



Education in Action (EIA) Program

Program Description

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What is the Education in Action Program?

The Education in Action (EIA) Program is a cornerstone of community based learning and research (CBL/R) at Oxy. Led by the Center for Community Based Learning (CCBL), the EIA Program supports teams of faculty, students, and community partners in their community based learning and/or research partnerships.

What is the student role in the EIA Program?

The EIA Program aims to challenge and encourage students to:

- Support their peers and faculty members in community based learning and research
- Connect academic learning with civic and community engagement
- Build leadership skills and effective strategies to address social justice issues alongside communities throughout Los Angeles.

Students in the EIA Program are referred to as EIA Facilitators. EIA Facilitators are often nominated by a faculty and hired by the CCBL to support CBL/R courses and partnerships. Facilitators and faculty work as collaborative partners to plan and implement CBL classes and CBR projects across a range of academic disciplines. Facilitators are expected to fulfill EIA Program requirements, as well as responsibilities assigned by their faculty member(s) in order to successfully achieve course objectives and project goals.

Through partnering with their faculty and peers in CBL/R projects, EIA Facilitators expand their role as students, serve as peer mentors, build leadership skills, and utilize their educational experience to further develop their understanding of how to address social justice issues. Many Facilitators recognize their own voice and agency within their education while in the EIA Program. Students also develop professional skills that can influence and contribute to their work after college.

What specific kinds of support can EIA Facilitators provide?

The role of the EIA Facilitator is complex and demanding. Facilitator responsibilities range depending on the CBL/R project. Past Facilitators have assisted with:

- Developing the course syllabus and the CBL/R project,
- Leading trainings and workshops to prepare students to engage with off-campus community members,
- Leading reflection discussions,
- Assisting with course-based student research projects,
- Providing faculty with a student perspective on course readings and writing prompts for assignments or final exams,
- Assisting with the logistics of the CBL/R project, including arranging transportation, processing honorariums for community partners, arranging speaker panels, and organizing events.

Interested in learning more about the EIA Program?

If you have questions about the EIA Program, please contact:

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