The Office of Engagement invites applications from faculty at the University of Northern Colorado (UNC) for the Engaged Scholar Fellowship. Faculty selected to participate in this initiative will work collaboratively with the Office of Engagement, the Director of Engagement, and with engaged faculty colleagues from across campus.

The Engaged Scholar Fellowship is twofold in design. First, it will support and permit a distinguished faculty member to advance their community engaged teaching and learning or community engaged professional activity (Research, Scholarship, and Creative Works; RSCW) agenda. In addition, the faculty in the fellowship position will serve as a collegial resource and mentor, collaborating with the Office of Engagement and other interested community-engaged faculty through a diversity of resources and professional development opportunities. It is envisioned that the fellowship will contribute toward the overarching goals of the Office of Engagement, including the 2020 Plan for Sustaining and Advancement Engagement, and our institutional mission for transformative education.

The Engaged Scholar Fellowship will include a reassignment of one course per semester, fall and spring, and support for professional development or other engaged scholarly activities as relevant, through the Office of Engagement. The commitment is for the Spring 2019, with the possibility to renew for additional years depending on scope, proposed work plan and funding. The reassignment will be supported by funds to cover adjunct replacement instructional costs. These funds cannot be used by the Engaged Scholar.

Position summary:

The Engaged Scholar will collaborate with the Office of Engagement and the CETL Fellow toward several purposes, each designed to enrich engaged teaching and learning pedagogies, and/or engaged RSCW. These include but are not limited to the following goals: (1) to support and enhance faculty professional development initiatives related to institutional priorities, and/or the engaged scholar’s disciplinary strengths and interests; (2) to meet with other engaged faculty and serve as a mentor for engaged teaching and learning needs, or (3) to consult on engaged scholarship involving external communities; and (4) to share and disseminate examples of high impact practices and strategies related to engaged teaching and learning or scholarship in communities locally or globally.

Engaged Scholar’s essential responsibilities:

The Engaged Scholar will develop, in consultation with the Office of Engagement, initiatives and projects for faculty development and mentoring in the area of engaged teaching and learning pedagogies, engaged scholarship (RSCW), and assessment of engagement. During the fellowship, faculty will collaborate with and receive support from the Office of Engagement, the Center for the Enhancement for Teaching and Learning, Instructional Design and Development, and the Office of Assessment. As part of the fellowship the engaged scholar will:
• Advance their own engaged teaching and/or RSCW agenda and share this work with colleagues on campus and in the community as relevant.
• Collaborate on and provide input for ongoing engagement initiatives including connecting to engaged Faculty Tool Kit, Engaged Faculty Institute, Community Engaged Learning course designation, ongoing discussions and work on P&T discussion, Engaged Faculty Awards, Digital Measures coding for engagement.
• Design and implement professional development forums with support from the Office of Engagement, to support colleagues from across campus on engagement topics.
• Provide one-on-one mentoring and consultation with engaged colleagues, or those looking to pursue community engagement, as relevant to ongoing teaching and learning or RSCW efforts. These might include building a peer-to-peer network of community engaged scholars.
• Meet regularly with the Director of Engagement and staff for sharing of ideas and progress updates. Report their activities and outcomes in writing as part of the regular bi-annual/annual or comprehensive faculty evaluation process, and submit a summary of activities to the Director of Engagement each academic year.

Benefits to Engaged Scholar:

Participation in the Engaged Scholar program offers engaged faculty a chance to be part of a dynamic and supportive learning community, committed to the enhancement of teaching and learning, and entails several benefits.

• Increased support and networking opportunities to advance their own engaged teaching and/or RSCW agenda, while serving as a peer role model/mentor for colleagues.
• Possibilities to build leadership and strengthen professional capacities on campus and in community.
• Contribute scholarly findings and presentations on community engaged pedagogies/RSCW for dissemination for the institution and beyond.
• Support for professional practice and scholarly activity related to engagement, including opportunities to present at local and national conferences in relevant areas including the scholarship of teaching and learning, engaged scholarship, or a topic relevant to their expertise.
• A reassignment of one course per semester, fall and spring.

Preferred qualifications:

• Tenured, tenure-track, or full-time contract renewable faculty (1.0FTE).
• Demonstrated successful experience with engaged teaching and learning strategies, in either face-to face classroom, online or hybrid environments.
• A strong interest or experience in the advancement of engaged RSCW, or scholarship of engagement from within or across disciplines.
• A capacity and enthusiasm to work collegially with faculty and others from across campus and in the community.

Application procedures:

Interested faculty should submit to their dean a copy of the written statement and answers to the application questions below. Also, a 2-3 page short curriculum vitae should accompany the proposal.

For more information on the Office of Engagement visit: http://www.unco.edu/community-civic-engagement/index.aspx

Applications due by December 1st 2018.

Applications will be reviewed, and candidates notified of a decision before the end of semester.
Engaged Scholar Fellowship Application.

1) Briefly describe 2 or 3 goals or anticipated outcomes that you envision from participating in the Engaged Scholar Fellowship, from collaborating with the Office of Engagement and others across campus. Please include briefly how these connect to your ongoing work in engaged teaching or RSCW.

2) How will your unit cover your teaching assignments if you are selected for this Fellowship?

Instructions: Please complete the above questions 1-4, and submit together with a short 2-3 page CV, and the required approval signatures from your Department chair/director and Dean acknowledging your intent to apply. After approval from the unit leader, please submit to the Office of Engagement.

Submit all documents as one PDF file named: LASTNAME_Engaged Scholar_YEAR to deborah.romero@unco.edu

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Faculty Name:

Phone:

Email:

Academic Unit/Department:

Preferred Start Date as Fellow (circle one) Spring____ Fall____

Approval Signatures: (required)
Please note by signing you acknowledge the faculty above intends to apply for an Engaged Scholar position for the term indicated. Your signature does not guarantee approval/acceptance.

Department or School Chair/Director (Please print name & sign or use official e-signature) Date

Dean (Please print name & sign or use official e-signature) Date