



Community Partner Service Learning Proposal

Agencies are invited to submit service learning proposals to the University of Arkansas Service Learning Committee; faculty members who plan to incorporate a service learning component to their courses and who are looking to collaborate with community partners.

Agency Information

Agency Name: Illinois River Watershed Partnership Date: 11-17-14

Contact Information:

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Does your agency have 501c3 non-profit status?

Yes No If Yes, EIN Number: _____

Does your agency maintain liability insurance for volunteers?

Yes No If Yes please attach a copy of your insurance information.

Is your agency willing to adhere to the University of Arkansas non-discrimination policy?

Agree Disagree [Click here to read the policy](#)

Describe your mission and vision for the program:

The IRWP's mission is to improve the integrity of the Illinois River through public education and community outreach, water quality monitoring, and the implementation of conservation and restoration practices throughout the Illinois River Watershed. The UA Service Learning program could help the IRWP fulfill our mission and provide a rich academic and professional experience for students.

Provide an overview of your programming:

IRWP programs that would benefit from service learning include education programs and conservation projects at the Watershed Sanctuary and Learning Center in Cave Springs, as well as specific projects such as planting trees, installing rain gardens, organizing workshops and events.

Describe the population that you serve:

K-12 students in public, private and home school programs; youth organizations such as boy and girl scouts, 4-H Clubs, Master Naturalists, corporate training and service projects, and city parks and recreation, libraries, etc.

Describe how you assess your programs success:

It is often a challenge to assess program success but we utilize pre- and post-tests, feedback surveys from participants, and focus groups. We also have an internship program that outlines how program goals are jointly created and measured.

Project Proposal

Describe your project proposal in 500 words or less. Please include: goal of the project, how this proposal meets the objectives of the UA service learning definition ([click for link](#)), whether the project is time sensitive, how this project will further the mission of your agency, what you consider a successful outcome of the project, whether the project requires a budget, and state whether the agency has the resources for the budget required (please attach budget).

IRWP Internship program information is attached and we think it would fit well with the goals and objectives of the UA service learning program.

IRWP has provided budget for materials and for stipends as funding allows for specific internship opportunities. We currently have 6 college interns (3 from UA and 3 from NWACC) and 2 recent college graduates (from UA and University of Ozarks) working with the IRWP on a project at Crystal Bridges Museum on an art exhibit titled "Water Bar". This project is from Sept 11, 2014 to January 19, 2015.

Will this project require client-student interaction?

Yes No

Will students be required to have a background check?

Yes No

Will the agency be responsible for the cost of the checks?

Yes No

What is the cost of each check per student? \$ 8.00

Will the agency agree to a formalized partnership agreement with faculty?

Yes No

Select the particular college or course area that you are interested in creating a partnership with:

- Dale Bumpers College of Agriculture, Food and Life Sciences
- Fay Jones School of Architecture
- J. William Fullbright College of Arts and Sciences
- Sam W. Walton College of Business
- College of Education and Health Professions
- College of Engineering
- Other: _____

Have you participated in service learning initiatives in the past? If so, tell us about your partners, the project and the results.

Yes with NWACC through the Environmental Science program, students and faculty. Individual internships with students designing and implementing a rain garden and another student creating GIS maps for IRWP.

Yes with John Brown University Graduate Business Program. IRWP and students worked on water project for community in Guatemala.

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Are you interested in developing a service learning proposal but unsure about where to begin, schedule a consultation with Service Learning Co-director Angela Oxford by calling 479-575-8631