

**Community-Engaged Pathways and
Partnerships (P2): A Collective
Scholarship Fellows Program**

**Hosted by the Institute for Community and
Economic Engagement and the Office of
Research and Engagement**



Application Deadline: **September 26, 2025 5p.m.**

Questions: Contact the ICEE Team, communityengagement@uncg.edu

Program Purpose

This P2 Fellows program supports and advances community-engaged scholarship among UNCG scholars and community partners. The program provides funding and professional development opportunities to teams who are working in a context of reciprocity and mutual benefit to advance knowledge about, and accelerate activities to address, community-identified priorities. This program is unique in that projects span three years; the focus is on community-engaged methods, practices, and outcomes; and the funds support team-based, interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary scholarship. In addition, professional development and networking opportunities are open to all P2 university and community partners.

Program Description

Community-university partnerships are often limited in their capacity, reach, effectiveness, and sustainability because the aims and activities are often focused on the agenda of an individual scholar or community partner. By connecting to larger, more collectively designed teams in which the relationships, vision, plans, efforts, and outcomes are shared, the partnership can reach its full potential and be sustained. Please note that individuals may not be a part of more than one partnership team during a cohort's 3 year grant cycle. This program supports the *visioning and planning* needed to develop sustainable pathways and reciprocal community-university partnerships that both advances scholarly agendas and address community-identified priorities. Highly collaborative, reciprocal, community-university partnerships are foundational to transforming regions, students, and scholarship (key areas in the UNCG Strategic Plan) and are increasingly required to secure external funding. This three-year grant award program provides the time and support needed to develop sustainable pathways and partnerships.

Pathways include developing mechanisms that root partnership work in the organizational and cultural practices of UNCG academic departments, units (e.g., centers, colleges), or networks/coalitions, and community agencies.

Partnerships include deepening existing partnerships and/or bringing together previously under-connected faculty, staff, and community partners through reciprocal processes. This funding is aimed at threading together the work of multiple partners and requires the development of a team.

Program Objectives

P2 Teams will:

1. align scholarship of UNCG faculty and staff with mutually beneficial, community-identified priorities and strengths;
2. build upon relevant works, initiatives, and/or scholarship to establish collective actions and commitments;
3. develop sustainable, reciprocal, and collaborative partnerships and approaches to community-engaged scholarship; and
4. institutionalize sustainable pathways for fostering organizational and cultural practices conducive to community-engaged scholarship.

Funding

\$16,000 possible* over three calendar years.

- Year 1 (2023) \$6,000
- Year 2 (2024) \$6,000
- Year 3 (2025) \$4,000

* Funding for Year 2 and Year 3 are contingent on progress towards goals in the previous year but is non-competitive.

Program Requirements

- **Year One:** All team members are expected to attend the P2 Launch Meeting (January) and the Fall Kick-Off Meeting (September), participate in two P2 Strategy Sessions (P2 Sessions are intended to provide targeted professional development on topics selected by the team and in collaboration with ICEE staff); submit a letter of interest including a brief report on progress to date and plan for next year; create a Collaboratory® activity ([Collaboratory®](#) is a community engagement database); and submit a report, a budget request for Year 2, evaluation materials, and a product that *can be shared* with others that describes the process and artifacts developed to support the initiative.
- **Year Two:** Attend the Fall Kick-Off meeting in September; participate in TWO P2 Strategy Sessions offered by ICEE; submit a Letter of Interest (including a brief progress report and budget to date); update Collaboratory® Activity; submit a product to be shared on the team's webpage
- **Year Three:** Same as Year Two – excluding the letter of interest; complete exit evaluation

Application Requirements

1. Three-year Vision and Plan (4 pages)

Strong applications articulate how the initiative is mutually beneficial (achieves the goals of each faculty and community partner) and reciprocal (recognizes, includes, and values the potential contributions of all members).

- a. Describe what **community-identified priorities** and strengths are to be addressed and provide evidence to justify the need/importance. (More information about community-identified priorities may be found in Vol. 3 of *Excellence in Community Engagement and Community Engaged Scholarship: Aligning Community and University Strengths and Priorities*. Available at: <https://tinyurl.com/rktaxua>) 
- b. Describe relevant works/initiatives/scholarship **from** which the team intends to build pathways and partnerships. Beyond funding, this program offers professional development for team member. What are some of the learning edges you anticipate needing to address?
- c. Describe what **success** looks like to your team specifically for Year 1 and more broadly for the grant term including what pathways and partnerships you hope to develop and what artifacts/products would be produced.
- d. Describe how you will develop sustainable **pathways** such as processes or structures that will root partnership work in the organizational and cultural practices of university and community areas.
- e. Name a P2 Team including the activities and roles (beyond areas of expertise) each person will contribute to the team and how the team will ensure reciprocal **partnerships**. *Reciprocity* is the recognition, respect, and valuing of the knowledge, perspective, and resources that each partner contributes to the collaboration.
 - i. Teams should include a minimum of:
 1. Two (2) UNCG **faculty or staff** partners (full-time faculty or non-faculty researcher EHRA) who will be present for the duration of the three-year grant.

Enlisting sufficient UNCG involvement in community-engaged initiatives can increase sustainability of pathways and partnerships.

2. One (1) **UNCG department/unit/network/coalition chair** (such as a director, chair, associate dean, or dean) who will serve as an active member of the team and who can help navigate institutional structures and provide support strategies that will ensure the sustainability of the pathways and partnerships developed.
3. One (1) **community partner**. The community partner role is meant to be filled by someone from the broader public who will actively participate in the planning process and throughout the grant to provide guidance on existing community-identified priorities and strengths that may be aligned with intended curricular changes, potential community partnerships, or unintended community consequences of decisions made within the planning process.

- ii. Teams may also include members beyond the minimum requirements including but not limited to additional faculty and staff from UNCG or other institutions, additional community partners (individuals or organizations), and students. (These members should be positioned equally alongside the required roles in the application including a description of their contributions, approvals, and CVs or letters of support.)
- iii. Identify one member of the P2 team who will serve as the team's primary contact. This person must be a UNCG full-time faculty or non-faculty researcher (EHRA) whose position entails research/creative activity responsibilities *related to this area of scholarship*. This person will be ultimately responsible for ensuring the team's participation in the program requirements (i.e., Launch Meeting, Kick-Off Meeting, Strategy Sessions), reporting, and fund management.

2. Timeline (1 page)

- a. Include a **timeline of activities** that outlines programs, events, or activities in **Year One** and indicate how those activities build the capacity of the members and structures within the department/unit/network/coalition to build or enhance community-engaged initiatives that advance collective action and commitments. If able, provide a general timeline for Years Two and Three, although it is expected that this may change based on discussions in Year One.

3. Budget and Justification (1.5 page)

- a. Using the one-page budget form, provide a detailed budget for Year One. Include a half page narrative with a **budget justification** that outlines how the funds will be used for **Year One**. If you are able, provide a general budget summary and justification for Years Two and Three, although it is expected that this may change.

4. Letter of Support from community partner(s)

- a. Include a letter of support from each community organization on the P2 Team describing how this work will be incorporated into the work of their organization and how this initiative meets a priority in the community.

5. CVs for each faculty member (three pages max per)

6. Approvals

- a. Written approval from supervisors of all academic partners is required at the time of submission. It may take time to secure all approvals; start this process early. (see InfoReady Review for format details).

Submit the application in [InfoReady Review](#). For technical questions regarding InfoReady contact support@inforeadycorp.com.

Application Timeline

Friday, September 26, 2025: Application deadline, 5:00 p.m.

November 2025 (specific date TBD): Applicants are notified of funding decisions

January 2026 (specific date/time TBD): Launch Meeting