



## ***Students and Communities are Calling: An Engaged Faculty Institute*** **2011 Course Description**

### **Program Description**

The Engaged Faculty Institute (EFI) training program provides an opportunity for up to 20 faculty and instructors to engage in dialogue about student-centered, experiential education that enhances classroom learning while addressing community needs. The seminar series is designed to introduce and provide best practices for service-learning and guide participants as they integrate it into their classroom curriculum and pedagogy. Foundational information on service-learning will be provided through discussion, reading, and guest speakers. Participants will develop or modify a syllabus for one (or more) of their courses in a way that integrates principles and best practices of service-learning. Faculty from Johnson & Wales University; Metropolitan State College of Denver; University of Colorado at Boulder; and University of Colorado, Denver will be selected to join the 2011 cohort, and will meet Fridays on the Auraria Campus, January 28 to March 4, 2011 from 12:30 to 2:30 PM.

### **EFI Benefits to Participants**

Participants will:

- Receive a stipend of \$750 and extensive professional development
- Revise or develop a syllabus that incorporates best practices of service-learning
- Create a range of reflection activities/assignments for use in their service-learning course(s)
- Identify possible community partners
- Gain a sufficient knowledge base to implement service-learning during the next academic year

### **EFI Learning Objectives**

Participants will:

- Become familiar with service-learning definitions and practices
- Understand a variety of service-learning and experiential learning models
- Examine the role that active and civic learning can play in the university curriculum
- Understand the importance of critical reflection activities in service-learning courses
- Learn and apply strategies for establishing mutually-beneficial campus/community partnerships
- Develop the knowledge to mentor colleagues interested in developing service-learning courses

### **EFI Expectations of Participants**

Participants are expected to:

- Attend all six workshops; Fridays, January 28 to March 4, 2011; 12:30-2:30 PM; Auraria Campus
- Come prepared to all sessions with questions and comments about the week's topic
- Complete all assignments that relate to each week's course content
- Become a resource and colleague with the fellow course participants so that our learning can continue long after the final workshop session