

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: ENGAGED COURSE GRANTS

The College of Arts and Sciences seeks to recognize, support, and advance community-engaged learning by offering \$3,000 course grants to enhance existing or create new engaged curricular experiences for faculty and students. The Engaged Courses program is designed to support courses that combine the knowledge, experiences, and skills of faculty, students, and community partners to address interconnected local and global issues and help build more sustainable, just, and collaborative communities across and beyond the College.

Program Goals:

This grant program seeks to 1.) provide funding and cohort-based pedagogical and logistical support to faculty who are integrating community-engaged learning into new and existing courses; 2.) encourage more opportunities for faculty and students to apply their scholarly knowledge and skills to serve the public good on local, national, and/or international scales and 3.) support the development of relationships of trust and mutual support with collaborators across and beyond the University.

The program also seeks to introduce, improve, or increase key elements of community-engaged teaching and learning across the College:

- Assets and Needs: Courses utilize community assets and address community-identified needs.
- **Collaboration:** Course and project design are informed by issues of pressing public concern and, when appropriate, community partners are integrated into elements of course design and implementation.
- Connection: Courses connect engaged experiences with course content and disciplinary knowledge and methods.
- Reflection: Student assignments involve critical reflection on engaged experiences.

Eligibility:

Full-time A&S faculty of all ranks are eligible to apply for courses taught in Academic Year 2025-26. Introducing community-engaged learning into courses in ways that are sustainable is a high priority, so we encourage applicants to consider how these funds can support teaching courses more than one time.

Application Checklist:

Completed online application form; including:

- 2-page (maximum) curriculum vitae or resume for course instructor
- 2-page (maximum) description of the course and community-engaged projects connecting to key elements of community-engagement list above.
- 1-page (maximum) budget description (can be narrative and/or table form)
- Optional letter(s) of support from community partner(s). Or partners can send notes of support via email to the Engaged Humanities Network (ehn@syr.edu)
- Optional Sample syllabus material: assignment prompts, reading lists, etc.

Application & Grant Timeline:

Event	Date
Submit full proposal using <u>online form</u>	February 18, 2025
Award notification sent	March 18, 2025
Consultation meeting with Engaged Humanities team and other course grant recipients	August 2025
Engaged Courses Cohort Meeting 1	October 2025
Engaged Courses Cohort Meeting 2	December 2025
Engaged Courses Cohort Meeting 3	January 2026

Engaged Courses Cohort Meeting 4	March 2026
EHN 2025-26 Showcase Event	April 2026