

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

Engaged Scholarship Development Initiative

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 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.

- **Engaged Scholarship 101**

Graduate Students:
Monday, November 16, 2020
Noon-1:30 p.m.

Faculty and Postdoctoral Scholars:
Monday, December 14, 2020
Noon-1:30 p.m.

Join us to learn the basics of engaged scholarship: key concepts, common models, importance of reciprocal partnerships, and the various products and outcomes.

- **Ethical, Anti-Racist and Decolonial Approaches to Engaged Scholarship**

Monday, January 25, 2021

Noon-1:30 p.m.

Examine the unique ethical challenges found within engaged scholarship, including colonizing approaches to working in and with communities, and discuss equitable and anti-racist approaches for collaboration.

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

Monday, February 15, 2021

Noon-1:30 p.m.

Explore real-world models of participatory structures in engaged scholarship and learn how collaborative practices enhance university and public partners' capacities and foster social change.

- **Funding and Publishing Engaged Scholarship**

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

at the Community Engaged Scholarship Forum

Build awareness of strategies to secure funding and publish work relevant to engaged scholarship.

- **Crafting Summaries of Impact: Packaging Engaged Scholarship for Performance Review and Career Seeking**

Monday, April 12, 2021

Noon-1:30 p.m.

Learn how peers at Pitt have positioned their engaged scholarship within their review, promotion, and tenure portfolios and job-seeking materials and discuss strategies for engaged scholars to grow and thrive in academia.

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.

Register at yearofengagement.pitt.edu/esdi.

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.

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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The Engaged Scholarship Development Initiative is a Year of Engagement activity.

