



# Nominations Sought for the 2016 Award for Excellence in Social Science Engaged Research

**What is the award?** The Award for Excellence in Social Science Engaged Research, launched in 2012, is the result of a generous endowment from Robert Brunswig, Rebecca Brunswig, and Ken Coleman. A new award of \$1,000 is offered each year to a faculty member who has demonstrated exemplary scholarship in engaged research and civic engagement.

**Who is eligible?** Individuals who are eligible for the award are social science and social science associated discipline faculty members who are contract-renewable or tenure track lecturers, instructors or assistant professors, with M.A. or Ph.D. degrees (or both) who are working in one of the following departments, schools, or academic programs: Anthropology; Africana Studies; Economics; Environmental Studies; Gender Studies; Geography & GIS; Human Services (programs in Community Health; Gerontology; Rehabilitative Services; and Recreation, Tourism and Hospitality); Hispanic Studies; Modern Languages; Nursing; Political Science; Social Science; and Sociology.

**How is civic engagement defined?** For the purpose of the award, civic engagement is defined a research and scholarly activity projects and programs involving mutually beneficial, reciprocity-based collaborations of University of Northern Colorado faculty, students or staff from within or across disciplines in departments or colleges with external groups, organizations, governmental agencies, or individuals in applied or fundamental research programs. Civic engagement activities may involve local community (a town, community inters, service or non-profit organizations, or local government and schools) or wider, more inclusive civic entities such as regional coalitions; federal, state or regional organizations; or private or federal and state agencies and organizations.



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**Nominations and/or Applications due February 26, 2016.**

**Who can nominate?** Nominators are faculty members from one of the listed departments or programs. Self-nominations are welcome.

For more information: [www.unco.edu/research/support](http://www.unco.edu/research/support), or contact Acting AVP for Research, Bob Houser ([robert.houser@unco.edu](mailto:robert.houser@unco.edu))



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## **Schedule for the Selection of the 2016 Award for Excellence in Social Science Engaged Research**

October 26, 2015	Announcement of the Award
February 26, 2016	Applications are due to the Office of Research. Send materials to Bob Houser, c/o Sally Goble at <a href="mailto:sally.goble@unco.edu">sally.goble@unco.edu</a>
March 4, 2016	Applications and review sheets are sent to members of the Award Selection Committee
March 25, 2016	Completed review sheets from the Award Selection Committee are returned to Bob Houser, c/o Sally Goble at <a href="mailto:sally.goble@unco.edu">sally.goble@unco.edu</a>
April 1, 2016	Numerical results are tabulated and narrative comments are aggregated
Week of April 4, 2016	Convene meeting of the Award Selection Committee (and if necessary hold a follow-up meeting)
April 22, 2016	Notify applicants of decision; announce the 2016 Award for Excellence in Social Science Engaged Research
May 6, 2016	Recipient of the 2016 Award for Excellence in Social Science Engaged Research contacts the UNC Foundation regarding parameters for expenditures



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## **Notes for Nominators and Letter of Support Writers: 2016 Award for Excellence in Social Science Engaged Research**

1. *Civic engagement* is defined as research and scholarly activity projects and programs involving mutually beneficial, reciprocity-based collaborations of University of Northern Colorado faculty and/or students and/or staff from within or across disciplines in departments and/or colleges with external groups, organizations, governmental agencies, or individuals in applied or fundamental research programs.
2. Civic engagement activities may involve local community (a town, community interest, service or non-profit organizations, or local government and schools) or wider, more inclusive civic entities such as regional coalitions; federal, state or regional organizations; private or federal and state agencies and organizations.
3. Individuals who are eligible for the award are social science and social science associated discipline faculty members who are contract-renewable or tenure track lecturers, instructors or assistant professors, with M.A. or Ph.D. degrees (or both) who are working in one of the following departments, schools, or academic programs: Anthropology; Africana Studies; Economics; Environmental Studies; Gender Studies; Geography & GIS; Human Services (programs in Community Health; Gerontology; Rehabilitative Services; and Recreation, Tourism and Hospitality); Hispanic Studies; Modern Languages; Nursing; Political Science; Social Science; and Sociology.
4. The nominator/letter of support writer must be a faculty member from one of the departments or academic programs listed above. Self-nominations are welcome.
5. Nominators/letter of support writers should prepare a letter that addresses:
  - a. how nominees demonstrate significant professional development and achievement in civic engagement and engaged research and scholarly activity (as defined above), including scholarly publications and presentations, internally and externally funded grant and contract projects, support of and contributions to disciplinary or multidisciplinary collaborations in fundamental and applied
  - b. research and the integration of research and scholarly results into undergraduate and/or graduate curricula.
  - c. how nominees' research and scholarly activity projects and programs involve

Colorado faculty and/or students and/or staff from within or across disciplines in departments and/or colleges with external groups, organizations, governmental agencies, or individuals in applied or fundamental research programs.

6. Nominators/letter of support writers are encouraged to examine the accompanying instructions and criteria for members of the Award Selection Committee.
7. Letters of nomination are due with the application to the Office of Research on February 26, 2016. Please send letters to Bob Houser, Acting AVP for Research, c/o Sally Goble at [sally.goble@unco.edu](mailto:sally.goble@unco.edu). Thank you for supporting your colleague!



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## **Information for Applicants: 2016 Award for Excellence in Social Science Engaged Research**

1. Award funds are designated for scholarly activity, including but not limited to conference travel, travel for research, purchase of research-associated materials and services, and professional publication expenses. One award is made each year in the amount of \$1000.
2. Individuals who are eligible for the award are social science and social science associated discipline faculty members who are contract-renewable or tenure track lecturers, instructors or assistant professors, with M.A. or Ph.D. degrees (or both) who are working in one of the following departments, schools, or academic programs: Anthropology; Africana Studies; Economics; Environmental Studies; Gender Studies; Geography & GIS; Human Services (programs in Community Health; Gerontology; Rehabilitative Services; and Recreation, Tourism and Hospitality); Hispanic Studies; Modern Languages; Nursing; Political Science; Social Science; and Sociology.
3. Applicants are invited to submit applications by the deadline of 5 PM on February 26, 2016. Send materials to Bob Houser, Acting AVP for Research, c/o Sally Goble at [sally.goble@unco.edu](mailto:sally.goble@unco.edu).
4. Required application materials include a Curriculum Vita and a two- to three-page statement of accomplishments addressing significance of professional development and achievement in civic engagement and engaged research and scholarly activity, including scholarly publications and presentations, internally and externally funded grant and contract projects, support of and contributions to disciplinary or multidisciplinary collaborations in fundamental and applied research, and the integration of research and scholarly results into undergraduate and/or graduate curricula.
5. Applicants are encouraged to examine the review sheets that will be completed by members of the Award Selection Committee. Applicants should address both the eligibility criteria and substantive criteria that the Award Selection Committee will use (see form: Review of Applications for the Award for Excellence in Social Science Engaged Research by Members of the Award Selection Committee).

6. Civic engagement is defined as research and scholarly activity projects and programs involving mutually beneficial, reciprocity-based collaborations of University of Northern Colorado faculty and/or students and/or staff from within or across disciplines in departments and/or colleges with external groups, organizations, governmental agencies, or individuals in applied or fundamental research programs.
7. Civic engagement activities may involve local community (a town, community interest, service or non-profit organizations, or local government and schools) or wider, more inclusive civic entities such as regional coalitions, federal, state or regional organizations, private or federal and state agencies and organizations.



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## **Review of Applications for the Award for Excellence in Social Science Engaged Research by Members of the Award Selection Committee**

**Instructions.** Please review each applicant in terms of the following criteria. Comments are optional but helpful and will be made available in aggregate to other members of the Award Selection Committee. If you have nominated an applicant, you will be exempted from that particular review. Return all forms electronically to Sally Goble at [sally.goble@unco.edu](mailto:sally.goble@unco.edu) by March 25, 2016. Thank you!

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Definition and description of civic engagement.** *Civic engagement is defined as research and scholarly activity projects and programs involving mutually beneficial, reciprocity-based collaborations of University of Northern Colorado faculty and/or students and/or staff from within or across disciplines in departments and/or colleges with external groups, organizations, governmental agencies, or individuals in applied or fundamental research programs. Civic engagement activities may involve local community (a town, community interest, service or non-profit organizations, or local government and schools) or wider, more inclusive civic entities such as regional coalitions, federal, state or regional organizations, private or federal and state agencies and organizations.*

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

1. Applicant addresses eligibility criterion of being UNC faculty member who is contract-renewable or tenure track M.A. or Ph.D. lecturer, instructor or assistant professor. Yes/No
2. Applicant addresses eligibility criterion of working in one of these UNC departments, schools and academic programs: Anthropology; Africana Studies; Economics; Environmental Studies; Gender Studies; Geography & GIS; Human Services (programs in Community Health; Gerontology; Rehabilitative Services; and Recreation, Tourism and Hospitality); Hispanic Studies; Modern Languages; Nursing; Political Science; Social Science; and Sociology. Yes/No

### **Materials Meet Requirements:**

3. Application received by the deadline. Yes/No

4. Application includes all required materials:
  - a. letter(s) of nomination (can be self-nomination) and letter(s) of support: Yes/No
  - b. curriculum vita: Yes/No
  - c. statement of accomplishments: Yes/No

### Substantive Criteria

1. Nominator offers a persuasive endorsement of the significance of the applicant's professional development and achievement in civic engagement (as defined above), including scholarly publications and presentations, internally and externally funded grant and contract projects, support of and contributions to disciplinary or multidisciplinary collaborations in fundamental and applied research, and the integration of research and scholarly results into undergraduate and/or graduate curricula.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly Agree
1	2	3	4	5
Comments:				

2. Nominator makes a compelling case for how applicant's research and scholarly activity projects and programs involve mutually beneficial, reciprocity-based collaborations of University of Northern Colorado faculty and/or students and/or staff from within or across disciplines in departments and/or colleges with external groups, organizations, governmental agencies, or individuals in applied or fundamental research programs.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly Agree
1	2	3	4	5
Comments:				

3. Applicant has clearly defined the particular site of collaboration as being a local community (a town, community interest, service or non-profit organizations, or local government and schools) or wider, more inclusive civic entities such as regional coalitions, federal, state or regional organizations, private or federal and state agencies and organizations.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly Agree
1	2	3	4	5
Comments:				



4. Applicant has a strong track record in engaged research.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly Agree
1	2	3	4	5
Comments:				

5. Applicant's work in civic engagement reflects high quality.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly Agree
1	2	3	4	5
Comments:				

6. Applicant has obtained professional development in engaged research and scholarly activity.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly Agree
1	2	3	4	5
Comments:				

7. Applicant has published and presented on topics related to civic engagement in reputable outlets.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly Agree
1	2	3	4	5
Comments:				

8. Applicant demonstrates excellence in research and scholarly activity related to civic engagement projects and programs.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly Agree
1	2	3	4	5
Comments:				

9. Applicant has obtained internally or externally funded grant and contract projects related to civic engagement.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly Agree
1	2	3	4	5
Comments:				

10. Applicant has articulated a contribution to disciplinary or multidisciplinary topics in fundamental or applied research.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly Agree
1	2	3	4	5
Comments:				

11. Applicant has integrated research and scholarly results on civic engagement into undergrad and/or graduate curricula.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly Agree
1	2	3	4	5
Comments:				

Note: Criteria were developed from a review of the endowment fund agreement, *Award for Excellence in social Science Engaged Research*, October 2011, established by Robert Brunswig, Rebecca Brunswig, and Ken Coleman.