



UNLV President's Public Purpose Grant Program

RIAN SATTERWHITE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP GRANT

The President's Public Purpose Grant Program is a reflection of UNLV's commitment to institutionalizing and sustaining academic community engagement and partnerships university-wide. The grant program offers 36 funding opportunities, across ten grant categories, totaling \$140,000 annually.

The Rian Satterwhite Civic Engagement Partnership Grant honors the contributions of the late [Rian Satterwhite](#) who served as Director of the UNLV Office of Service Learning and Leadership from 2018 to 2025. Rian's leadership led his office to double in size and further develop its focus to include leadership development, community engagement and volunteerism, service-learning across the university curriculum, scholar programs supporting students from historically underserved populations, and support for students experiencing food and housing insecurity. In this role, he secured more than a million dollars in grants and gifts, and also represented UNLV nationally and internationally through a variety of student and community engagement and leadership forums.

Specifically, the Rian Satterwhite Civic Engagement Partnership Grant will be awarded to:

- One UNLV faculty or staff member for the establishment of a new academic community partnership, (one grant opportunity; grant amount is \$15,000)
- One UNLV faculty or staff member for enhancements to an existing academic community partnership, (one grant opportunity; grant amount is \$7,500)

To be eligible for this grant, the applicant must be:

- A UNLV faculty or staff member
- Engaged in or planning to engage in a community partnership or activity that aligns with the Carnegie Foundation for Teaching's definition of academic community engagement

Additionally, the community partnership must align with the following community and civic engagement partnership attributes:

- Mutual Benefit - the assurance that all parties involved achieve outputs and/or outcomes that serve their interests
- Reciprocity - all partners, especially community partners and students, are involved as thought-partners and collaborators who help decide and inform the direction, activity, assessment, and dissemination of the partnerships' efforts
- Asset Based – recognition and value of the knowledge, capacities, resources, and resilience of all partners, especially community and student partners

- Prepares Educated, Engaged Citizens – the partnership helps students, faculty, staff, and community members understand and engage in ways that address critical community issues
- Strengthens Democratic Values and Civic Responsibility – the partnership contributes to community/public good by providing practical experience with the community

Applications for a grant must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from the primary community partner who is/will be involved in the partnership.

Applications must be submitted by an individual; group applications will not be considered. Applicants can apply for only one grant in only one category each year. There is no requirement for the grant to be given in every category every year. Applications must be received by April 30th. Grant funding cycles align with UNLV's fiscal year, (July to June).

Questions about this grant program and related processes should be directed to the UNLV Office of Government and Community Engagement, via unlvcommunityengagement@unlv.edu.