



Community-Engaged Scholars (CES) Faculty Research Opportunity

Through the [Community-Engaged Scholars](#) program, the Eigel Center for Community-Engaged Learning supports Xavier faculty in the implementation of research that engages community partners through shared academic and community goals. The program is designed to:

- Further the production of community-based and service-learning research by Xavier faculty;
- Improve service-learning pedagogy and practices using a research-based approach;
- Foster dialogue and support for faculty involved in community-based research;
- Provide the Eigel Center's Community Engaged Fellows (CEF) a mentor in a collaborative community-engaged research experience.

To support small-scale research projects, the Eigel Center will distribute 2-4 awards in the form of a \$1,000 stipend and a summer undergraduate student research assistant. These will be awarded faculty who elect to undertake and present a study in collaboration with a civic partner related to an identified community issue and/or examine the broader impact of community-engaged teaching and learning. The research can include quantitative, qualitative, mixed methods, or case studies.

Each faculty awardee will be paired with an undergraduate Community Engaged Fellow (CEF) who will serve as a research assistant for 100 hours throughout summer 2025, with the possibility of extended fellow service through fall 2025. CEF's are scholarship students from over 15 different majors experienced in community development principles and committed to weekly service over their four years.

Award recipients will gather at an orientation the end of the spring semester for fellowship and support, and awardees will present their research on to the Xavier Community in October 2025, as part of Family Weekend, and in spring 2026 during the Week of Research. In addition, the International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement (IARSLCE) held annually in the fall is an excellent venue for presenting Scholarship on Teaching and Learning. The Eigel Center will support conference registration for mini-grant recipients who have papers accepted at the IARSLACE conference.

Information about the CEF program can be found [here](#).

To apply, submit the following statement of interest to eigelcenter@xavier.edu by April 25, 2025.

- Description of the research goal/s. Provide context for the research and a description of the community partner. (250 words)
- Description of your proposed methodology and research plan. How do you propose to undertake this research? (150 words)
- Description of a plan to involve a Community Engaged Fellow as a Research Assistant. (250 words).