

**Center for Teaching and Learning**  
**LEAD and Serve Program**  
**University of Missouri - St. Louis**

Service-Learning and Civic Engagement Fellowships  
Application 2007-2008

The fellowships are designed to achieve three goals:

- to help faculty integrate service-learning and civic engagement experiences into their course curricula;
- to enhance learning processes by encouraging faculty and student participation in the metropolitan region through civic activities and community organizations.
- to support the civic engagement and economic development missions of the campus and the University of Missouri System by increasing the number of courses at UM-St. Louis that include a civic engagement component.

The Service-Learning and Civic Engagement Fellowship program will bring seven faculty fellows together during the fall 2007 semester to begin redesigning a spring semester course. Applicants identify a course regularly taught in the spring and meet monthly in the fall to develop the objectives, requirements, assignments, and assessment plan for a new service-learning or civic engagement experience. Monthly meetings are designed as informative work sessions to introduce curricular concepts integral to service learning, to develop course objectives and projects that simultaneously address identified needs in the community, to make progress on developing new course components and their assessments, and to share ideas and feedback with other fellows. Monthly meeting times will be arranged to accommodate participants' schedules. Interested faculty and staff are welcome to participate in these meetings with the Faculty Fellows.

**Required Fellowship activities include:**

- Attendance at the monthly meetings in the fall semester;
- Consultation with Dr. Peggy Cohen, Center for Teaching and Learning, by the first of September;
- Consultation with Toby Shorts, LEAD and Serve Program, by the first of September;
- Providing a written review of one book, significant article, or crucial website, that pertains to your project. This review will be posted on websites maintained by the Center for Teaching and Learning and the LEAD and Serve Program;
- Participating in a spring CTL sponsored forum on civic engagement;
- Presenting the results of your work with the campus community during a department or division meeting, at a future Lunch and Learn, and/or during a forum on civic engagement.

Over the course of the fall semester Fellows will consider together answers to these questions:

1. What indicators qualify the new course experience as a service-learning or civic-engagement activity?
2. What methods will be used to assess the impact of your project in the community?

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3. How will you know if the changes you implemented affect student learning, the structure of the course and/or program, or other aspects of the UM-St. Louis experience?

Upon completion of the redesigned syllabus, the Center for Teaching and Learning will provide an account of up to \$500 for each fellow. These funds may be used to purchase materials to implement course projects, to purchase texts, DVDs, software related to the project and/or service-learning in the discipline, or to attend a state or regional conference on service-learning and civic engagement. Funds will be administered through the CTL and available following completion of the fall semester work.

Articles and press releases on the fellowships, including specific information about fellows and their projects will be submitted to campus news outlets. Fellows are encouraged to submit their project ideas and the results of their course redesign for conference presentations, publications, or as support for future funding.

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Seven faculty members will be selected to implement a project of their design into a course. Project activities will encourage students to apply what they are learning in the course to a service project or civic activity in the metropolitan community. Ideas for service-learning and civic engagement activities may be found on the Campus Compact website and other resource pages linked to the CTL at [http://www.umsl.edu/services/ctl/instr\\_support/sl.html](http://www.umsl.edu/services/ctl/instr_support/sl.html) . Monthly meetings will be designed to offer ideas and consultation on the project requirements and design, to discuss how to assess the impact of the experiences on enrolled students and on the community site, to consider IRB requirements and potential avenues for external funding, to discuss project publicity, and how to use and access the resource account.

Please address the following criteria in a letter of application:

1. Briefly describe the course and its objectives,
2. Describe how often the course is offered and how many students routinely enroll in it,
3. Describe the proposed service-learning or civic engagement experience and how it will support the course and its objectives,
4. Explain how the proposed activity meets needs both in the community and in your course,
5. What ideas do you have to assess the service-learning experience for your students and for the community organization?
6. What ideas do you have to sustain the service-learning or civic engagement opportunity in future semesters?

Letters of application should not exceed five double-spaced pages. Send completed letters in a Word document to the Center for Teaching and Learning at [ctl@umsl.edu](mailto:ctl@umsl.edu) by August 15. Include the words, Fellowship Application, in the subject line of the email message.

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Applications will be reviewed by a Fellowship Selection Panel composed of colleagues who have successfully implemented service-learning experiences into their courses.

These fellowships are supported by a small grant to the Center for Teaching and Learning and the LEAD and Serve Program from Missouri Campus Compact. Full-time faculty who have not received Missouri Campus Compact funding in the last three years are eligible for the 2007-2008 Fellows Program. To learn more about Missouri Campus Compact, visit [http://www.umsl.edu/services/ctl/instr\\_support/sl.html](http://www.umsl.edu/services/ctl/instr_support/sl.html)