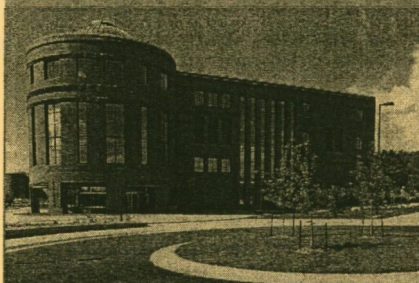


Civic Connections



UMD OFFICE OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

The UMD Office of Civic Engagement primary mission is to provide assistance and support to faculty, students, and staff regarding community-based learning opportunities that enhance UMD's co-curricular and/or curricular initiatives.

Faculty we can assist you in finding community partners, incorporating civic learning into your curriculum/research, and assisting with evaluations and reflection activities.

Staff/students we can assist in campus/community activities which assist in enhances citizenship qualities in students.

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Applications Due: Monday, December 12th, 2005

Faculty Mini-Grant Proposals Requested for Civic/Public Engagement Spring/Fall 2006

UMD's Office of Civic Engagement announces a **request for proposals** to UMD's faculty. The purpose of the grants is to integrate civic/public engagement into an existing course or create a new course with a civic/public engagement component.

Need Information or Ideas: Come to a Workshop on Tuesday November 22nd, 3:00-4:30pm, or Wednesday, November 30th, 2:00-3:30 (both in 116, Bohannon Hall) to hear ideas on ways you can integrate civic/public engagement into your courses. If you cannot attend the workshop, Casey LaCore will be available for individual appointments with faculty who are interested in discussing possible projects. Please e-mail (clacore) or call (x7125) for an appointment.

Size and Nature of Awards: The Office of Civic Engagement anticipates awarding approximately \$10,000 in mini-grant awards supporting faculty in integrating civic/public engagement into courses. An individual UMD faculty member may apply for up to \$2,000 (possibly larger amounts if project involves multiple disciplines and faculty members).

Criteria for Ranking of Award: Applications are open to all UMD faculty. The Office of Civic Engagement Steering Committee will review and rank proposals. Criteria for selection will include one or more of the following:

- Innovation
- Integrates public scholarship, civic learning, and community partnerships
- Multi/inter-disciplinary approach
- Reflection
- Partnership with community groups or organizations
- Curriculum integration

Application Procedures: Provide: (a) cover page, (b) a description of the civic/public engagement component (see course description below), and c) a budget for the requested funds. Please do not exceed three pages.

Describe Your Course and Explain How It Is Designed To Answer the Following Questions:

- What are the specific goals, activities, and expected outcomes of the course?
- What impact do you expect this course to have on your students?
- What are the innovative features and long term impact of the project in strengthening civic/public engagement?
- Who else will be involved as participants in the project (e.g. other faculty, community partners, etc)?
- How will the success of the completed project be evaluated?

Budget: Include a budget that is a reasonable use of funds. Only include narrative if needed for clarification.

In addition to an e-mailed mini-grant proposal please send or fax within one week one paper copy of your proposal with signatures of your: department chair, dean and/or director plus a cover page to the Office of Civic Engagement.

For more information, contact: Casey LaCore, Director, Office of Civic Engagement, 120 Bohannon Hall, Phone 218-726-7125. Fax 218-726-8694.
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Grants Available for Civic Engagement Projects University of Minnesota Systemwide Office for Public Engagement

The Office for Public Engagement (OPE) is sponsoring an RFP for the purpose of strengthening public engagement across the university. This RFP is the one previously handled by the Council on Public Engagement. Use the application process outlined on the OPE website:

http://www.academic.umn.edu/system/public_engagement/

OPE recognizes that public engagement is a broad term that encompasses a variety of activities, and they expect a wide range of proposals reflecting an ecumenical understanding of what public engagement entails. In general, they view public engagement as involving contributions to:

- * public scholarship (research that responds to public concerns and is intended for public dissemination),
- * civic learning (experiences through which students develop the motivation and capacity for effective citizenship and responsible leadership),
- * community partnership (joint activities with groups or communities working together in collaboration).

DUE DATE: Friday, December 2, 2005

Other Grant News from Minnesota Campus Compact

CALLS FOR PAPERS/PRESENTERS

- "The Academy at Work" is the theme for the 2006 issue of *Thought & Action*, the NEA Journal of Higher Education

GRANTS:

- Headwaters Foundation for Justice, in partnership with the Otto Bremer Foundation and the Women's Foundation of Minnesota, has created the Democracy! Fund to support and advance the legal, non-partisan, political activity and effectiveness of non-profit organizations. The deadlines for applications are December 1, 2005, and June 1, 2006.
- Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota invites proposals from firms, organizations, academic institutions, or partnerships to provide services and technical assistance for a statewide contract on Helping Smokers Quit and Strengthening Tobacco Control Policies on College and University Campuses. Proposals must be postmarked by November 23, 2005.
- The EPA is inviting applications for the Environmental Education Grants Program, which supports environmental education projects that promote environmental stewardship and help develop aware and responsible students, teachers, and citizens. The deadline for applications is November 23, 2005.
- The Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership's Intellectual Exchange Program supports U.S.-Japan collaborative projects from universities that encourage policy-oriented research and dialogue on global issues of common concern. Its Grassroots Exchange Program provides support for projects that involve

issue-oriented cooperation and learning among youth, nonprofit organizations, and members of the general public. The deadline for applications for both programs is December 1, 2005.

- The National Institutes of Health, Agency for Healthcare Quality and Research, and Center for Disease Control and Prevention have released an announcement on Community Participation in Research grants to support research on health promotion, disease prevention, and health disparities that is jointly conducted by communities and researchers. Letters of intent are due April 17, 2006 and 2007.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Procurement and Grants Office's Translating Proven Interventions for Underserved and Emergent High-Risk Populations program will support organizations able to translate effective HIV prevention interventions, and create curricula and guidance materials for HIV prevention providers who want to adopt interventions that have already been effectively implemented. Applications are due December 5, 2005.

FOR MORE DETAILS ON ANY OF THESE ITEMS, PLEASE CONTACT THE UMD OFFICE OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, 726-7125, OR CLACORE@D.UMN.EDU

Prize in Ethics Essay Contest

The Prize in Ethics Essay Contest challenges college students to analyze the urgent ethical issues confronting them in today's complex world.

Full-time juniors and seniors in the US are welcome to enter the Essay Contest and compete for \$10,000 in prizes and the opportunity to meet Elie Wiesel in New York City. Entry forms and additional information about the Contest is available on www.eliewieselfoundation.org.

The postmark deadline for the 2006 Essay Contest is Friday, December 9, 2005.

Contact: Annie Rudnick

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Quick Hits

Journalism, History and Political Science Students Help TV Station Count Votes

On election night, students from UMD fanned out across Duluth to watch the vote counting at each precinct and provide WDIO-TV with early election results. The students allowed WDIO to get nearly complete election results on the air by 8:40 p.m. and the students got a chance to see the mechanics of a television news operation as well as watch vote counting in the electronic age. The student vote count was more than 99.99% accurate

If you have an example of a small to large civic engagement project that we could mention in the newsletter, please send them to the Office of Civic Engagement, clacore@d.umn.edu.