2019-2020 Events, Programs, and Opportunities

Community Partner Breakfast

Friday, October 11, 2019  8:00-10:30am  Rio Grande, University Center
RSVP on the CSL Website   www.uta.edu/csl

The annual Partner Breakfast brings together UT Arlington Faculty, Staff, and Administrators with regional Nonprofit Community Agencies, providing a unique opportunity for collaboration through service learning projects within UT Arlington academic courses. It also provides campus departments the chance to discuss service opportunities for their departments and organizations wherein civic engagement is a key component.

The program consists of breakfast & an overview from CSL, departmental speakers, panel of faculty and community partners sharing inspirational service learning experiences, and networking.

Service Learning Faculty Fellows

Fall 2019 Cohort Seminars
- Saturday, August 17, 2019 9:00am-3:00pm
- Friday, September 20, 2019 2:00-4:30pm
- Friday, October 18, 2019 2:00-4:30pm
- Friday, November 22, 2019 2:00-4:30pm
- Friday, December 6, 2019 11:30am-1:30pm University Club (luncheon)

Spring 2020 Cohort Seminars
- Saturday, January 25, 2020 9:00am-3:00pm
- Thursday, February 20, 2020 2:00-4:30pm
- Thursday, March 19, 2020 2:00-4:30pm
- Thursday, April 16, 2020 2:00-4:30pm
- Friday, May 8, 2020 11:30am-1:30pm University Club (luncheon)

The Faculty Fellows Program is a semester-long program for faculty interested in integrating service learning into their courses. In a series of monthly seminars, conducted both on campus and at area nonprofit agencies, faculty examine the academic and institutional origins of service learning, pedagogical best practices, and possibilities of combining service learning and research.

Collegiality is one of the highlights of the Faculty Fellows experience. Faculty meet, discuss, and share in small group settings to grow their knowledge of the process and nurture their community spirit, while engaging with their community, within a mentoring environment. Through this interaction, Faculty Fellows form sustainable partnerships and supportive networks, plus have opportunities to engage in collaborative, community-based research and scholarship.

To apply, email a single PDF containing the following materials to Susan Dequeant (dequeant@uta.edu), Director of Service Learning: 1) A letter of approximately 500 words describing your current position, teaching interests, prior experience (if any) with service learning, and the course to which you plan to add a service learning component, and 2) A current CV

Applications for the Spring 2020 Program will be accepted through Wednesday, January 8, 2020, with preference given to those who apply early.

CSL Presentations to a Class or at a Departmental Meeting or Event

The CSL welcomes the opportunity to present at and/or speak with your class or department about the benefits of service learning. If you would like us to give a presentation to your class, discuss service learning options during a staff meeting, or simply meet for a 1-on-1 discussion, feel free to reach out to us at servicelearning@uta.edu
SERVICE LEARNING FASTTRACK AND DEPARTMENTAL WORKSHOPS

FastTrack Workshop - CSL is developing a campus-wide service learning workshop open to all UTA faculty and staff. Through this intensive program, participants will acquire the basic skills, knowledge, resources, and forms to incorporate service learning into their courses.

Departmental Workshop – CSL will conduct a streamlined workshop at your department’s request. This workshop will provide faculty some basic skills & knowledge about service learning and answer questions regarding incorporating it into courses. Workshops may also be designed as a lunch and learn.

STUDENT SERVICE LEARNING SHOWCASE
Friday, April 24, 2020   8:00-10:30am   Carlisle Suite, University Center

Individual students and student teams from across disciplines apply to formally present their service learning projects to an audience of UTA Faculty, Administrators, and Staff as part of the Faculty Affairs Maverick Advantage Faculty Engagement event. It is an excellent opportunity to witness the personal impact of their experience. Projects will highlight community engagement organized and completed as a service learning component within a UTA course conducted during the 2019-2020 academic year. Please encourage your students to apply!

The formal portion of the program includes selected oral presenters, but all applicants will be invited to do a poster presentation to display/discuss their service learning project during the event. All student presenters (oral and poster) must be available to attend the morning Showcase event program. Posters will remain at the UC to be displayed during the continuation of the Faculty Affairs Maverick Advantage event that day.
Breakfast is provided to all student presenters at the Showcase.

SERVICE LEARNING FACULTY: THE GATHERING
Wednesday, September 18, 2019   11:30am-1:00pm   Engineering Research Building
Spring Event 2020 TBD

Service Learning Faculty Fellows have asked for an opportunity to speak with other Fellows and to network with faculty across disciplines who teach with a service learning component, share stories and information, ask questions about incorporating it into your course, and learn more about CSL resources. The Gathering offers this opportunity.

It is open to service learning faculty, and faculty interested in learning more about service learning’s academic community engagement and the Maverick Advantage Faculty Engagement initiative.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY EXCHANGE
Friday, October 11, 2019   11:30am-1:00pm   Palo Duro Lounge (by the food plaza), University Center

Community Agencies attending the Partner Breakfast are encouraged to remain on campus and participate through tabling at the volunteer fair. The CSL collaborates with UTA Volunteers, a departmental organization in the Follett Student Leadership Center, on this ever-growing event. Volunteers move the nonprofit agencies from the Partner Breakfast location to the open-room setting inside the UC, close to the campus Food Court.

This event is open to the entire UTA Community and enables faculty, staff, student organizations, campus departments, and/or individuals to network with our area nonprofit agencies to find ongoing or short-term service learning projects and volunteering opportunities.

SERVICE LEARNING IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE MAVERICK ADVANTAGE!

The Maverick Advantage program encourages students to participate in experiential learning within 5 distinguishing activities and apply for the Maverick Advantage Distinction:

- Leadership Development
- Undergraduate Research
- Community Engagement
  - Service Learning is a vital part of the Community Engagement Distinguishing Activity!
- Career Development
- Global Engagement