Call for Proposals
Spring 2022~ Community-Engaged Learning Grants

We are now accepting applications on a rolling basis, while funds last, through January 7, 2022.

Reviews begin by Monday, Dec. 6th, 2021

The CFDE is pleased to announce the availability of the Community-Engaged Learning grants under the direction of Director of Engaged Learning, Vialla Hartfield-Méndez. Anyone currently teaching at Emory is eligible, including graduate students, adjunct faculty, visiting faculty, lecturers, or tenure track faculty. Please note that Vialla Hartfield-Méndez is available for teaching consultations to guide instructors in re-thinking community engaged pedagogy during pandemic conditions, or for general consultation.

Grants may be used to support activities related to well-structured community-engaged experiences in courses or academic programs. Proposals should address how community-engaged pedagogy is leveraged to assist organizations with addressing critical community needs in the metro Atlanta area. Such organizations might include neighborhood groups, nonprofit organizations, public agencies or other similar organizations. Proposals may also be submitted for projects that are in the early stages of community partnership development (especially those that include students in the partnership development work) and/or learning experiences for students that prepare them to better engage with community partners.

Funding Guidelines
Community-Engaged Learning Grants cover amounts up to $1500 and are intended to support both new or ongoing opportunities for faculty to
incorporate community engaged learning (service-learning) into their courses or programs. In some cases, grants may be made to support ongoing or existing community engaged learning activities, particularly when those activities grow to involve more students, new partners or communities, or new strategies.

Specific Items Funds May Cover
Grant funds may be used to cover reasonable costs associated with the project, such as:

- Stipends for community participants in focus groups or for completing surveys; stipends for community partners who engage with students in person or virtually to develop or complete the project.
- Printed materials, project supplies, printing, and the like, as well as certain costs of online publication or materials; these can support activities done by community members in their own spaces during pandemic conditions.
- When reasonable and appropriate, grant funds may be used to support graduate assistants for teaching.
- These funds may also be used in certain circumstances to fund other student work (especially for undergraduates), in cases in which no academic credit is involved.
- Honoraria for guest speakers from community-based organizations for either online or in person courses. Note that guest speakers for in person courses will be subject to Emory’s Visitors to Campus policy. Guest speakers are welcome to participate virtually for in person courses.

What Funds May Not Cover
Computer equipment and other information technology devices and software generally are not approved expenses. Grant funds may NOT be used to pay Emory students for work conducted as part of a course and for which they will receive academic credit. Funds also may not be used to cover salary or consulting fees for faculty or other instructors.

To apply, please click HERE to be taken to the online application form.

Helpful websites for consultation regarding best practices for community-based learning and research include:
- Campus Compact, http://www.compact.org/resources-for-faculty/
- National Service Learning Clearinghouse, https://gsn.nylc.org/clearinghouse
- Community-Campus Partnerships for Health, http://ccph.info/
PLEASE NOTE:
Applicants must either have their own Smartkey account or be connected to a department with a Smartkey account. Applicants must also participate in assessment of the program, which may include online evaluations or focus groups.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Dr. Vialla Hartfield-Méndez, Director of Engaged Learning, by email (vhartfi@emory.edu) or by phone at 727-6392.

Money will be transferred at the beginning of the new semester, upon approval of the grant proposal (After January 1, 2022).