Call for Applications: Boyer Faculty Scholars Program
Office of University Outreach
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Goal

The goal of the Boyer1 Faculty Scholars Program is to deepen the campus-wide discourse, practice, and recognition of the scholarship of engagement2 at UM-Flint.

Objectives

1) Strengthen community-engaged3 pedagogy and research practices,
2) Cultivate faculty leadership for the “engaged citizenship” pillar of the campus mission, and
3) Recognize and enable the contributions of community-engaged faculty.

Eligible Applicants

The Boyer Faculty Scholars Program is for faculty members who:

- have previously taught at least one course4 or conducted a project (such as research) that is community-engaged,
- want to take their community-engaged teaching and research to the next level, and
- want to serve as campus leaders in the scholarship of engagement.

All full-time, permanent faculty members are invited to apply, because all are integral to the fulfillment of the campus mission. Tenured, tenure-track, lecturer and clinical faculty members have had demonstrable leadership roles in promoting the scholarship of engagement within UM-Flint. Furthermore, the program models the University Outreach values of justice and fairness, community building, economic vitality, being in service, and healthy relationships.

Program Description

The Boyer Faculty Scholars Program will provide advanced professional development to up to five

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1 According to UM-Flint’s awarded application for the 2010 Carnegie Classification for Community Engagement application, “All four academic units define scholarship broadly (after Boyer’s 1990 publication).”

2 The National Review Board for the Scholarship of Engagement defines the scholarship of engagement as “scholarship in the areas of teaching, research, and/or service. It engages faculty in academically relevant work that simultaneously meets campus mission and goals as well as community needs. In essence, it is a scholarly agenda that integrates community issues. In this definition, community is broadly defined to include audiences external to the campus that are part of a collaborative process to contribute to the public good.”


4 For 2015 applicants, eligible courses must have been signed up for the UM-Flint’s Civic Engagement Course Indicator: http://www.umflint.edu/outreach/civic-engagement-course-indicator.
(5) faculty members in the spring semester, support participating faculty’s project design through summer, and highlight participating faculty’s work and lessons learned in the following fall or winter semester.

Boyer Faculty Scholars will:

1) Receive a $1,500 stipend in an addition to salary and a letter of recognition signed by the Provost and the Director of University Outreach. Upon being selected, a letter of recognition and announcement will be sent to participating faculty members’ department chair and dean. The stipend will be paid in two installments: half after the completion of the four professional development sessions and half after completion of the program deliverables.

2) Meet with University Outreach staff for two consultations regarding the proposed community-engaged scholarly activity. The one-on-one consultations will provide support for the Boyer Faculty Scholar’s signature project, to:

   a. Revise a course syllabus to newly include academic service-learning and collect data to determine the outcomes of students’ participation in the service-learning class. Service-learning is a course-based, credit-bearing educational experience in which students (a) participate in an organized service activity that meets identified community needs and (b) reflect on the service activity in such a way as to gain further understanding of course content, a broader appreciation of the discipline, and an enhanced sense of personal values and civic responsibility (Bringle, et al., 2006).

   AND/OR

   b. Design a participatory research project. “Participatory research is defined as systematic inquiry, with the collaboration of those affected by the issue being studied, for purposes of education and taking action or effecting change” (Green et al., 2003).

The City of Flint’s Imagine Flint Master Plan is a visionary and comprehensive blueprint for Flint’s 20+ years of future city planning and development. With over 100 community improvement strategies, the Master Plan offers many opportunities for community-engaged teaching and scholarship. UM-Flint is committed to supporting the implementation of the Master Plan. Therefore, applicants are encouraged (not required) to propose signature Boyer projects that support one or more strategy contained in the Master Plan. For lists of the strategies, see the implementation matrix at the end of Master Plan chapters 4-11 at http://imagineflint.com/Documents.aspx. For more information on UM-Flint’s efforts to support the implementation of the Master Plan, please visit: http://www.umflint.edu/outreach/impact-circle.

Consultations will be scheduled in the summer and fall semesters, based on the mutual availability of the Boyer Faculty Scholar and University Outreach staff.

3) Meet as a learning community cohort for 16 hours of professional development covering topics such as core literature on community-engaged scholarship, participatory research, sustainable community partnerships, and public dissemination of scholarly work. The interactive professional development sessions, with lunch provided, are scheduled for:
Sessions will feature a book club format (with reading materials provided in advance) and guest speakers who have been successful in the scholarship of engagement.

4) Document and share their success stories, lessons learned, and experience in the Boyer Faculty Scholars Program in at least one event for a faculty audience hosted by University Outreach (e.g. a symposium or showcase) and at a departmental meeting.

5) Submit a 2-3 page final report within two weeks following the Boyer Scholar’s campus presentation.

Application Requirements

Applications are due on Monday, May 4, 2015. To apply, please complete and submit the Boyer Faculty Scholars Application Form and your current curriculum vitae (CV) to the Office of University Outreach by email at myounis@umflint.edu.

Open-ended questions in the application may be answered in a total of 2-3 pages, or longer if you prefer. If you have any questions, please contact Mona Munroe-Younis in University Outreach at myounis@umflint.edu or (810) 424-5181.

Selection Process

Up to five (5) faculty members will be selected for the 2015-2016 program year. Faculty awards will be administered by the Office of University Outreach.

Selection will be based on:

- the quality and relevance of past scholarly activities
- the quality and relevance of the proposal for future scholarship of engagement
- suitability of ideas for public translation and readiness of candidate to work in the public realm
- the candidate’s ability to fully participate in the program and willingness to be a campus leader in the scholarship of engagement

Special consideration will be given to proposals that support the Imagine Flint Master Plan. (See the above Program Description for more details).

The Boyer Faculty Scholars Program is brought to you by the Office of University Outreach and funded by the Office of the Provost. University Outreach connects campus and community to support learning, collaboration, and partnerships.