

University of Missouri-St. Louis Compact for Excellence in Engagement and Outreach

Civic engagement and community collaborations have always been at the heart of our institution and as a land grant institution it is built into our mission. UMSL works alongside peer institutions to advance the public purposes of higher education by supporting community-based teaching, learning, research, and practice to improve community well-being and educate students for civic and social responsibility. In May 2017, the University of Missouri – St. Louis (UMSL) completed a Civic Action Plan (<https://compact.org/resource-posts/university-missouri-st-louis-civic-action-plan/>) to strengthen university efforts, and showcase university commitments, to be a community-engaged campus.

UMSL community engagement efforts and needs are documented and clear; exemplify a connected, relevant, and inclusive metropolitan land grant anchor university; and campus-community relationships advance student learning and community well-being.

Objective (Outcome)	Primary Sub-goal supported	Metric
Identify and document existing and ongoing community engagement and economic development partnerships and activities within a central repository.	Efforts and needs are documented and clear	Database of engaged activities
Identify community needs and specify gaps in civic and economic partnerships and practices.	Efforts and needs are documented and clear	Listing of needs Listing of unmet needs
Work with the community to strengthen faculty, staff, and student understanding and appreciation of diverse backgrounds, perspectives, and experiences.	Exemplify a connected, relevant, and inclusive metropolitan land grant anchor university	Number of campus forums on community social and economic issues and related attendance
Support faculty, staff, and students in broadening their worldview regarding social and economic inequalities and participating in the civic process.	Exemplify a connected, relevant, and inclusive metropolitan land grant anchor university	
Ensure that UMSL contributes to the economic, social, environmental, educational, and political vitality of surrounding communities	Exemplify a connected, relevant, and inclusive metropolitan land grant anchor university	

Recognize and celebrate community engagement at the individual, departmental, campus and community levels.	Exemplify a connected, relevant, and inclusive metropolitan land grant anchor university	Number of nominations for civic engagement awards
Integrate community engagement as a critical component of a university education and collegiate experience.	Campus-community relationships advance student learning and community well-being	Number of grants, publications and presentations on community social and economic issues included in MyVita data
Ensure that partnerships between UMSL faculty, staff, students, and community are inclusive and sustained.	Campus-community relationships advance student learning and community well-being	Registrar data on service learning and internships Student involvement data tracking for volunteerism and service
Establish blueprints for successful campus-community partnerships and replicate partnerships with diverse sectors and service providers.	Campus-community relationships advance student learning and community well-being	Faculty reported data in MyVita Student involvement data tracking for volunteerism and service
Cultivate alumni and donor constituencies, and leverage alumni and donor relationships to develop new civic and economic partnerships.	Campus-community relationships advance student learning and community well-being	