

Community Based Learning Mini-Grants

Mini-grants of up to \$500 for the development of community based learning courses are now available on a rolling basis. These grants are meant to provide the support necessary to transform a traditional course into a community based learning course. We are particularly interested in courses that are sustainable and will not rely upon outside funds for implementation each year.

Broadly speaking, community based learning (CBL) is a pedagogical approach that intentionally links what is being taught in the classroom to the surrounding communities. CBL is grounded in mutual respect and the belief that all communities have educational assets and resources that can enhance learning experiences for students. CBL gives students the opportunity to integrate hands-on work in the community with classroom readings and discussion, supports students' ability to communicate effectively with diverse audiences, and encourages self-reflection.

To apply, please submit an application letter that includes a description of the course, the course learning objectives, a statement of how the integration of community based learning will strengthen student learning, and a basic budget to ctl@centre.edu. Please contact Ellen Prusinski with any questions.