

Scholar Shop & Community-Engaged Fellows

Transformative Direction Three: Engagement and Empowerment in Denver and the Rocky Mountain West

About Scholar Shop

Grounded in best practices for community engagement, the **Scholar Shop** connects university and community change-makers to collaborate in mutually beneficial ways to advance discovery while addressing community-identified problems. The Scholar Shop is designed to bring interdisciplinary faculty-student expertise to bear on issues identified by community partners. Students and faculty bring diverse academic experience and interests to these collaborations through research, creative work, and classrooms. Relevant to all academic units across campus, the Scholar Shop has seeded projects across disciplines that involve (but are not limited to):



Designing a research study



Analyzing, integrating, and interpreting existing data



Producing information materials from empirical findings



Conducting program evaluation



Developing curricula



...and more!

Community-Engaged Fellows

The goal of the **Community-Engaged Fellows Program** is to help facilitate cross/interdisciplinary collaborations that deepen the university's impact on some of our community's most pressing problems. Fellows are assigned to an interdisciplinary issue area and charged with co-developing a plan to advance community-engaged work in this area in consultation with community and campus stakeholders as well as CCESL staff. Fellows issue areas include:



Health Disparities



Urban Conservation, Ecology, and Sustainability



Built Environment



Immigration



Gentrification



Writing and the Public Good



Gender Equity



Arts and Engagement



Access and Education

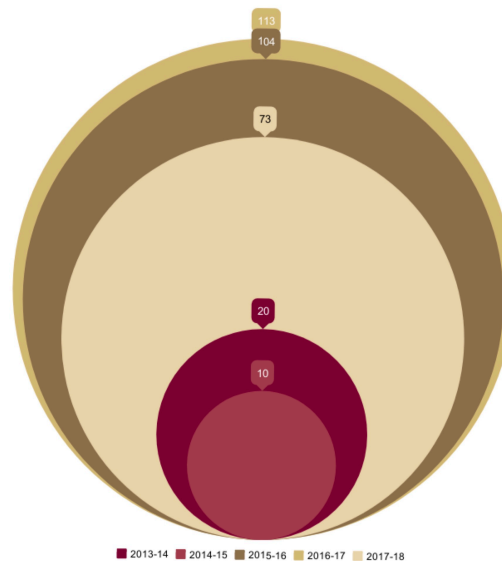


Meeting Basic Needs



Refugees

Community Spotlight Events



Scholar Shop began to host **Community Spotlight Events** in 2013-14 in which CCESL invited community partners to campus to have dialogue with DU students, faculty, and staff with relevant interest and expertise. During one-hour events, the Community Spotlight Series provides a thoughtful setting for DU faculty and students to get to know representatives from community organizations who are interested in collaboration, and vice versa

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Community Partners

CCESL began piloting Scholar Shop in the 2012-13 academic year and originally called the program "Science Shop." The name was updated to Scholar Shop in the 2015-16 academic year to be more inclusive and convey that the projects could be broad in nature. For the first five years of the Scholar Shop program, a CCESL Graduate Research Assistant (GRA) served as the Scholar Shop Coordinator. In the last two years, the Community-Engaged Fellows have helped facilitate the program. The program provides a critical leadership opportunity for the Fellows, many of whom have interests in higher education, large systems, and community change.

The program has seeded partnerships from organizations such as:

