



## OFFICE FOR PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND SCHOLARSHIP

The Office for Public Engagement and Scholarship (OPES) advances MSU's engagement mission by supporting faculty, staff, and students in their community-engaged research, creative activities, teaching, and service. OPES also contributes to the university's reputation as a national and international leader in community engagement by ensuring that MSU is represented in critical organizations and programs, contributing to the literature about community-engaged scholarship and university outreach, and through other scholarly activities.

### Key Areas

OPES facilitates work in the following key areas:

- **Community-engaged research:** Supporting and consulting on the design, implementation, and assessment of collaborative research
- **Faculty and professional development:** Providing and coordinating educational opportunities that build capacity for community-engaged scholarship
- **University-community partnerships:**
  - ♦ Community partnerships: Fostering and facilitating networks of potential collaborators
  - ♦ Workforce and economic development partnerships: Supporting partnerships aimed at regional and state economic growth
  - ♦ Arts and cultural partnerships: Facilitating and supporting collaborations that promote artistic and cultural expression
- **Institutional research, policy, and recognition:**
  - ♦ Conducting institutional research
  - ♦ Fostering recognition of exemplary community-engaged work
  - ♦ Promoting policies supportive of community-engaged scholarship and university outreach
  - ♦ Providing consultations with MSU units and other higher education institutions and organizations

Drawing on its expertise in specific areas, OPES also works collaboratively with the other UOE departments to enhance and support the community engagement efforts of faculty, staff, and students across the university.

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