Application for Course Enhancement Funds

Thanks to a generous gift, Trinity College, Duke Service-Learning, and Duke University Chapel are able to offer a number of course enhancement grants to incorporate civic engagement and/or service learning into courses that deal with topics related to religion, religious diversity, or interreligious cooperation. Courses may be new or existing and can be on the graduate or undergraduate level. Up to $2,500 may be requested for course enhancements including field trips, guest speakers, presentations, and research. Successful applicants will also have opportunities to participate in other Duke-wide conversations around religious civic engagement and service learning.

To apply for a course enhancement grant, please submit a 1-2 page proposal that includes the following information:

Proposals must also include:

1. Explanations of
   • How the course will engage questions of religion or religious diversity
   • How funds will be utilized to support a religious civic engagement or service-learning component (please include an anticipated budget)
   • How the course aligns with the background and interests of the instructor(s)
   • Whether there are any other funding sources for the course

2. Preliminary outlines of or reflections on
   • Learning objectives for the course and methods that will be used for assessment
   • Information on where the course will be housed and when it will be offered (priority funding is for Spring 2017 Service-Learning courses)
   • An outline of topics to be covered
   • How experiential learning opportunities will be incorporated into the course. This can include co-instructors or guest lecturers from a diverse variety of perspectives, or visits to various religious centers or centers of interreligious activism and partnership.
   • A list of potential civic engagement or service partners and their relationship to the course objectives and themes

Proposals accepted on a rolling basis and may be submitted to: Christy Lohr Sapp, Associate Dean for Religious Life at christy.lohr@duke.edu. Please note that all funds are offered on a one-time basis.