



Morgridge Center for Public Service

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Student Organization Partnership Program

What is the Morgridge Center for Public Service?

The Morgridge Center for Public Service connects University of Wisconsin-Madison students, staff and faculty to local and global communities to build partnerships and solve critical issues through service and learning. In the spirit of the Wisconsin Idea, the Morgridge Center believes in building reciprocal relationships with our partners and lifelong civically engaged citizens among our student population. To learn more about our values, our mission and our programs, visit www.morgridge.wisc.edu.

What is the Student Organization Partnership Program?

The Morgridge Center for Public Service Student Organization Partnership Program (SOPP) aims to support registered student organizations (RSOs) at UW-Madison that engage in community-based work. The Morgridge Center wants to help RSOs strengthen relationships with community partners by better preparing students for community engagement. Through the SOPP, RSOs will have the opportunity to work closely with Morgridge Center staff and have access to additional resources that will further support their community partnerships.

What is the criteria for becoming a Student Organization Partnership Program affiliate?

RSOs interested in affiliating with the Morgridge Center must align with our center's mission and [values](#). RSOs must have a service component in their programming and must be interested in developing an equity framework to inform their service. The Morgridge Center has a broad definition of service, which includes activities related to direct service, philanthropy, social entrepreneurship, government and policy, activism and community-based learning. RSOs must demonstrate a desire to form and develop mutually beneficial partnerships with local community organizations in Dane County - both on and off campus - with an intentional community engagement plan. RSOs must be willing to participate in ongoing training and guidance related to these objectives.

What benefits does my RSO receive through the Student Organization Partnership Program Affiliation?

Affiliated RSOs will work closely with Morgridge Center staff through advising with the Student Organization Preparation student intern to utilize the benefits listed below. Morgridge Center staff can also provide ongoing guidance regarding service opportunities, events, and logistics.

- Ongoing learning opportunities related to responsible community engagement
- Guidance in connecting with community partners and developing community partnerships
- Opportunity to network and collaborate with other service-minded RSOs
- Opportunity to table at the fall and spring Public Service Fairs
- Transportation services associated with the RSO's volunteering/community-based work
- Up to \$500 funding to develop community based projects through the Mini Grant Program
- Use of meeting space in the Morgridge Center's office for RSO meetings and events
- Use of printing services in the Morgridge Center's office
- Use of Morgridge Center promotions and communications for RSO events and initiatives
- Potential funding for RSO leaders to attend Impact Conference

What is required of an RSO affiliated with the Student Organization Partnership Program?

- Term of commitment (2 semesters, Fall 2021 – Spring 2022 with opportunity to renew)
- For newly affiliating RSOs, at least two RSO representatives are willing to attend the Introduction to Responsible Community Engagement in the fall
- For returning affiliated RSOs, at least two RSO representatives are willing to attend one Community Engagement workshop in the fall
- For all affiliated RSOs, at least two RSO representatives are willing to attend one Community Engagement workshop in the spring
- At least two RSO representatives are willing to attend one social/leadership development gathering during each of the two semesters
- At least two RSO representatives attend one meeting with the Student Organization Preparation intern during each of the two semesters
- Submission of year-end civic engagement report to the Morgridge Center

How can my RSO become a Student Organization Partnership Program affiliate?

If your RSO is interested in becoming affiliated, please check the Student Organization Partnership Program page on the Morgridge Center website for application instructions:

<https://morgridge.wisc.edu/students-get-connected/student-organization-partnership-program/#contact>