

## **Application Instructions:**

The OSUN Engaged Research Fund, hosted by the OSUN Civic Engagement Initiative, 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.

The Engaged Scholar Award (ESA) is for graduate students pursuing research that integrates community engagement into new or existing scholarship.

**Award: \$6,000**

The Engaged Faculty Scholar Award (EFSA) is for faculty whose scholarship incorporates community-based research into new or existing research and supports sustained community partners as long-term collaborators.

**Award: \$9,000**

## **Examples of past funded Engaged Research Fund Projects:**

- Assessing the needs of the LGBT refugee community in South Africa
- Community partnerships and dementia care in Bulgaria
- Translating the Field: On the Labor of Humanitarian Interpreters
- Mothers and Care-givers in Sex Work: A needs assessment study in South Africa
- Ethnomusicology and Disability studies in London
- Co-Production of Storytelling for Peacebuilding in Colombia
- Arts and Social Change: Honoring Jazz Veterans
- Closeness and Care: Elderly care in Serbia during the Covid19 pandemic

Full details on the Engaged Research Fund can be found [HERE](#). Please note, the Fund is solely open to faculty members at [OSUN member institutions](#).

Please contact Brian Mateo ([bmateo@bard.edu](mailto:bmateo@bard.edu)) and Caitlin O'Donnell ([codonnel@bard.edu](mailto:codonnel@bard.edu)) with any questions about the Engaged Research Fund.

## Application Components:

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- Up to date CV
- Project proposal that includes:
  - applicant's research question
  - proposed community partnership
  - outlines how the research is action oriented and builds capacity for the community
  - identifies potential community impacts and how those impacts will be measured;
- A detailed budget and timeline of your community-based research proposal or first year of doctoral studies curricula, with a clear explanation of when and how you will use the requested funds
- Scan of current official graduate school transcript
- A letter of recommendation from your academic supervisor that confirms and supports the proposed community partnership and confirms if the activity will need IRB/ethics committee approval for the proposed activities (scanned and attached to application)
- A letter from a community partner that establishes a clear community-academic research partnership and the potential impact the research can have in the community.
- An official letter from your academic institution confirming your enrollment status, department, and expected completion date (scanned and attached to application)

**The Engaged Faculty Scholar Award (EFSA) is for faculty** whose scholarship incorporates community-based research into new or existing research and supports sustained community partners as long term collaborators. Awards: \$9,000

- Up to date CV;
- Project proposal that includes:
  - applicant's research question
  - proposed community partnership
  - outlines how the research is action oriented and builds capacity for the community
  - identifies potential community impacts and how those impacts will be measured
  - Addresses how the partnership can be maintained long-term
- A detailed budget and timeline of your community-based research proposal with a clear explanation of when and how you will use the requested funds;
- A letter from a community partner that establishes a clear community-academic research partnership and the potential impact the research can have in the community as identified by the community partner;
- An official letter from your institution of employment confirming your status as a faculty member and endorsing the proposed research project (scanned and attached to application);
- An academic reference letter from a senior colleague in your field with direct knowledge of your work and your proposed research topic (scanned and attached to application).