Engagement Spotlight

Engaging U regularly features the work of a publicly-engaged unit or center at the University of Minnesota. Email future Engagement Spotlight suggestions to Amber Cameron.

Closing the Gap: College Readiness Consortium

The University of Minnesota’s College Readiness Consortium (CRC) works in partnership with educators to increase the number and diversity of Minnesota students who graduate from high school with the knowledge, skills, and habits for success in higher education. CRC’s work includes connecting University faculty and staff working with K-12 students with educators; participating in and leading regional and statewide work groups considering policy issues; developing the Minnesota Principals Academy; and developing an innovative college readiness curriculum called Ramp-Up to Readiness.
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In its second year of full implementation, Ramp-Up to Readiness has been adopted by 53 middle and high schools throughout Minnesota. Another 40 schools are expected to begin the program in the fall of 2014. While CRC's work supports students choosing any technical, two- or four-year institution that fits their career goals, the payback for the University is a larger and more diverse group of Minnesota students who are competitive applicants for admission.

Announcements

U of M Office for Public Engagement/Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs Call for Nominations for President's Community Engaged Scholar Award
This annual award recognizes one faculty member or one academic professional and administrative employee for exemplary community-engaged scholarship in his or her field of inquiry.

U of M Office for Public Engagement Seeks Applicants for the MacJannet Prize
The University's Office for Public Engagement (OPE) is seeking applicants for the MacJannet Prize for Global Citizenship, an international award recognizing exceptional student community engagement and community service. OPE oversees a committee to review University applications. The deadline for applications to OPE is 4 p.m., Jan. 8. Learn more.

U of M Clinical and Translational Science Institute Announces 2014 Drive to Discover Community Health Research Grants Program
The University's Clinical and Translational Science Institute's Office of Community Engagement for Health has announced a 2014 grants program designed to support pilot research and evaluation projects that address important health issues in Minnesota that utilize the population attending the Minnesota State Fair. The deadline for applications is Jan. 31.

U of M Morris Students Present at Upper Midwest Association for Campus Sustainability
University of Minnesota Morris students presented on sustainable food systems at November’s Upper Midwest Association for Campus Sustainability at Luther College. Students spoke on a variety of topics, including composting, clean energy organizing, and working with small towns on sustainability efforts. Morris Chancellor Jacqueline Johnson delivered a keynote address on sustainability and campus culture.

Events

- Jan. 16 Finding Common Ground Forum: The Changing Agriculture Workforce
- Jan. 30 Engaging Pedagogies: Framing Community Engagement
- Feb. 5 Pathways to Achieving Civic Engagement Conference
- Feb. 18 Civic Engagement Practitioner Gathering
- Feb. 21 Assessment Mini-Conference Part 1: Practical Strategies for Assessing Student Learning in Civic Engagement
- Feb. 27 Engaging Pedagogies: Troubleshooting Community Partnerships
- Feb. 27-March 2 IMPACT Conference
- March 26-28 Gulf South Summit: Creating Capacity Collaboratively
- April 11 Internationalizing the Curriculum and Campus Conference
- April 12,13 Global Health and Innovation Conference
- April 16 Minnesota Campus Compact 20th Anniversary Summit and Awards
- April 17 Engaging Pedagogies: Critical Community Engagement
- May 14 Food and Agriculture National Conference
- May 21, 22 Center for Transportation Studies Transportation Research Conference
- June 12, 13 Upper Midwest Civic Engagement Summit

Featured Resource

Public: A Journal of Imagining America
Syracuse University has launched Public: A Journal of Imagining America, an online magazine that highlights the arts, humanities, and design in public life. Public breaks new grounds as a hybrid online multimedia journal and archive, with innovative web features for sharing the public humanities.
interfaces to peer-reviewed scholarship and creative work.

Awards/Grants

Echoing Green Fellowships (Deadline: Jan. 6, 2014)
Echoing Green Fellowships support professional growth for emerging leaders seeking to bring about positive social change in their communities. Fellows receive up to $90,000, participate in leadership development gatherings, and have access to the powerful network of Echoing Green Fellows, partners, and friends.

William T. Grant Foundation Social Settings Research Grant (Deadline: Jan. 8, 2014)
The William T. Grant Foundation supports research that enhances the understanding of how youth social settings work, how they affect development, and how they can be improved.

William T. Grant Foundation Use of Research Evidence Grant (Deadline: Jan. 8, 2014)
The William T. Grant Foundation supports research that explores the acquisition, interpretation, and use of research evidence in policy and practice affecting youth.

National Endowment for the Arts Our Town Grants (Deadline: Jan. 13, 2014)
Through Our Town, the National Endowment for the Arts provides a limited number of grants, ranging from $25,000 to $200,000, for projects that contribute toward the livability of communities and help transform them into lively, beautiful and sustainable places with the arts at their core.

U of M Driven to Discover Community Health Research Grants (Deadline: Jan. 31, 2014)
The University's Clinical and Translational Science Institute's Office of Community Engagement for Health has announced a 2014 grants program designed to support pilot research and evaluation projects that address important human health issues in Minnesota that utilize the population attending the Minnesota State Fair.

John W. Gardner Leadership Award (Deadline: Jan. 31, 2014)
Independent Sector's John W. Gardner Leadership Award recognizes visionaries working in or with the nonprofit community whose leadership has been transformative and who have empowered constituencies, strengthened participation, and inspired movements.

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Dissertation Fellowship Award (Deadline: Feb. 4, 2014)
The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation fellowship supports advanced doctoral students completing dissertations that further the understanding of the educational pathways and experiences of high-achieving, low-income students.

Supported by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, this fund assists U.S.-based presenting professionals and their organizations and companies in building partnerships and collaborations with international touring artists, companies and their collaborators and to experience the work of artists from around the world in its cultural context.

Sponsored by the Howard G. Buffett Foundation and University of Wisconsin-Madison, this competition is open to U.S. undergraduate and graduate students across all academic disciplines involved in the development of solutions to social and agricultural challenges within the world's food systems.

Call for Papers/Proposals

Call for Abstracts: Michigan Journal of Community Service Learning (Deadline Dec. 20, 2013)
The Michigan Journal of Community Service Learning is a peer-reviewed journal that covers research, theory, pedagogy, and other issues related to curriculum-based service-learning, campus-community partnerships, scholarship of engagement, and scholarship on engagement.

Call for Papers: Journal of Community Psychology (Deadline: Dec. 30, 2013)
The Journal of Community Psychology is seeking papers focused on organization theory in community psychology. This special
The Journal of Community Psychology is seeking papers focused on organization theory in community psychology. This special issue aims to advance the literature on organization theory through a focus on community contexts.

**Call for Papers: Journal on Global Social Welfare (Deadline: Dec. 31, 2013)**
Premiering in 2014, Global Social Welfare will highlight research in the fields of global social development and social welfare policy and practice. Research that recognizes the significant link between individuals, families, and communities and their extended environments, as well as the interrelatedness of race, cultural context and poverty, are particularly welcome.

**Call for Proposals: U of M Food Policy Research Center (Deadline: Jan. 25, 2014)**
The University’s Food Policy Research Center is seeking proposals from faculty for innovative food and nutrition policy briefs.

**Call for Proposals: Loyola Colloquium on Academic Libraries and Service Learning (Deadline: Jan. 31, 2014)**
Loyola Marymount University and Loyola Law School's Colloquium on Academic Libraries and Service Learning is accepting conference proposals from individuals who are interested in community/library partnerships via service learning.

**Call for Proposals: 2014 Upper Midwest Civic Engagement Summit (Deadline: Feb. 10, 2014)**
Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin Campus Compact invites proposals for 60-minute skill-building or issue-focused sessions, 15-minute innovation mini-sessions, and posters for the Upper Midwest Civic Engagement Summit. The Summit will provide opportunities for faculty, professional staff, student and community leaders interested in civic engagement activities to network and learn from one another. The conference is set for June 12-13, 2014 at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

**Call for Proposals: U of M Innovative Ideas in Interdisciplinary Graduate Education (Deadline: Feb. 14, 2014)**
The University's Graduate School invites proposals for innovative ideas in interdisciplinary graduate education that have the potential to enhance interdisciplinary graduate education at the U of M by introducing innovative programming, promising institutional practices, or new opportunities for graduate students to facilitate research, scholarship, or creative activity across traditional disciplinary boundaries.

**Call for Papers: Journal of Service-Learning and Civic Engagement (Deadline: March 15, 2014)**
Editors of the Journal of Service-Learning and Civic Engagement are publishing a Special Issue in 2015 with guest editors Brandon Kliewer at Florida Gulf Coast University and Judith Ramaley, President Emerita, Portland State University and Winona State University.

**Call for Papers: Family and Community Health Community-Based Participatory Research (Deadline: April 1, 2014)**
This edition of Family and Community Health will highlight family and community health-related community-based participatory action research projects focused specifically on youth as partners in the research process.

**Call for Papers: International Undergraduate Journal for Service-Learning, Leadership, and Social Change (Deadline: Ongoing)**
The International Undergraduate Journal for Service-Learning, Leadership, and Social Change is accepting articles from undergraduate students on the development of service-learning projects and their impact on the community, case studies on service-learning projects, and reflections on service-learning and leadership.

**Call for Papers: eJournal of Public Affairs on Public Scholarship (Deadline: Ongoing)**
This journal is focused on scholarship related to engagement in the public arena and, in particular, on considerations of citizenship, scholarship of teaching and learning, assessment of civic-engagement projects, and relationship between engagement and social media.

**Call for Papers: The Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement (Deadline: Ongoing)**
This journal highlights innovative endeavors, critically examines emerging issues, trends, challenges and opportunities, and reports on the studies of impact in the areas of public service, outreach, engaged research, community-based participatory research, action research, public scholarship, service-learning, and community-service.

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**U of M 2014 Clinical and Translational Science Institutes' Summer Advanced Research Program**
The University's Clinical and Translational Science Institute's (CTSI) Summer Advanced Research Program provides research training through a structured core curriculum, mentored research projects, weekly research seminars, and a final presentation of research at the annual CTSI Poster Session with all CTSI scholars.

**U of M Institute on the Environment Acara Challenge: Social Venture Plan Competition**
The University's Institute on the Environment's annual Acara Challenge recognizes and rewards students developing solutions to the world’s most pressing social and environmental problems.

**U of M Community-Based Participatory Research Course**
This introductory course is intended for graduate students and community practitioners interested in adding community-based participatory research to their repertoire of effective approaches to understanding and addressing social and health disparities.

**U of M Community Service-Learning Center Announces Spring 2014 Courses**
University's Community Service-Learning Center's 2014 spring semester offerings include 61 courses across 42 departments.

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