

Community-Engaged Learning and Your Career

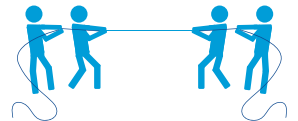
Community-Engaged Learning (CEL) blends reflection for deeper learning with community engagement into your coursework by providing opportunities for service with nonprofits, governmental, and/or educational community partners. CEL makes course content relevant and directly applicable to the real world putting you in a good position to transfer, apply to grad school or land that job! Here's how:



Build your network

Volunteer at a local school, build garden boxes at the YMCA or host an event to raise money for a cause close to you! The people you work with will be able to provide you a reference or may even hire you!

Be competitive



Did you know that volunteer hours makes you competitive in the job market? Adding volunteer work to your resume can often showcase your skills, ability to work on a team, and innovation. It's hard to gain that experience AND go to school, so volunteer and get credit at the same time!



Make a difference

Volunteering in your community has a ripple effect that goes further than you think! Partner with someone to serve a community need or lend your skills to a non-profit, your example to those you serve and your peers will leave a lasting impression.

Deepen your learning



CEL is a high-impact practice that helps take the things you learn in the classroom and apply them to real-world experiences. This will add a value to your education, skills and abilities.



Expand your skills

CEL builds and improves upon attributes that make you a hireable candidate in any job. Problem solving, teamwork, communication, and leadership skills are career competencies that employers are looking for that you can achieve through CEL!

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CEL and Funding

CEL pays! Students who participate in CEL opportunities can apply for tuition waivers or grants.



Tuition Waivers

If you are taking or have taken a designated CEL course and showcased your experience and reflection on your ePortfolio, this tuition waiver is for you. Each year the Engaged Learning Office selects outstanding scholars who have used their ePortfolios to show off the great work they are doing both academically and in the community. If you are not sure that your ePortfolio is up to snuff, then head down to one of SLCC's labs for some help. Interested students can find the application, grading rubric and examples of previous award winners on our website listed below.

CEL Student Fund



The CEL Student Fund (CELSF) is for students enrolled in CEL classes and select other programs. These students may request funding up to \$500 to offset costs directly related to their CEL projects! Just submit a proposal explaining the details of your project and how it relates to your course learning objectives to apply for funding. Approved funds can be used for consumable goods only such as food, school supplies or even travel costs! Interested students can find the application on our website listed below!

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