Engaged Leadership, Office of Engagement Initiatives

The Office of Engaged Leadership within the Office of Engagement Initiatives supports and empowers students to take action in communities (on- and off-campus). We do this by supporting existing service-learning and community-engaged programs open to all undergraduate, graduate and professional students. Additionally, we offer internal community engagement programming (Engaged Student Ambassadors, Community-Engaged Student Travel Grant, Social Justice Roundtable: Be the Change workshops) to further guide students pursuing the Certificate in Engaged Leadership.

Community-Engaged Student Travel Grant

Engaged Leadership’s Community-Engaged Student Travel Grant program (CESTG) provides grants to support students participating in service-learning and/or community-based research domestically or internationally. The goal of the program is to make engaged learning financially accessible for students across the university and to help ensure that the cohort of participants in engaged learning experiences more fully represents the diversity at Cornell. CESTG program promotes the quality of engaged learning by facilitating pre-, during-, and post-trip activities centered on critical reflection.

CESTG Activities and Expectations

Facilitated by Engaged Student Ambassadors, trained reflective practitioners, Engaged Leadership embeds critical reflection throughout grant recipients engaged experiences. The CESTG includes pre-, during-, and post-engagement activities that include:

Pre-Engagement Workshop

Participants begin to examine their identities, biases, and assumptions prior to departure and begin to build a shared community amongst other grantees.

Choose to attend one of the following workshops:

- Workshop 1        Mon, Dec 4 Kennedy Hall, room 209
- Workshop 2        Tues, Dec 5 in Weill Hall, room 226

Reflective Prompts (email to engagedleadership@cornell.edu)

Participants and Engaged Student Ambassadors continue their critically reflective dialogue throughout the community engaged experience.

- First Reflection Due Thurs, Jan 11 at 11:59 pm

Community Report

Participants disseminate knowledge stemming from their engaged experiences to the engaged community campus members of students, staff and faculty.

- Post-Engagement Debrief Weds, Feb 7, Weill Hall, room 226
- Final Report Fri, Feb 9
  - Email to engagedleadership@cornell.edu
- Community Engagement Showcase Mon, Apr 16

CESTG winter 2018 participants are required to complete all of CESTG related activities by Friday, February 9, 2018 at 11:59 pm.