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Engaged Scholarship Development Initiative

Faculty members, graduate students and postdoctoral scholars:

- Learn how to implement engaged scholarship.
- Connect with the engaged scholars.
- Advance your work.

The University of Pittsburgh Engaged Scholarship Development Initiative will begin in November and will include a series of 90-minute virtual workshops during the academic year as well as an intensive and competitive summer workshop for select participants.

Learn more at yearofengagement.pitt.edu/esdi.

The Engaged Scholarship Development Initiative is a Year of Engagement activity.
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A new resource for faculty members, graduate students and postdoctoral scholars at Pitt who are interested in engaged scholarship

What Is Engaged Scholarship?

Engaged scholarship seeks to discover new knowledge through activities that collaboratively generate, exchange or apply academic and community knowledge and practices through reciprocal partnerships among members of the university and members of the broader public. This often includes methods or approaches such as community-based participatory research, engaged action research, and research-practice partnerships, and results in the public dissemination of new knowledge through academic publications, policy recommendations, technical reports, cocreated exhibitions and creative pieces, and joint projects that benefit the community and the university.

Pitt’s Engaged Scholarship Development Initiative (ESDI) will include a virtual and flexible workshop series and a summer design intensive.

Workshops (November 2020-May 2021)

The workshop series will cover the basic elements, ethics and outcomes of engaged scholarship. The workshops will feature an interactive and hands-on design to explore best practices and examples of engaged scholarship involving Pitt scholars and their collaborators. Each 90-minute workshop will be virtual, and participants can choose to attend any or all of the workshops offered. The workshops are listed below, along with the relevant Competencies for Engaged Scholarship (as defined by Blanchard, Strauss and Webb in their 2012 article in the Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement) for each.

Engaged Scholarship 101

- Understanding of the concepts of community-engaged scholarship and familiarity with the basic literature and history of community-engaged scholarship
- Knowledge of and skills in applying the principles of community-engaged scholarship in theory and practice, including principles, theoretical frameworks, models and methods of planning and implementation and evaluation
- Knowledge and successful application of a definition of community-engaged scholarship, community-engaged scholarship benchmarks, scholarly products, outcomes and measures of quality
Are you a staff member interested in learning how to support engaged scholarship? Join the Engagement Community of Practice at cesf.pitt.edu/community-practice.

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Ethics and Antiracist and Anticolonial Approaches to Engaged Scholarship

- The ability to work effectively in and with diverse communities
- The ability to negotiate across community and academic groups

Collaboratives, Collectives and Advisory Bodies: Participatory Structures for Engaged Scholarship

- The ability to transfer skills to the community, thereby enhancing community capacity, and the ability to share skills with other faculty members
- Understanding of the various contributors to community issues (economic, social, behavioral, political, environmental); developing skills and a commitment for fostering community and social change

Funding and Publishing Engaged Scholarship

- The ability to write grants expressing community-engaged scholarship principles and approaches
- The ability to write articles based on community-engaged scholarship processes and outcomes for peer-reviewed publications

Impact Identities: Packaging Engaged Scholarship for Performance Review and Career Seeking

- The ability to effectively describe the scholarly components of the work in a portfolio for review, promotion and/or tenure
- Knowledge of the review, promotion and tenure process and its relationship with community-engaged scholarship; ability to serve on review, promotion and tenure committees
- The ability to balance tasks in academia (e.g., research, teaching, service) that pose special challenges to those engaged in community-engaged scholarship in order to thrive in an academic environment
- The ability to mentor students and junior faculty members in establishing and building a community-engaged scholarship-based portfolio

Summer Design Intensive (May 2021)

Faculty members, postdoctoral scholars, graduate students and their collaborators can apply to participate in a two-day design intensive during which they will plan an engaged scholarship project for implementation in the coming year. Participants will receive coaching, personalized mentoring and support from other engaged scholars at Pitt and in the community.

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Partners

ESDI is hosted by the Scholarship Working Group of the Year of Engagement in partnership with the University Center for Teaching and Learning, the Offices of the Vice Provost for Graduate Studies and Vice Provost for Faculty Diversity and Development and the University of Pittsburgh Postdoctoral Association.

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