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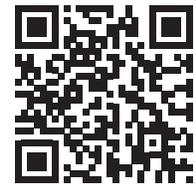
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# Community-Based Learning Mini Grants



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**T**he Center for Community Based Learning, in partnership with the College of Professional Studies, developed a program to offer students [mini-grants of up to \\$250](#) to help offset costs of completing community-based learning experiences, such as internships and Service Learning courses.

After conducting a series of equity-based, world café style open-forums to improve the community-based learning experience at HSU, it became evident that costs to participate were causing hardship for many students. In response, the Center for Community Based Learning (CCBL) staff applied to receive funding to assist students with out-of-pocket expenses like fingerprinting and transportation costs. In Summer of 2019, CCBL was awarded a Loyalty grant of \$10,000 to help students in the 2019/2020 academic year with expenses incurred as a result of their Service Learning or Academic Internship courses. Through this program, 55 students from more than 20 different classes were awarded a total of \$8639; which enabled them to make a difference in the community.

Due to the success of the Loyalty Grant program, CCBL partnered with the College of Professional Studies to expand the program for 2020/2021 by tapping into available GI2025 funding. This new Community Based Learning Mini-Grant program provides funding to students in need, within all colleges, who experience financial hardship completing a community-based learning experience, including clinical experiences. Awards of up to \$250 will be provided to eligible students on a first-come, first-served basis to support them with onboarding and completion expenses related to their field placement. The hope is that this program will reduce financial barriers and increase equitable access to these high impact practices for students needing assistance. Additionally, this support will ease the financial strain students face, while promoting their engagement and well-being. As evidence mounts that community-based learning helps to increase student retention and success, it is important that programs like this are supported to create a more equitable student experience.

