

## UNCG/NCCC 2020 Engaged Scholarship Prize

### Overview

Dr. Ernest Boyer, former Chancellor of the State University of New York, United States Commissioner of Education, and President of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, coined the term “scholarship of engagement” in 1996. In the *Journal of Public Service and Outreach* 1(1), 11-20, he discussed its relationship to his reconceptualization of scholarship as discovery, integration, application, and teaching.

In 2004, Dr. Derek Barker further outlined the scholarship of engagement as a distinct set of five practices that included public scholarship, participatory research, community partnerships, public information networks that help communities identify resources and assets, and civic skills or civic literacy. (*Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement, Volume 9, Number 2, p. 123, 2004*). In 2010, an interdisciplinary group of scholars at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC) explored the new ways of understanding engaged scholarship that were emerging at UNC and other research universities. The models examined were community-based participatory research; public anthropology and sociology; critical race theory; public dialogues; “crisis disciplines”; and social entrepreneurship. (*Holland, et al. (2010). Models of engaged scholarship: An interdisciplinary discussion. Collaborative Anthropologies, 3, 1-36.*)

While the models, practices, and pedagogies continue to expand, the goal of the scholarship of engagement is to broaden and deepen the public aspects of academic scholarship and to generate, synthesize, and apply knowledge to address community issues. These efforts should be reciprocal and collaborative, encouraging public participation in the production of scholarship and creating scholarship that addresses public issues.

### The Prize

The UNCG/NCCC Engaged Scholarship Prize was developed by NC Campus Compact in partnership with Dr. Frank Gilliam, Chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, to grow and promote the scholarship of engagement in North Carolina. The prize will be awarded for the first time in February 2020 during the NC Campus Compact PACE conference and Presidents Forum.

This prize recognizes outstanding engaged scholarship in two categories: faculty and graduate student. A \$1000 prize will be awarded to a faculty member and \$500 will be awarded to a graduate student. In a given year, if there are no graduate student applications received or if a graduate student is not selected, the prize money will only go to the faculty scholar. We are

seeking to recognize scholars who not only study community engagement but who actually engage in the community.

## **Timeline**

Prize launch – December 9, 2019

Submission deadline – January 15, 2020

Selection announcement - January 27, 2020

Prize presentation – February 12, 2020

## **Eligibility Requirements**

### *Faculty Category*

- Faculty members (full-time, part time or adjunct) from an NC Campus Compact member institution are eligible for the prize.
- More than one faculty member from a single college or university may apply but they must complete separate applications.
- Individuals who have applied previously may reapply.
- The applicant must describe how their scholarly work is tied to their discipline, benefits the external community, and reflects the mission of the institution.
- Preference will be given to faculty members who demonstrate an ongoing commitment to the scholarship of engagement and body of work reflecting that commitment.

### *Graduate Student*

- Must be enrolled as a full-time graduate student at an NC Campus Compact member institution.
- Applicant must demonstrate how their scholarship tied to their discipline, benefits the external community, and reflects the mission of the institution.
- Preference will be given to a student who has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to the scholarship of engagement throughout their graduate studies.

## **Selection Process**

The selection committee will be comprised of representatives from the NC Campus Compact Engaged Faculty Scholars network, Engaged Faculty Award recipients, and the Community of Practice, Inquiry, and Learning (COPIIL). Chancellor Gilliam will review the finalists and approve final selection.

## **Selection Criteria**

1. The scholarship addresses public issues and might help communities identify resources and assets, explore civic skills, or build civic literacy
2. The effort is reciprocal and collaborative; it encourages public participation in the production of scholarship
3. The scholarship helps advance the field of higher education service-learning and community/civic engagement
4. The scholarship has been or will be disseminated to the public in print and/or spoken form (ex. academic journal, website, newsletter, recorded presentation, performance, podcast, etc.) and is archived in some way for future generations.
5. Evidence of sustained scholarship of engagement will improve a candidate's application.

## **Submission Process**

Applications must be submitted through the online form [accessible at this link](#). The application deadline is January 15, 2020

## **Questions?**

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