

Strategies to Fund Community Service Capstone Projects



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Research Motivation

Service-learning projects provide learning opportunities with societal impact.

Many capstone programs have successfully featured service-learning.

But many face the challenge of funding for development, deployment and long-term preservation.

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Funding Opportunities

Funding Source	Type	Recurring	Non-recurring	Description
Institutional Support - Administration	Internal	x	x	The university provides the program with funds, either recurring or non-recurring
Institutional Support - seed funds, awards, grants	Internal		x	Leverage internal funding opportunities on a per project basis or to seed an external source
External Grants	External		x	Research that supports service learning Private or community that support NPOs
Corporate Sponsorship	External	x	x	Sponsorship options include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Money • Facilitating a liaison • Providing equipment or materials
Leveraging NPOs	External		x	Leverage the NPO donors for project funding
Fund Raising (donations)	External	x	x	Short term (focus on a specific project) Long term (set up a fund for the program)
Selective Projects	Internal		x	Leverage projects that require nominal funding
Residual funds	Internal	x		Leverage program funds for a minimum residual each year to cover for the service project

Why Service-Learning?

“When the complementary pedagogies project-based and service-learning merge, there is potential for student development on cognitive, social, and moral levels; three developmental processes that are tightly entwined, inseparable, and often trigger each other or occur simultaneously.” [Bielefeldt, A., et.al., IJEE, 2010]

Future Work

Develop a guide of proven funding strategies for service-learning projects.

Share this guide and help promote service-learning within the Capstone Community