Office of Engagement and Outreach

The *UM System Office of Engagement and Outreach* connects the UM System to the people and communities of Missouri. Engagement extends the knowledge, resources, and influence of the System's four universities across the state to build a better future.

What is Engagement?

Engagement is all the ways in which the University and the greater community partner to establish a relationship of value, share information and improve the lives of those in Missouri and beyond.

The UM System Office of Engagement and Outreach recognizes, celebrates and helps facilitate the engagement that happens through daily interactions between the public and each person, unit, department, office and school at all four universities across the system. The Office of Engagement leverages these interactions and fosters even stronger ties with the citizens of Missouri through strategic engagement, which can come in many forms. For more details on what systemwide engagement means, please see the flip side of this document.

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Engagement Initiatives

Presidential Engagement Fellows

The Presidential Engagement Fellows program was established to share faculty accomplishments with the citizens of Missouri in their own communities. This effort allows our faculty to make personal connections and deliver on our important mission to disseminate and apply knowledge for the benefit of all Missourians. For more information and this year's cohort, visit: umurl.us/pef

Engagement Portals

Every day, we are working to address the three grand challenges of economy, education and health facing Missourians. The University of Missouri System Engagement Portals were created to share our engagements with our communities as well as our impact across the state. Find the Engagement Portals here: engagemo.org

Engagement and MU Extension

In fulfillment of the University of Missouri's land-grant mission, MU Extension brings the practical knowledge, resources and research of the university and the UM System to the people of Missouri through faculty and programming in all 114 counties and the City of St. Louis.

Systemwide Engagement	
Community Outreach	The application and delivery of institutional resources, knowledge or services that directly benefit the community.
Community Engagement	The collaboration between the University and the larger community for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources in the context of partnership and reciprocity.
Community-Engaged Scholarship	The creation and dissemination of knowledge and creative expression that furthers the mission and goals of the University in collaboration with the community.
Community-Engaged Service	The application of academic and professional expertise that addresses a community-identified need and supports the goals and mission of the University and the community.
Community-Engaged Teaching/Learning	An educational approach that connects students and faculty with activities that address community-identified needs through mutually beneficial partnerships that deepen students' academic and civic learning.
Community-Engaged Research	A collaborative process between the researcher and community partner that creates and disseminates knowledge and creative expression with the goal of contributing to the discipline and strengthening the wellbeing of the community.