

Innovation and Leadership for Engagement



The Scholarship of Outreach and Engagement: What It Is and Why It Matters

Who should attend?

- University faculty who are or want to be involved in engaged scholarship
- University staff members who develop relationships between the research and public missions of their institutions and communities
- Community members and students who are working to increase engagement or who want to learn more about engaged institutions
- University and community representatives who want to participate in a critical dialogue about the future of the engaged university

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The purpose of the 2008 national Outreach Scholarship Conference is to bring together more than 400 people from throughout the country who are looking for an opportunity for critical reflection on the public mission and work of an academic institution—along with the scholarship that underpins this work—and to strengthen institutional support for engagement and public scholarship. If you are currently involved in outreach and engaged scholarship, or want to learn more, we cordially invite you to submit a proposal to share your knowledge and questions with colleagues.

You will participate in activities that: foster debate on the public mission and work of the academic institution; examine theory, methods, practice, and evaluation of engaged scholarship; clarify the expectations of community and university partners in engagement; and explore and identify strategies for strengthening institutional support

2008 Conference Tracks

Complete details and descriptions are available at www.outreachscholarship.org

- What is the future of engagement in higher education?
- How can engaged scholarship enhance a broad, integrated approach to teaching, research, and service?

- What do communities expect from engaged universities?
- What are the positive and challenging aspects of community-university partnerships?
- What is the importance of theory, practice, and evaluation in engaged scholarship?
- What motivates faculty involvement in engaged scholarship?
- What institutional changes are needed to achieve the promise of public engagement?

We invite you to submit your online proposal for an oral or poster presentation by February 25, 2008.

Presentation Options: Oral and poster presentations will be scheduled throughout the conference, October 7–9.

Complete submission requirements and selection criteria are available at the conference Web site, along with additional information about the 2008 Outreach Scholarship Conference. Please visit www.outreachscholarship.org

Successful applicants will be notified by **April 15, 2008**.

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