



Office of Outreach and Engagement

Your monthly news & updates



Our First Faculty Engagement Institute

The Office of Outreach and Engagement kicked off summer this year with our first-ever Faculty Engagement Institute at the end of May. In partnership with Iowa Campus Compact, 10 UI faculty (as well as faculty from UNI and ISU) participated in a two-day institute that focused on building skills related to community-engaged learning. The institute particularly emphasized syllabus development and

modification, developing and sustaining community partnerships, and building a network of faculty committed to community engagement.

Each faculty member who participated in the institute will be completing a community-engaged learning project with a community in Iowa this upcoming academic year. Thank you to Campus Compact for providing additional sponsorship of this event that will support project development and implementation with our partner communities. We are grateful to all the faculty who attended the institute and look forward to hosting more workshops and seminars related to best practices for community engagement this fall and spring. For more information and photos from the Institute, please visit our [Facebook page](#).

Linda Snetselaar,
Associate Provost for Outreach and Engagement

UI Students Report Community Engagement Positively Impacts Learning and Skills Development

Have you wondered how University of Iowa students feel about opportunities to learn outside of the classroom and collaborate with Iowa communities on real-world projects?

We recently conducted a survey of students who completed [community-based engagement projects](#) during the 2018-19 academic year. These students worked alongside professionals in their field, civic leaders, and the general public to address important issues and opportunities across Iowa. Engagement projects are often more challenging and

One student's comment sums up the benefits of community-based engagement work:

“Being able to work with a real-life client on a real-world problem was extremely beneficial as it motivated me to actually try to help someone. It made the class much more entertaining, and I engaged more knowing that.

unpredictable than the classroom environment, but the survey indicates these collaborations have significant and positive impacts for student learning and development. Here are a few survey results:

- Students report that the project helped improve a variety of personal skills, such as working in a team setting, communication, critical thinking and problem solving, public speaking, and leadership.
- 95% of students agree that their project helped them better connect to their studies/major.
- 92% of students agree that their project helped them better understand the role of a professional in their field.
- 88% of students agree that their project helped them better understand the course content.
- 90% of students agree their project helped them gain awareness about the challenges and/or opportunities in the state of Iowa.
- 79% of students agree that their project helped improve their personal confidence.
- 73% of students agree that their project inspired them to be more involved in their (current or future) community.

It also helped to get some experience that would be great to put on a resume."

Quote from UI student survey



Translation Workshop students created Spanish-language versions of civic documents to help ESL residents in Webster City access information and resources. See their [final reports](#).

IISC Community Partner Application is Open!

Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities (IISC)

Your community could be our next partner.



More information at: <https://outreach.uiowa.edu/communities/iisc>

20,000
hours of work
from **150+**
Iowa students

Could your community benefit from 15-20 projects completed by University of Iowa faculty, students, and staff? Consider submitting a Letter of Interest to become the 2020-2021 IISC partner.



We've developed a new process to apply for the Iowa [Initiative for Sustainable Communities \(IISC\) partnership](#) for the 2020-21 academic year. We're requesting a Letter of Interest, which will be quicker

and easier for communities to complete than the full proposals we've required in the past.

The IISC Request for Letters of Interest is open now through September 1, 2019. Please

How to Apply

Webster City's Mural Completed



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Webster City's mural is
up and looking vibrant!

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Downtown Webster City brightened up last month with the completion and installation of a large-scale mural, designed by UI graduate student Ali Hval. Members of the Webster City community helped paint the 12 panels that make up the mural. Each piece reflects an important aspect of Webster City's culture, from its iconic Kendall Young library to the Hamilton County speedway.

"Webster City counts itself very fortunate to introduce new public art to the community through our partnership with the university," said Lindsay Henderson, Webster City community vitality director.

Read more about this public art project in Webster City's local news coverage from the [Freeman Journal](#).

Children Enjoy Arts Experiences at Summer Arts Camp



Iowa Writers' Workshop graduate student Nora Miller works with campers.



Grant Wood Art Colony Fellow Ryan Parker teaches tie-dyeing techniques.

Sixty children spent their first week of summer exploring the arts at Arts Share/Grant Wood Art Colony Summer Arts Camp, taught by University of Iowa graduate students. One of the highlights of the week was tie-dyeing t-shirts with Grant Wood Fellow Ryan Parker. Camp attendees also enjoyed theatre games, attended a musical performance, and wrote mysteries.

Fellows Announced for 2019-20

Each year,
three
fellows are

The Grant Wood Art Colony of the University of Iowa announces the recipients of the 2019-20 Grant Wood Fellowship. Through a competitive process, the



selected from an international search to become artists-in-residence and

visiting assistant professors at the University of Iowa. For bios about the new and former fellows:

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following talented artists were selected by their peers: Tony Orrico (Interdisciplinary Performance - Dance), Suzanne Wright (Painting & Drawing), and Tyanna Buie (Printmaking).

During their year at the University of Iowa, the fellows will live at the Grant Wood Art Colony, each teach one course per semester, engage community members across the state, and make work. The Grant Wood Art Colony will host several lectures and an end-of-year exhibition.

ACTIVITIES & DEADLINES...

[IISC Request for Letter of Interest Open.](#)

July. 1, 2019

[Spring Community Impact Grant Opens.](#)

Aug. 1, 2019

IISC Letter of Interest Due, Sept. 1, 2019

Take a look at our video celebrating student work completed in 2018-19!



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