

Engaged Department Institutes

The purpose of an Engaged Department Institute is to help participating departments develop strategies to:

- Incorporate community-based work into their teaching and their scholarship,
- Include community-based experiences as a standard expectation for majors, and
- Develop a level of unit coherence that will allow them to successfully model civic engagement and progressive change on the department level.

During our meetings we will cover topics such as:

- The academic and civic effectiveness of community-based work
- Discipline-specific models of service-learning integration
- Supporting community-based work at the faculty and student levels
- Assessing community-based work in term of impact on students, faculty, community, and the institution
- Community-based work as a vehicle of curricular integration
- The community partner as departmental resource; the department as community resource

INSTITUTE OVERVIEW:

- Fundamentals of Service-Learning
- Defining civic engagement
- Envisioning the engaged department
- Faculty roles
- Community partnerships
- Assessing engagement