This is a call for applications to the 2021-2022 cohort of the Engagement and Outreach Scholars Academy. Interested faculty should consider whether they want to use research to work with communities to solve problems. Applications are due no later than 5:00 PM on November 13, 2020.

In 2009, the EOSA was created to increase the knowledge of, motivation for, and resource capacity for community engagement with external partners. Community engagement is defined as “…collaboration between institutions of higher education and their larger communities (local, regional/state, national, global) for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources in a context of partnership and reciprocity.” Engagement is central to the mission of higher education. It is one of the ways ECU strives to meet its strategic commitments. Together, our faculty and students have worked with partners through engaged scholarship that is making a difference for communities in eastern North Carolina and across the globe.

Any number of faculty per college/school/center/institute may apply. The Engagement and Outreach Scholars Academy provides professional development that enables faculty to develop mutually beneficial scholarship with a community partner that results in peer-reviewed scholarly publications, extramural grant funding, curricular materials, and/or other scholarly activities. Past scholars have partnered with communities to study issues tied to the sciences, arts and humanities, health and wellness, education, and economic transformation. A listing of EOSA alums and their research is located at https://rede.ecu.edu/engagement/programs-and-initiatives/osa/past-scholars/.

A successful nominee will:

- Have an active research agenda that contributes to his or her discipline and has an impact on the community;
- Demonstrate a clear desire to implement a research agenda that incorporates engaged scholarship;
- Have a desire for new learning about community engaged scholarship;
- Demonstrate the capacity to communicate effectively and disseminate the results of scholarly work to external audiences;
- Have strong interpersonal and professional communication skills;
- Demonstrate a commitment to actively participating in the program, including planning and implementing an engaged scholarship project collaboratively with a community partner; and,
- Be a 1) Tenure Track or 2) Permanently Tenured faculty member or 3) Fixed Term faculty member with at least 5 years of ECU employment.

EOSA scholars will be required to attend workshops and to arrange their faculty workload to accommodate the workshop dates. Workshops will occur during the spring and fall semester. In addition, EOSA scholars will work with EC scholars and graduate students to present their research. Attendance is required.

EOSA scholars will meet with the EOSA director in December of 2020 as preparation for beginning the Academy in January 2021. These meetings will be scheduled by the EOSA director and provide foundational information to aid the scholar in developing a community partnership and research topic that can be refined during the EOSA.

EOSA project teams include the faculty scholar, a graduate assistant, two to three EC Scholars, and the community partner. EOSA partners with the Honors College to provide a research internship experience for EC Scholars enrolled in the HNRS 3100 course. Graduate students and EC Scholars will participate in the Student Engagement and
Outreach Scholars Academy. Proposals will outline community partner project, roles and responsibilities of EOSA scholar, community partner, EC scholars, and graduate student. Additionally, the Office of Community Engagement and Research provides funding to support EOSA scholars’ projects. Funding is contingent on university budget allocations.

At the end of the EOSA Academy, the scholars will be required to submit a proposal related to their engagement scholarship for presentation at a professional academic conference, a refereed journal article or juried creative work, and/or a request to an external funding agency within 18 months of the completion of the Academy.

The EOSA application and instructions are attached. All materials should be submitted electronically by the faculty applicant. Click HERE to download the application (PDF).

**LIST OF IMPORTANT DATES**

**For applicants**
November 13, 2020  application due
December 1, 2020  notification of reviewers’ decision

**For those accepted**
December 2020 meeting with EOSA Director
January 22, 2021  EOSA workshop
February 19, 2021  EOSA workshop
March 19, 2021  EOSA workshop
March 26, 2021  Partnership and approved research topic
April 23, 2021  EOSA workshop
May and June  1:1 meetings with EOSA Director
May and June  refine IRB
July 1, 2021  submit IRB
August 27, 2021  meet EC scholars
September 10, 2021  EOSA workshop
October 15, 2021  EOSA workshop
November 5, 2021  EOSA workshop
November 19, 2021  EOSA workshop research presentations