

UNLV Service-Learning Award Overview

The UNLV Office of Government and Community Engagement seeks to support, facilitate, and promote collaboration, partnership, and engagement between the university and its many communities.

In support of its mission, the office is calling for **individual** nominations for the Service-Learning Award. This award is given annually to one faculty member or instructor who has taught a recognized service-learning course*. The selected recipient will receive a monetary award of \$2,000.

To be eligible for this award:

- The applicant must be a faculty member (in any classification, full - or part-time) with one year or more of employment with the university at the time of application.
- The applicant must not have received the award in the last four years.
- The service-learning course must have been taught during the current and/or last two academic years.
- The service-learning course must have met the official UNLV criteria for service-learning course designation, including:
 - The relationship with the community partner was clearly articulated and mutually agreed upon;
 - The community need addressed was clearly defined, preferable by the community/community partner itself;
 - The associated assignments stemming from the service-learning experience(s) directly contributed to students' course grade;
 - At least one course learning outcome was achieved through the service-learning experience;
 - The service that students engaged in demonstrably benefited a public good; and
 - Students must have been guided through a meaningful opportunity to reflect on, make meaning of, and translate their experience to broader personal, course, or disciplinary contexts.
- The service-learning course must reflect UNLV's commitment to community engagement in a measurable way and must align with one or more of the university's Top Tier 2.0 Community Partnership objectives.

As part of the application process, two letters of recommendation are required -- one from a current faculty or staff member at UNLV and one from the primary, off-campus community partner involved with the service-learning course. **(Please refer to the "Letter of Recommendation Guidance" document on the website.)**

Self-nominations are welcome. Applications must be submitted for an individual; group applications will not be considered. Applicants can apply for only one award in only one category per year. There is no requirement for the award to be given in every category every year. There is no tie for this award. Award recipients will be recognized at the annual campus recognition ceremony.

To learn more or to apply, visit the UNLV [Community Engagement Awards Portal](#). The **deadline to apply is February 1st**.

**Note: Internships, externships, placements, and other academic credit-bearing experiences that are primarily designed for workforce preparation or student professional development, while valuable, do not meet the criteria of a UNLV service-learning course.*

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