



# Office of the Senior Vice Provost Engagement and Academic Outreach: “Partnerships, Faculty Development, Student Learning & Innovation”



## Vision

The Office of the Senior Vice Provost for Engagement and Academic Outreach supports the development of mutually beneficial partnerships with external collaborators by catalyzing and supporting faculty (interdisciplinary teams and individuals) that enhance student learning, increase success with external funding, support faculty development, and reach beyond the University’s walls. Excellence through external partnerships is central to the University of New Hampshire’s success and engagement across the state, the nation and globally. We will engage and provide ongoing support to faculty who challenge their students, collaborate with external partners, advance inclusive excellence and who ultimately seek to make a difference in the larger society.



A faculty member and students discussing research at the URC

## UNH in 2020

The Office actualizes a number of the promises in the Strategic Plan (UNH in 2020). We are responsible for key areas such as: Partners for Life, Individual Scholarship and Research, and one of the New Ventures Fund initiatives. We also contribute to Inclusive Excellence through our 9 year partnership with an HBCU in North Carolina. The office is responsible for innovative programs and initiatives such as The Joan and James Leitzel Center, The Engaged Scholars Academy, The Research and Engagement Academy, Collaborators with Historically Black Universities, Faculty Learning Communities the Undergraduate Research Conference.



The UNH Research and Engagement Academy

## Faculty Development: The Engaged Scholars Academy, The Research and Engagement Academy, & Learning Communities

The Engaged Scholars Academy (ESA) and the Research and Engagement Academy are semester-long faculty development programs designed to advance the scholarship of faculty across a range of disciplines. Faculty in the ESA learn best practices in engaged scholarship as they participate in a series of workshops and teams, interact with faculty experts, enjoy interdisciplinary discourse and capitalize on mentoring opportunities. The R&E Academy faculty also commit to submit proposals for external funding and learn about funding opportunities to advance scholarship and partnerships. To date 10% of the UNH faculty have completed the ESA and 34 faculty are in the inaugural Research & Engagement Academy.



Faculty and students bring cutting edge knowledge to NH public schools

## The Joan and James Leitzel Center: Engaged Scholarship

In 2002, in collaboration with the Joan and James Leitzel Center for Mathematics, Science and Engineering Education we developed a model of collaboration between UNH and a historically black university, Elizabeth City State University. This model articulates how demographically diverse institutions in geographically different coastal regions with strengths in earth system science collaborate to submit grants designed to expand scientific knowledge, enhance educational opportunities and help to create a more diverse workforce. More than 25 faculty and 400 students from UNH and ECSU have participated. To date more than \$5 million in grants have been awarded by NSF and NASA in support of the partnership. A partnership agreement was formalized at a ceremony at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center.

## Innovative Partnerships with Federal Agencies and the Undergraduate Research Conference

The Undergraduate Research Conference (URC) is the highlight of each spring semester—a celebration of the academic success of our students. This office is responsible for the URC and for developing partnerships with specific federal agencies in areas of opportunity and mutual benefit for the agency and for the University. We catalyze and support multi-disciplinary proposals responsive to opportunities at federal agencies & foundations currently targeting the National Science Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities.



Faculty and external partners developing an innovative proposal to the National Science Foundation

## Published Results, National, International & Local Presentations

The Office is learning about the impact of our administrative leadership initiatives and programs on UNH faculty, students and staff and disseminating results nationally about the UNH model. A number of peer reviewed papers about the UNH model have been published and presentations at national, international and local conferences are well received. Members of our team are frequently invited to present at agencies such as the National Science Foundation and NASA.

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