

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE

Landis Center for Community Engagement

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James N. '96 and Kara H. Proctor Fellows Program

The Proctor Fellows Program brings together Lafayette students, faculty mentors, and community partners to explore complex community issues and develop strategies that contribute to positive, sustainable change.

Through a two-year fellowship, students work alongside a faculty mentor and community organization to better understand the systems and structures that shape community life. Fellows examine both community assets and challenges, with particular attention to how people access essential resources such as education, employment, housing, transportation, healthcare, food, and public spaces.

Proctor Fellows combine direct community engagement with action research to explore a question or challenge identified in partnership with a community organization. Rather than beginning with assumptions about what a community needs, Fellows learn from community members and organizations, examine existing resources and systems, and consider the historical and structural factors that influence access and opportunity.

Using the Social Change Model of Leadership and Design Thinking as frameworks, Fellows consider questions such as:

- What assets and resources already exist within the community?
- Who has access to those resources, and what factors shape that access?
- How are community organizations responding to identified needs?
- Where are there opportunities to strengthen existing resources or expand access?

Working with their community partner and faculty mentor, Fellows use what they learn to develop a proposal or strategy designed to strengthen community access to resources and create meaningful social value.

Faculty mentors play an important role in guiding students through the fellowship experience. In partnership with Landis Center staff, faculty develop their knowledge of community-engaged teaching and scholarship and support students as they connect their community experiences with research, reflection, and action.

Faculty development includes community partnership practices, goal and outcome development, reflection, design thinking, the history and development of community engagement, and the relationship between community engagement, teaching, and learning.

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The Proctor Fellowship is a two-year commitment designed primarily for students during their junior and senior years. Throughout the fellowship, student-faculty teams maintain an active partnership with a community organization and participate in opportunities for learning, reflection, and collaboration facilitated by the Landis Center.

Please contact Chelsea Morrese if you are interested in the Proctor Fellowship.