

Community-Based Research Faculty Fellows Program

The Center for Community Engagement (CCE) is pleased to announce the **Community-Based Research** (**CBR**) Faculty Fellows Program, a professional development opportunity for faculty interested in engaging in community-based research in the context of service-learning classes. The program is designed to serve as a learning community for novice and experienced CBR practitioners working together to build individual and collective expertise and campus capacity. It will be organized around a series of interactive workshops, including invited speakers and published research on CBR. The emphasis will be on the "nuts and bolts" of designing and implementing CBR projects to have the greatest impact on community partners and on students. We will focus on both sides of the service-learning equation: establishing partnerships to ensure that community needs are effectively addressed, while leading a course that provides students with experience in cultivating and applying research skills.

Topics will include:

- Defining CBR and distinguishing it from traditional academic research
- Establishing effective partnerships for conducting CBR
- Best practices for conducting CBR as student research
- Organizing a class around a CBR project, moving from design to delivery

Expectations of CBR Faculty Fellows:

- Attend monthly workshops each semester with an end of the year event in spring
- Design and implement a service-learning course integrating a CBR project taught in AY 25-26
- Develop and submit to the CCE a CBR course syllabus
- Partner with University approved organizations through the CSUCI Serves database
- Complete the Community Engaged Learning Survey so your CBR course receives the servicelearning attribute at the schedule level
- Attend the annual Celebration of Service in May 2025 (TBD), and present a poster describing your course and project at the 2026 Celebration of Service
- Submit the resulting CBR report to CBR@CSUCI for review and potential inclusion
- Assist the CCE in an ad hoc manner to promote CBR on campus in the future

CBR Faculty Fellows will receive:

- \$1500 faculty stipend at the completion of the program;
- All published materials on CBR used in the workshop; and
- A formal letter of completion for their file.

Application process: Interested faculty should complete the **online application** (including a brief statement of support from your program chair). Applications are due by September 20, 2024. Applications will be reviewed by CCE leadership, and faculty will be notified by September 27, 2024. All faculty members (lecturers

or tenure track) who teach an undergraduate or graduate course and who commit to integrating CBR into a future course are welcome to apply.

Questions? Contact Dennis Downey, CBR Faculty Fellows Lead for the Center for Community Engagement at dennis.downey@csuci.edu