

# CSM SPRING 2025 Community Engagement AWA (CE-AWA) AY 24-25

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Faculty members in the College of the Sciences and Mathematics are invited to apply for community engagement AWAs (CE-AWA) that are available for the Spring 2025 semester.

## Important Dates

**Submission deadline: Monday, September 30, 2024 at 11:59 pm.**

All applications must be submitted to [Qualtrics](#) as a single pdf file, including the cover sheet signed by the the applicant and their department chair. Email submissions will not be accepted.

Award notifications will be emailed the week of October 14, 2024

## Purpose

CE-AWA is designed to support and encourage outreach and/or high-level service to the campus community and/or broader community among faculty within the College of the Sciences and Mathematics. The maximum award is three credits of AWA.

## Eligibility

Tenured or tenure-track regular faculty members with an appointment in the College of the Sciences and Mathematics are eligible to apply. Priority will be given to proposals where student involvement in applicants' service and outreach projects is clearly demonstrated or potential for future external funding is demonstrated. Eligible outreach/service activities include projects that serve WCU's campus community directly, as well as projects focusing on the broader community. Projects may take many forms including, but not limited to: use of academic expertise to aid a community partner through hand-on activities or research support; development and execution of initiatives that benefit the university beyond the realm of teaching and/or research. Proposed projects should clearly require a significant time commitment on the part of the applicant to demonstrate need of AWA support.

Faculty receiving AWAs or any other form of compensation for the activities covered by the CE-AWA from any unit within WCU for the 24-25 academic year are not eligible for CE-AWA for the Spring 2025 semester. Service on WCU or professional committees are not eligible.

Awards made through this RFP are for the Spring 2025 semester only. Faculty receiving these AWAs cannot use them for overload purposes.

## Scope

CE-AWAs are awarded from discretionary AWAs available to the Dean of the College of the Sciences and Mathematics.

## Application Guidelines

CE-AWA awards provide an opportunity for faculty to devote time to further their outreach/service activities. The CE-AWA award is a scholarly product that carries merit in the teacher-scholar models of many departments and by tenure and promotion committees. Therefore, the quality of the application is expected to be commensurate with professional and academic standards. The application for a CE-AWA award must consist of the following materials:

1. **Narrative Description.** A maximum of 3 pages, single-spaced, 0.75 inch margin, 12-pt font, using language that can be understood by faculty from any discipline. Please include the project title and applicant's name on the first page of the proposal. A narrative description of the proposed project that contains the components listed below must be provided. All parts of the proposal should be labeled, using the topics below as section headings. The evaluation of the proposal will be based, in part, on how the narrative description addresses these topics:
  - **Purpose and Significance.** Provide a detailed explanation of the project that the applicant will be engaging in, specifically who on campus and/or in the community the project will be serving, how much time the faculty member anticipates devoting to this work and the overall goals of the project. Include a clear description of how students will be involved, if applicable. Describe how the campus and/or community will benefit from the proposed project.
  - **Relevant Experience.** Provide a description of any outreach/service activities related to the proposed project completed within the last three years. New faculty members applying for CE-AWA can include past service experience if they have not been at WCU for three years.
  - **Outcomes.** Describe how the service project will enrich the applicant's overall growth as a teacher scholar, including how the service activities will inform or compliment future teaching and research. Describe how you will assess the impact of the service activities on the campus/community entities the project is focused on. Describe other opportunities that might become available to the applicant following the completion of the proposed project. If applicable, describe anticipated educational outcomes for students involved in the project.
2. **Résumé.** 2 pages. Please include all relevant qualifications and experience.

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