Community Engaged Learning (CEL) Opportunities

*CEL Hub Mission: Engaging with the greater community to enhance the health and wellbeing of communities and to promote social accountability of the Cumming School of Medicine*

The Community Engagement Hub under the office of Strategic Partnerships and Community Engagement – Local and Global (SPaCE) is a centralized resource centre for facilitation and coordination of CEL activities across programs, departments and institutes at the Cumming School of Medicine (CSM). The Engagement Hub is an easily identifiable ‘front door’ for community organizations looking to form CEL partnerships with the CSM and to recruit community-engaged learners from the CSM. The CEL Hub aims to support a culture for CEL in the CSM, and amongst the student population at the University of Calgary at large.

To apply and/or learn more about the CEL opportunities, please contact Didem Erman: csmengage@ucalgary.ca. You can also visit us at CEL HUB across from Feasby student lounge.

You can check and apply for the programs in [https://leadership.ucalgary.ca/home.htm](https://leadership.ucalgary.ca/home.htm).

**Immigrant and Refugee Youth Learning Activities: Co-Curricular Activity**

*Project Description:* Planning and executing youth learning activities geared towards the immigrant and refugee communities in Calgary, together with the Bangladesh Canada Association of Calgary (BCAOC).

*Purpose of the project:* To familiarize youth with the concepts of health and wellness. Increase awareness and knowledge of effective health promotion with immigrant youth. Enhancing participant capacity in Community Engagement.

*CEL Opportunity:* There are two separate stages to this opportunity:

**Stage 1 (March – June): 24 hours (including orientation and readings)**

To gather a core group of volunteers who will participate in planning and developing materials and curriculum for youth learning activities geared towards the Immigrant and Refugee Communities in Calgary. CEL Volunteers will assist Dr. Turin Chowdhury and BCAOC representatives in preparation for youth learning activities for summer.

**Stage 2 (June - August) 20 hours (including orientation and readings)**

To facilitate and support 14 interactive learning sessions with Bangladeshi youth and others on health and wellness. Through these activities, a volunteer will be able to build understanding of cultural diversity and multilevel complexities that the societies are facing. They will also explore ways to build capacity within a community and how to address the needs of the communities.

*Project Start Date:* 2nd week of March

*Anticipated Project end date:*  
**Stage 1:** Mid June  
**Stage 2:** end of August

*Commitment:* 2 to 3 hours a week in total (44 hours + 6 hours (orientation + reflection paper and readings))

*# of participants:* 5 + participants

*Other requirements:* Readings, attending orientation, writing a one-page reflection paper.

This position is open for all CSM students and learners. Please contact Didem Erman at csmengage@ucalgary.ca to apply or to ask questions.

**Expectations from Learner:**

| Pre-Engagement | Basic Application Procedure.  
|                | Attending orientation |
| During Engagement | Minimum 20 hours of volunteering  
|                  | Mid project follow up and community improvement updates |
| Post-Engagement  | Critical reflection  
|                  | Evaluation of community improvement indicators |