

McMaster University Office of Community Engagement
Community-Engaged Research Working Group
Priorities¹

This document provides a summary of possible priorities for the community-engaged research working group. These priorities were identified through consultations with community and campus partners as part of the development of a 5-year strategic plan for community engagement. The working group will review this list and determine which specific priorities to pursue moving forward.

- **Formalize the role of the group** to include goals, budget, and responsibility of members.
- **Collect exemplars and sharing best practices** of community-engaged research through a series of case stories.
- **Build capacity for community-engaged research** by creating resources and pursuing funding to support individuals, from both campus and community, who are interested in community engaged research. Resources could include training courses, a toolkit of best practices, workshops for grant writing, and a list of funding opportunities.
- **Increase the number of community-engaged research opportunities and supports for graduate students** (e.g. Research Shop).
- **Raise awareness about pathways for people to connect to McMaster researchers and to community partners**
- **Create a Community-Engaged Research Communications Strategy** to increase awareness about community-engaged research.
- **Inform the work of Office of Community Engagement (OCE) theme groups** by making connections to specific institutes, centres, researchers, and/or partners, as well as aligning theme groups with other research capacity and events.
- **Incorporate principles for community engagement into the research ethics application process** on all McMaster ethics boards
- **Pursue formal recognition for community-engaged research for both academic and community partners** while communicating about the work that goes into community-engaged research to ensure it is appropriately resourced.
- **Use the OCE database to track community-engaged research projects**
- **Create opportunities for colleagues to share the outcomes of their work**, encouraging shared learning and networking (possibly building on the previous Idea Exchange model used by the Network for Community-Campus Partnerships).
- **Consider developing an access program that bridges research, education, and service**, building on and aligning existing initiatives such as the McMaster Children & Youth University and the McMaster Discovery Program.
- **Pursue funding to support community-engaged research**

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