

Outreach and Engagement Institutional Definitions

OUTREACH refers to the one-way delivery of education programs and activities to those outside the university.

Supporting narrative for O.P. - *Outreach typically involves an early-stage, short-term relationship between Texas Tech faculty, staff, and/or students and outside communities to educate and share expertise with them. Research, teaching, or creative activity is developed within academic disciplines and fields, generally with no or limited input from communities.*

ENGAGEMENT describes the collaboration between Texas Tech faculty, staff, and/or students and communities outside of the university for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge, expertise, and resources in a context of partnership and reciprocity.

Supporting narrative for O.P. - Research, teaching, or creative activity is conducted or adapted for the benefit of specific communities and in response to a community identified problem or expressed need.

ENGAGED SCHOLARSHIP is associated with the discovery of new knowledge, the development of new insights, and the creation of new artistic or literary performances and expressions based on intentional and mutual beneficial collaboration between Texas Tech faculty, staff, and/or students and community partners.

Supporting narrative for O.P. - Research, teaching, or creative activity is conducted with communities; problems, goals, and methods are jointly defined. Outcomes are documented, evaluated, and formally disseminated to academic and/or public audiences.

COMMUNITY-ENGAGED LEARNING integrates engagement with external communities into coursework to deepen students' academic learning and promote civic responsibility.

Supporting narrative for O.P. - It describes the creation of partnerships between Texas Tech students and communities for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge that goes beyond direct service.

COMMUNITIES consist of groups of people that may be connected either by geography, proximity, special interests, similar situations, or values.

SOCIETAL IMPACT. The change that happens to people and communities as a result of an action, activity, project, program or policy.

SERVICE:

UNIVERSITY SERVICE A Texas Tech faculty member's participation in various activities, programs, and functions related to the enhancement of the university, such as participating in the formulation of academic policies, service on university committees, and accepting other assignments outside of teaching, research, or creative activity.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE A Texas Tech faculty members' participation in professional associations, discipline-related business and industry, other institutions of higher education, etc., for the purpose of exchanging and/or advancing discipline-specific knowledge and expertise.

VOLUNTEERISM is the act of contributing free time and/or labor to conduct community service or support a nonprofit organization.