

THE MSU PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE LEARNING

This award, open to an MSU faculty member (tenured, tenure track, assistant, associate or adjunct) and their community partner, will recognize the partnering pair who has together engaged students in quality service learning. Through service learning, students apply their academic skills and knowledge to address the genuine needs of a community organization. This provides students with a deeper understanding of their studies and fosters a stronger sense of civic responsibility. The assessment of nominees will involve consideration of the quality of the partnership, and will be heavily weighted around how well the service learning course meets the best practices of service learning listed below:

- identified learning objectives
- evaluation and/or assessment of student learning
- structured reflection activities
- addresses an actual community need

Faculty members and their community partners are asked to complete this form together and the final nomination document with attachments must be delivered to the MSU Office for Community Involvement no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 5th, 2009.

A committee will review nomination materials received by the deadline and will make a selection. The faculty and community partner pair who is selected for recognition this year will be asked to attend the *Awards for Excellence Banquet* as the guests of the award sponsor, LigoCyte Pharmaceuticals on February 17, 2009. Each award winner will be presented with an award at the banquet as well as a monetary award in recognition of the extra, uncompensated time and effort a service learning course can demand of the partners.

Please contact Kathy Tanner in the MSU Office for Community Involvement at 994-6902 with any questions about the nomination process.

Nomination Form

I. Nominee Information

Name of Faculty Member _____

Title _____

Department _____

Campus Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Name of Community Partner _____

Title _____

Organization _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Please type your answers to the following questions on a separate sheet of paper. Please limit the total length of your response to the following questions to no more than 5 pages.

II. Learning Objectives

Describe the service learning course on which the nominated pair partnered. What were the course learning objectives? (*Please attach a copy of the syllabus from the service learning course.*)

III. Service Learning Activities ~ Community Need

Describe the kinds of service students provided in the nominated pairs' service learning course. What was the community need the service addressed? How was the need identified and by whom? Please provide an example of the nature of students' actual service activities. Describe the way the course was structured and the way the service activities were integrated with the academic content of the course.

Describe the impact the service learning course had on the students, the community organization, and the faculty member/community partner pair. How was impact measured?

IV. Assessment of Student Learning ~ Reflection

Describe how you assessed student learning. What types of reflection activities were used in this course and with what frequency?

V. Partnership

Describe how this partnership evolved? Explain the roles and responsibilities of each partner in this service learning course endeavor. How did partners maintain communication? Why was this partnership a success?

VI. Nominator

Name _____

Address _____ City/Zip _____

Telephone number (work) _____ Email _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Note: You may provide additional attachments, but please limit these to no more than three additional documents.

Send or hand deliver the completed nomination form, syllabus and other attachments to:

**The MSU President's Award for Excellence in Service Learning
The MSU Office for Community Involvement
330 Culbertson Hall or 217 SUB ~ P.O. Box 170545 ~ Bozeman, MT 59717-0545**

Nominations are due no later than five o'clock, Monday, January 5th, 2009.