Spring 2022 Community Engagement Student Leader  
California State University, Chico  
Office of Civic Engagement

Please submit application materials via email to:

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Community Engagement Student Leader (CESL) Roles and Responsibilities

Chico State’s Office of Civic Engagement (OCE) serves several important purposes on campus. We work to increase civic engagement on campus, create purposeful programming and opportunities centered on community engagement and partnership work, and empower our campus community to get involved in issues that matter to them and their communities. The Community Engagement Student Leader’s (CESL) major responsibilities in spring 2022 will center voter outreach, engagement, and education programming. Specifically, under the mentorship of Dr. Magnus and Dr. Ann Schulte, the Civic Engagement Director, the CESL will help produce several video shorts to be disseminated throughout campus. These videos will center the importance of voting and key political issues, such as redistricting, gerrymandering, and voting rights and suppression. The student will help organize and execute voter engagement events on campus during spring semester, including a voting-related film screening series and voter registration efforts. Aside from the topical focus of this experience, the CESL will develop skills in teamwork, organizing, event planning, and both written and oral presentation skills.

Timeline, Expectations, and Deliverables

The spring 2022 CESL position will begin January 24, 2022 and end on May 20, 2022. The CESL will commit 50 hours throughout the semester to the various projects outlined above. Weekly hours may fluctuate depending on the programming and deadlines set forth at the beginning of the semester.

Required and Preferred Skills

Required skills:
- Passion for civic engagement, community engagement, social justice, and voting
- Video production and editing skills
- Punctuality and the ability to meet deadlines consistently
- Strong organization skills
- Strong communication skills, including email and in-person communication
- Attention to detail
- Professional demeanor
Preferred skills, though these skills will be developed throughout the semester:

- Proficient in a variety of social media platforms
- Proficient in Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Zoom
- Strong writing skills
- Strong oral presentation skills
- Strong event planning skills

Eligibility and Compensation
Students will receive $500 at the end of the spring 2022 semester / upon completion of 50 hours for the work described above. Participants may not also receive alternate compensation for these hours. Former recipients of this fellowship are not eligible.

How to Apply
Interested students should send the following to Dr. Magnus (ammagnus@csuchico.edu) no later than Wednesday, December 22nd at 5pm:

- A resume/CV
- An unofficial transcript
- A brief statement (approximately 1-2 paragraphs) describing why they feel they are a good fit for the position, the skills they possess that will help them be successful in this role (be sure to explicitly emphasize any or all of the required skills noted above), and what they hope to learn/gain from serving in this role.
- Optional: You may send one piece of video work you have produced/played a role in producing to demonstrate your video production and editing skills. If you do choose to send a piece of your work, please indicate in your statement above the role you played in crafting/producing the video and its content.
- In the body of the email submission, students should identify their current standing at Chico State (e.g. freshman, sophomore, junior, senior), their major(s) (and minor(s), if applicable), and when they plan to graduate.

Applicants may be asked to complete a Zoom interview sometime between January 3rd and January 12th, 2022. Applicants will be notified if they have been selected (or not) no later than Friday, January 14th, 2022.