University of Idaho

Service-Learning Center

The Engaged Department Award will be given annually to up to two UI departments or programs, funding permitting, that make significant strides in service-learning. Awards of $4,000 per academic year will be given to departments or programs that commit to the following engagement goals in the next academic year:

- At least one senior faculty member and two others of any rank would complete the online Service-Learning modules for faculty , thereby becoming (or renewing their titles of) Service-Learning Faculty Fellows;

- These faculty agree to serve as mentors to others in their department or program interested in incorporating service-learning and/or community-based research into their teaching and/or research.

- The department or program will offer at least two service-learning courses taught by Service-Learning Faculty Fellows, preferably one entry-level course without prerequisites and another, more advanced course that offers students more complex service-learning experiences.

Preference will be given to departments or programs with new or emerging engagement profiles. But no restrictions will be placed on how the award money is used, although the money would have to be transferred into an X account initially. Engaged departments and programs would also receive special recognition in the Service-Learning Annual report and on our websites. The awards for the coming academic year will be announced at the Annual Community Partner Celebration Breakfast in May.

To apply, submit a letter up to 750 words in length describing how the department or program intends to meet the above requirements. The letter should be signed by the Head of the department or program and the three faculty members who will serve as Service-Learning faculty fellows. **.**

Submit letters by March 31st, 2012 to:
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