Faculty/Staff/Student Professional Development Fund

Applications for academic year 17-18 will be accepted per the following submission schedule:

Submit by Tuesday, September 26th, 2017
Submit by Tuesday, October 24th, 2017
Submit by Tuesday, November 28th, 2017
Submit by Tuesday, January 30th, 2018
Submit by Tuesday, February 20th, 2018
Submit by Tuesday, March 27th, 2018

The Office for Community-Engaged Learning (OCEL) is offering mini-grants of up to $500 to build knowledge and personal & professional capacity of community-engaged teaching, learning and scholarship.

Who can apply?

All faculty and staff, as well as both undergraduate and graduate students, are eligible to apply. Community partner collaborators with a demonstrated relationship to the above groups may also apply. Funds for these grants are limited; thus, grants are competitive.

Eligible Criteria:

Funds will be awarded up to $500 for faculty, staff, students, and community partners (actively collaborating with SRU) to attend conferences, trainings, or other educational experiences related to community-engaged learning that include, but are not limited to: community service, service and leadership, service learning, community development, and community engaged scholarship. Funds MUST cover transportation costs, registration fees, and/or lodging.

Proposals will be reviewed and considered per the following criteria:

- Applicants must clearly identify the proposed educational experience related to community-engaged learning (i.e. name, location, date, etc.).
- Applicants should clearly describe how the proposed educational experience will be of benefit to his/her professional and personal development.
- Exact travel, lodging, and registration fees MUST be submitted with each proposal.

Funding decisions will be made by a group composed of four faculty members from the SRU Community Engagement Advisory Board and the Director for Community-Engaged Learning.

In accepting funds, recipients agree to write a one page (minimum) reflection documenting the experience to share with the campus community via the Office for Community-Engaged Learning. The reflection MUST include take home points, pro/cons of the experience, and other relevant information. The reflection document may be submitted at ocel@sru.edu.
For assistance:

1. Please contact Jeffrey Rathlef, Director for Community-Engaged Learning (Jeffrey.rathlef@sr.edu, X4764) with questions about the application process or if you would like to consult regarding an idea for a grant.

2. Slippery Rock University is also a member of Pennsylvania Campus Compact, which convenes and supports the work of educational institutions individually and collectively to improve their practice around institutional equity, collaborative learning, and community engagement to respond effectively to an ever-changing western Pennsylvania. Our membership gives us access to a variety of resources, trainings, and learning opportunities. Request to be added to the PACC newsletter and announcements at mlowrey@pacampuscompact.org

To apply, please complete and submit the following:

First Name *

Last Name *

E-mail *

College

Department

Administrative Assistant/Department Secretary

Faculty sponsor (if student)

University affiliation (if community partner)

List the name, location, date, and other pertinent information related to the proposed educational experience. *

Briefly articulate your objective for attaining education through the intended experience (i.e. why did you select this opportunity and how will it be of benefit to you?) *

List the specific costs related to travel, lodging and registration. *

(Fields marked with an asterisk are REQUIRED).

To apply for the Faculty/Staff/Student Professional Development Fund, click here (SRU login required).