class of 1957 Heritage Endowment Fund (support for Alums)

The Class of 1957 Heritage Endowment Fund offers small grants to current UNI faculty and students to benefit from the experiences of our graduates. From a broad perspective, it is our graduates who, in large measure, are the University's most important accomplishments.

These grants provide financial support for engaging UNI graduates in the current educational experiences of UNI undergraduate students. Each faculty member is eligible for a maximum grant amount of \$250 per term or \$500 per fiscal year and can be used for the following:

- A guest lecturer, discussant, demonstrator, or consultant for a course or project involving UNI students;
- A leader for a field visit to the UNI graduate's place of work or other location in a field setting relevant to the student's educational experience;
- A resource person for guiding or coaching a team of students engaged in a project;
- A resource person for assisting a faculty member in planning, developing, and/or implementing a UNI course, course component, or experiential learning activity.

More information is available through the Provost Website in *Resources for Faculty and Staff*; [Class of 1957 Heritage Endowment Fund](#)

Student Funding

Koob Fund for Student Community Engagement

Applications for Spring Consideration are due: November 13th

It is more important, now than ever, for students to have paid internship opportunities. Please share the application for the Koob Fund for Student Community Engagement with students completing an internship in Spring 2025.

The Robert and Yvonne Koob Fund is an endowment supporting students who are completing unpaid/underpaid internships in positions of service in Iowa. Awards up to \$2,000 (undergraduate students) and up to \$3,000 (graduate students) will be given. To learn more and for student applications [please click here.](#)

Award Nominations

Seed Coalition Annual Awards Nominations



Each year the Seed Coalition invites our member campuses to recognize special achievements on campus and in their communities with the Seed Coalition Awards. Only one form is submitted by each campus. If you have recommendations for award nominations please submit them by [clicking here](#). We will follow up with all potential nominations.

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