PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY
Request for Proposals (RFP)

The Professional Development Committee of Slippery Rock University is requesting proposals for sessions for Professional Development Day that will be held on Tuesday, October 9, 2018. The theme is “Educating Citizens for the Public Good: Enhancing Learning through Community & Civic Engagement.”

The fundamental educational mission of SRU is to transform the intellectual, social, physical, and leadership capacities of students in order to prepare them for individual success, as well as contribute to building thriving communities. A successful community requires citizens with the ability to listen to and collaborate with others to solve public problems. As an institute of higher education, our goal is to educate such citizens and provide them the knowledge, skills, and resources that will strengthen democratic values and civic responsibility. The mission of SRU is strongly aligned with the goals of community engagement, as reflected in our identity, commitments and practices. In order to expand the university-wide commitment to community engagement, this Professional Development Day will focus on expertise in community-engaged teaching, service, and scholarship, and will also further our capacity for community outreach and reciprocal partnerships.

All proposed sessions should address the topic of citizenship and enhancing learning through community and civic engagement. We are soliciting proposals from faculty and staff across Academic and Student Affairs. Sessions might cover topics such as:

- Examples of Effective Community/Campus Partnerships (Reciprocity in Action)
- The Importance of Talking to People (Public/Civic Discourse)
- How Does Your Discipline Utilize Community Engagement? (Public Purposes of the Disciplines)
- How to Incorporate Voting, Democratic, and Political Participation (Voting & Political Participation)
- How to Build Civic and Community Identities (Building Civic Identities)
- Examples of Successful Community-Engaged Teaching & Learning (Service-Learning as High Impact Practice)
- Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities Required for Civic/Community Engagement (Education for Citizenship)
- Assessing Community Engaged Learning (Assessment of Civic Learning and Development)
- How to Do Community Engaged Research (Community Engaged Scholarship)

Proposals will be accepted until 4:00 PM on Wednesday, September 12, 2018. All proposals must be prepared as a Word document and sent as an e-mail attachment to the Office of Grants, Research and Sponsored Programs at grantsoffice@sru.edu.

Note: Community partners will be involved throughout the day, so proposals encompassing joint or collaborative presentations with community partners and/or students that reflect reciprocal community engagement are strongly encouraged and welcomed.

The following information should be included in all proposals:

1. A cover page that includes
   a. Title of the session;
   b. Name(s) of the presenter(s);
   c. Name, department, campus address, phone number and email address of primary contact person; and,
   d. Description of the session in 50 words or less (for agenda description).
2. Brief description (one page limit) of the session and how the proposed session addresses the targeted topic of “Advancing Student Success at Slippery Rock University”.

Questions regarding this RFP may be directed to Nancy Cruikshank, Professional Development Committee Administrative Co-Chair, by email at nancy.cruikshank@sru.edu or by telephone at extension 4831.