

# **Tools of Engagement**

The Tools of Engagement modules challenge students to accept the responsibility of engaging with community partners, and describe how they might become engaged in mutually respectful and beneficial partnerships.

### The modules are designed to:

- Introduce undergraduate students to the concept of university-community engagement
- Develop their community-based research and engagement skills
- · Assist with training the next generation of engaged scholars

#### **Modules**

- 1. The Engaged Scholar: MSU's Land-Grant Mission
- 2. Power and Privilege
- 3. Be a Good Partner!
- 4. Asset Based Community Engagement
- 5. Capacity Building for Sustained Change

#### **Key feature: Critical reflection**

The modules encourage students to reflect critically on the content. They also provide students with concrete examples that illustrate abstract concepts and then ask students to come up with their own real-life examples.

#### For instructors

All the modules are accessible by MSU Net ID and password. Instructors can either assign modules or use them in class.

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"[Community engagement] has provided me a way to really understand the issues that I learn about in class and has also helped me find a way to be a part of making a stronger community."

Emily Cunningham
 MSU Student

## **More Information**

We would like to provide interested students and faculty advisors with as much information and personal attention as needed.

If you are a student and have questions about the curriculum, please contact your instructor.

If you are an instructor and have questions about the curriculum or how to incorporate the modules into your courses please contact:

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You can also reach us by phone at: (517) 353-4400.

We will be happy to answer your questions or schedule a time to meet with you.

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