Do you have an idea for a teaching strategy or curricular project that promotes active learning around civic education and citizen engagement but need support to make this happen?

In 2022, the Jiu-Hwa Lo Upshur Institute for Civic Education (UICE) was initiated to prepare Eastern Michigan University students for the intellectual demands of democratic participation through critical inquiry and engagement in History and other Social Studies disciplines. The Upshur Institute is pleased to offer grants of up to \$6,000 for the 2024-2025 academic year. All Eastern Michigan University faculty, lecturers, and staff working directly with students can apply for these awards. To be eligible for consideration, application materials must be received by March 15, 2024, 11:59 pm.

A successful project proposal will:

- Address an instructional need or opportunity via creative and/or active learning strategies;
- Articulate the intended impact for teaching and learning in History,
 Social Studies, and/or Civic Education;
- Be grounded in innovative pedagogies for the teaching and learning of History, Social Studies, and/or Civic Education and an understanding of effective learning through high-impact practices and transformational experiences;
- Illustrate an ethos of collaborative and/or interdisciplinary work;
- Include a plan for evaluation of, reflection on, and dissemination of results to a wider audience:
- Include a statement of feasibility, budget, and timeline for project implementation.

Projects could develop Civic Learning and Democratic Engagement through:

- Course development plans that encourage greater student engagement and offer the opportunity for transformative learning experiences;
- Collaborative and/or interdisciplinary work around democratic engagement;
- Research projects, including conducting experiments and/or demonstrations;
- Projects related to the scholarship of teaching and learning;
- Community engagement experiences (local or global);
- Team-based or problem-based learning;
- Large group debates;
- Peer teaching;
- Role-playing or game-based learning;
- Place-based pedagogies;
- Faculty learning communities.

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All application materials must be received by March 15, 2024, 11:59 pm to be considered. Only one submission will be accepted per applicant. Applicants will receive notification if they have been given an award by April 15, 2024. Funds must be used between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025. More details and a link to submit materials can be found by scanning the QR code.