



Civic Engagement Opportunities for OSUN Partners  
(Students and Institutions)  
2021-2022

**Institutional Opportunities:**

**Community Innovation Hubs - Institutional Community Engagement Grants:**

**Application:** Currently open

**Deadline:** March 30, 2021

**Eligibility:** All OSUN Partner Campuses

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OSUN is offering institutional grants through the Bard Center for Civic Engagement to build the capacity of student-led start-up initiatives that have the potential to become long-term institutional program initiatives focused on addressing an identified community need. Initiatives can include student-driven community partnerships, social innovation incubator projects, or student-led big ideas that demonstrate promise for long-term impact. Grants are for \$15,000 USD for a one-year period. Initiatives for consideration should be led by students preparing to graduate in 2021. [Learn more here.](#)

**Engaged Liberal Arts and Sciences (ELAS) Community Based Learning - Course Development Grants:**

**Application:** Opens Spring 2021

**Deadline:** Spring 2021

**Eligibility:** Faculty at all OSUN Partner Campuses

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OSUN seeks to support faculty members across the network to develop courses that connect student's classroom experiences with the community to enhance learning and promote active citizenship. Proposals are invited from faculty across the network to design and support courses, which contain an element of community work, called the Engaged Liberal Arts and Sciences (ELAS).

**Engaged Research Fund:**

**Application:** Opens April 1, 2021

**Deadline:** April 15, 2021

**Eligibility:** Faculty and Graduate Students at all OSUN Partner Campuses

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The OSUN Engaged Research Fund invites applications for funding and research support for graduate students and faculty at OSUN partner institutions who are working to develop long-term, sustainable community partnerships as a central part of their research with a goal to develop shared knowledge about issues that align with OSUN priorities and themes. Full details can be found [HERE](#).



## **Opportunities for Students:**

### **Get Engaged Conference:**

**Application:** Spring 2021 Conference: April 10-11 | Apply [HERE](#).

**Deadline:** February 26th, 2021

**Eligibility:** Students at all OSUN Partner Campuses

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The eighth annual Get Engaged: Student Action and Youth Leadership Conference brings together undergraduate students to strengthen a global network of leaders and innovators who are working with community partners to develop solutions to local and global challenges. The conference exposes students to a wide range of ideas and experiences to help them lead community-based projects more effectively. The Get Engaged conference is a venue for sharing experiences, learning new skills, honing leadership styles, and networking with international peers. The conference helps students grow a network of change agents who are actively using the liberal arts as a tool to develop solutions to challenges in their communities. [Learn more](#).

### **MicroGrants:**

**Application:** Spring 2021

**Deadline:** March 19, 2021 (Apply [HERE](#)); May 14, 2021 (Apply [HERE](#))

**Eligibility:** First Round: Students at all OSUN Partner Campuses; Second Round: Get Engaged attendees only

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The Open Society University Network invites campus and community-based projects applications of up to \$750. Microgrants funds student-led civic engagement projects throughout the network. Get Engaged Conference participants are eligible for a round of micro-grants open only to attendees. Micro-grants are awarded to Get Engaged Alumni/ae to deepen or initiate student-led engagement projects or to connect two or more projects across the international network.

### **Global Fellows Program:**

**Application:** Spring 2021 (Applications open April 15)

**Eligibility:** Get Engaged Conference Participants

**Deadline:** May 15, 2021

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Global Fellows are undergraduate students across the Open Society University Network and Bard International Network who help students conceptualize and produce civic engagement projects. Global Engagement Fellows promote and coordinate thematic civic engagement projects across the Open Society University Network. Selected fellows have developed and sustained a civic engagement project and demonstrated leadership skills and a desire and aptitude for working with others. Applications for new fellowships open in Spring 2021. For more information, watch this [video](#), created by our 2020-21 Cohort.



### **Community Action Award:**

**Application:** Opens February 24, 2021

**Eligibility:** Students at all OSUN Partner Campuses

**Deadline:** April 1, 2021 (*First Round Application*) and April 16, 2021 (*Second Round Application*)

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Each summer, approximately 40 students across the Open Society University Network and the Bard International Network apply for and receive Community Action Awards (CAA). Community Action Awards aim to support student efforts to engage with communities locally, nationally, and internationally by providing funding for participation in unpaid or underpaid internships that address different issues impacting people around the world.

### **Engaged Senior Project:**

**Application:** Spring 2021 Apply [HERE](#)

**Eligibility:** Students at OSUN Partner Campuses; pending advisor approval

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**Deadline:** April 1, 2021 (Spring Semester) | October 15, 2021 (Fall Semester)

Engaged Senior Projects are student research projects that fulfill a requirement on campuses that require a senior or capstone project. Student microgrants are available to support student research that is centered on a question that emerges from a community engagement activity or experience, or that is conducted in collaboration with a community partner.

### **Certificate in Civic Engagement:**

**Application:** Under development

**Eligibility:** Currently open to Bard College students with plans for expansion across OSUN partner campuses in 2021-2022. Academic advisor approval required.

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**Deadline:** April 15, 2021 (spring semester)

The Certificate in Civic Engagement will provide a structured path for students to merge curricular and co-curricular civic pursuits and to deepen their knowledge and understanding of civic engagement. The Certificate in Civic Engagement is under development as a pilot program at Bard College and will be launched in collaboration with interested OSUN institutions beginning academic year 2021-22. Visit the [FAQ's](#) for additional information.