

Engagement Scholarship Consortium Announces Applications for Sanction and Support of Community-Engagement Regional Conferences

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MANHATTAN, Ks. — The Engagement Scholarship Consortium (ESC) is proud to announce that it is accepting applications for funding in support of regional engagement conferences.

The Engagement Scholarship Consortium (ESC) - the premier resource for higher education and community partners focused on promoting excellence in the scholarship and practice of engaged scholarship locally and globally - was founded to provide opportunities for faculty to disseminate their research on the scholarship of engagement, primarily through our national conference. Providing additional conference opportunities for faculty, staff, students, and community partners to gather, explore, highlight, and report on community-engaged scholarship is an essential element of the ESC 2020 vision.

To embody the ESC vision, to stay connected to our regional roots, and to provide additional venues for faculty and staff to present and receive recognition for their scholarship, ESC encourages its members to host regional conferences. Member institutions may now apply to have those regional meetings sanctioned and financially supported by ESC.

"We believe that by hosting regional engagement conferences, ESC and its member institutions will realize several positive impacts," said Dr. Samory Pruitt, president of the ESC. Dr. Pruitt continued by pointing out that, "Hosting regional conferences will increase opportunities for faculty, students, and community partners to share their research, to build local leadership around community-engaged scholarship, bring increased institutional and partner recognition, and highlight community-engaged scholarly best practices. We are excited by this funding opportunity and hope ESC members will take advantage of this program."

The Engagement Scholarship Consortium will support up to four regional conferences per year. Applications for regional conference funding will be accepted on a rolling basis until annual funds for regional conferences are committed. For specific information on application procedures, submission, and criteria, go to: <u>https://engagementscholarship.org/conference/regional-meetings</u>.

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To register for the conference, visit https://engagementscholarship.org/conference/esc-2019-meeting/registration.

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