



2025-2026 ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH SCHOLARS ACADEMY CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The [Engagement and Outreach Scholars Academy \(EOSA\)](#) provides professional development that enables faculty to develop mutually beneficial scholarship with an engaged community partner. The scholar and the partner complete the research as a response to community identified needs. The results of the engaged scholarship are shared to both the local community and the research community. Research products may include community workshops, local media reports, and ongoing community events, peer-reviewed scholarly presentations or publications and curricular materials. Extra-mural grant funding to continue or expand the engaged scholarship is also a goal. Previous scholars have partnered to evaluate issues related to water quality, coastal hazards, the impact of the arts on educational attainment, fitness and community health and wellness, fairness in transportation policy, math and reading literacy, and economic transformation through small business ownership. A complete listing of EOSA alumni and their research can be [viewed online](#).

A successful scholar will:

- Have an active research agenda that contributes to their discipline and has an impact on the community;
- Demonstrate a clear desire to implement a research agenda that incorporates engaged scholarship;
- Have a desire to learn more about community engaged scholarship;
- Demonstrate the capacity to communicate with partners effectively and disseminate information to the community;
- Demonstrate strong interpersonal and professional communication skills;
- Demonstrate a commitment to actively participate in the program with a community partner, including the planning and implementation of the engaged scholarship project; 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 engage in a series of workshops to prepare them for community-based scholarship. Faculty workloads are adapted to facilitate attendance at monthly Friday workshop dates during the spring and fall semesters.

EOSA project teams are composed of the faculty scholar, the community partner, a graduate assistant, two to three Brinkley-Lane Scholars, and an EOSA Coach. EOSA is in partnership with the Honors College to provide research learning opportunities for the undergraduate Brinkley-Lane Scholars enrolled in HNRS 3100. Graduate students and Brinkley-Lane Scholars will participate in the Student Engagement and Outreach Scholars Academy (SEOSA). This team is essential to the success of the EOSA projects and program.

Research proposals are mentored on how to construct an outline of the proposed project along with the anticipated roles and responsibilities for the EOSA scholar, community partner, BL scholars, and graduate student. The budget for the proposed project is funded by the Office of Engaged Research. Funding is contingent on university budget allocations.

At the end of the EOSA funding cycle, (project completion) the scholars are required to submit a proposal to present their EOSA project at a professional academic conference AND publish the findings in a refereed journal article or juried creative work OR submit a proposal to an appropriate external funding agency within 24 months of project completion.

The EOSA application and instructions are attached. All materials should be submitted electronically by the individual faculty applicant or faculty team as a PDF file to the Office of Engaged Research (communityengagement@ecu.edu).

EOSA APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

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Please submit the completed application packet electronically to communityengagement@ecu.edu by **5:00 PM on Monday, October 14, 2024.**

Applicants will be reviewed to determine:

- likelihood of successfully completing EOSA assignments (research protocol, IRB (Institutional Review Board) application, job descriptions for GA and BLS, budget, partnership agreement);
- potential or presence for a mutually beneficial partnership.
- evidence of research topics that are of interest to the community.
- likelihood of contribution to student success, serving the public, and/or regional transformation.

Completed packets will contain:

- Application
- Applicant's curriculum vita
- A letter of support from the chair
- Acknowledgement of support from the dean can be a co-signature on the letter from the chair.
- Acknowledgement of support from the Associate Dean for Research (ADR) can be a co-signature on the letter of support from the chair.

Completed applications should be submitted as a single PDF document to the Office of Engaged Research (communityengagement@ecu.edu).

Faculty selected by the EOSA Selection Committee for the 2025-26 cohort will be notified by Friday, November 1, 2024.

EOSA CANDIDATE APPLICATION

CLICK IN THE SPACE BELOW TO ENTER TEXT.

Name:

Rank or Title:

Phone Number:

Email:

College & Department:

Address/Mail Stop:

Name of Dean:

Name of Associate Dean for Reserach:

Name of Department Chair or Director:

PLEASE INDICATE THE PERCENTAGE OF TIME ALLOCATED TO EACH DUTY IN YOUR CURRENT POSITION:

Teaching:

Research:

Administration:

Service:

Clinical:

Total:

Specify percent of effort you will devote to the project over the 18-month commitment:

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CHECK IF TRUE:

I am a mid-level or senior faculty member at ECU.

EOSA APPLICATION QUESTIONS

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1. Think about your participation in the EOSA professional development opportunity as an 18-month process (beginning Spring 2025 and ending at the conclusion of the 2026 academic year). List three specific aims you plan to accomplish as an EOSA scholar/team. Describe at least one metric that would demonstrate progress to fulfilling each aim. (up to 250 words)

2. Describe a community need that aligns with your engaged scholarship aims. Tell how you became aware of the need (e.g., scholarly research, personal connection, engagement with the community etc.) Provide details on potential community partners for your proposed EOSA project. Please describe your anticipated role and responsibilities, the role of the community partner, how the undergraduate and graduate students would be involved. (up to 200 words)

EOSA APPLICATION QUESTIONS CONTINUED

3. Describe how participation in EOSA will contribute to your overall research agenda and professional trajectory. (up to 200 words)

4. Describe your current understanding of community engaged scholarship and how the community needs that you described in #2 above would benefit from community engaged scholarship, as you understand it. (up to 150 words)

EOSA APPLICATION QUESTIONS CONTINUED

5. EOSA is grounded in building inclusive, equitable and sustainable partnerships. Describe how you have or plan to build partnerships with communities and/or student partners through public service, outreach or engaged research consistent with the university mission priorities of student success, public service, and regional transformation. (up to 200 words)

INCLUDE WITH APPLICATION:

- A CV (PDF file only)
- A letter of support from your chair and acknowledgment of support from the dean and the associated dean for research are essential to faculty support in EOSA (co-signatures to a single letter are acceptable). The letter of support should be a max of 2 pages and explain why you would be a good candidate for EOSA).

Applicants are encouraged to communicate their plans with the ADR and incorporate their proposed EOSA project into their broad research and funding agenda.

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