Community-campus engagement in the environmental sector with local post-secondary institutions:

Presenting our preliminary opportunities database and user guide

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Main reasons for CCE

(according to our 2017 community needs assessment)

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS







SUPPORT (\$; students, etc)



NETWORKING

Community Needs



"A greater view of the landscape"

- Community organizations enter into CCE agreements for various reasons, including to advance research, partnerships, and training, to make connections, to provide mentoring, and to receive support for their work in the community.
- With such a wide variety, range, and nature of opportunities available, it is difficult for organizations to keep track of the different procedures, guidelines, and institutional programming of each post-secondary institution.

Categories



Below is a list of the key elements of a CCE opportunity that community members often require when considering engagements. These also serve as the **categories of information** utilized in the development of the tool.

- Nature of the opportunity
 - Category of CCE (Research-based, community support, networking)
 - Academic level of student
 - Number of student hours required
 - Level of supervision provided by PSI
 - Level of supervision and reporting required by community member
- Amount of monetary commitment required
- Contact information for professors/instructors in the environmental field and alternate contact

- Timelines and deadlines
 - Deadline to submit a request for a student to PSI
 - Time frame/duration of CCE
 - Frequency of reporting (Weekly, Bi-Weekly, Monthly, etc.)
 - Dates and deadlines for final evaluation reports
- Academic courses for potential Community Supported Learning (CSL) placements related to the environment

The Solution

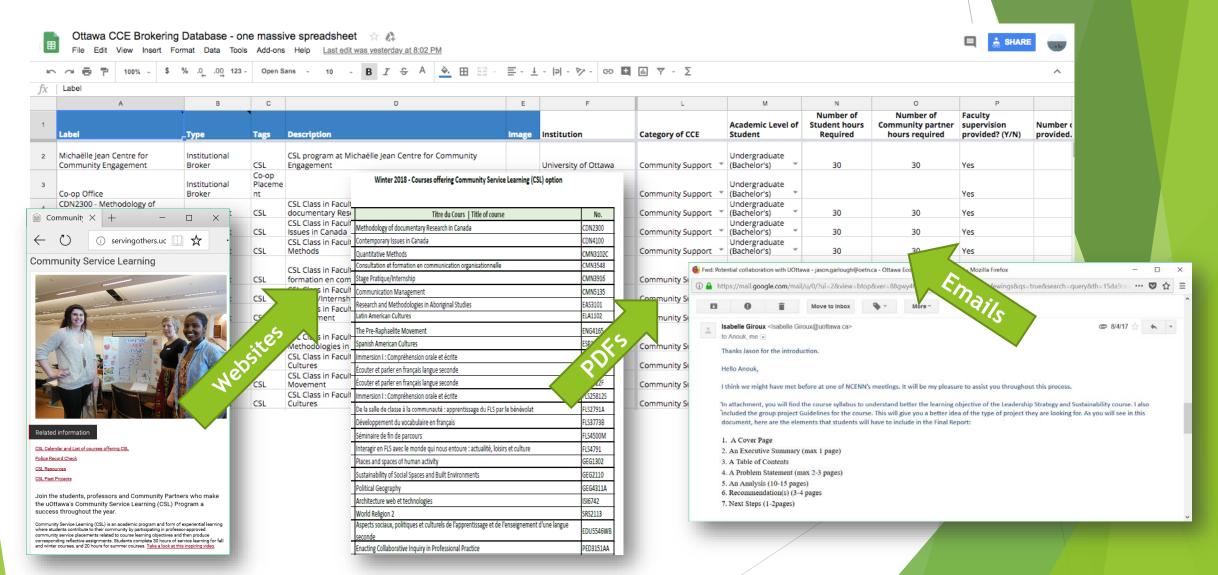


An Opportunities Database

- Consolidating information obtained from local PSI into a standardized, open database of community-campus (CCE) opportunities in the environmental sector in Ottawa
- Pilot focuses on CCE that could benefit environmental NGOs
- Phase 1 (February April, 2018): Building the Database
- Phase 2 (May August, 2018): Filling out and refining the Database

About the Database





The How-To Guide



CFICE Opportunities Database: A Helpful Guide

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1. Background and Guiding Framework

The purpose of this initiative is to create and maintain an Opportunities Database to serve as a brokering tool for community-campus engagement (CCE) opportunities in the environmental and sustainability sector. A strong understanding of the community's current situation ensures that the Database adequately addresses community needs while providing a solution to the challenges that community organizations face in accessing information on CCE.

What Specific Information do Organizations Need about CCE Opportunities?

Community organizations enter into CCE agreements for various reasons, including to advance research, partnerships, and training, to make connections, to provide mentoring, and to receive support for their work in the community. As one community member aptly noted, to tap into the vast array of CCE opportunities available, organizations ultimately need a "greater view of the landscape." With such a wide variety, range, and nature of opportunities available, it is difficult for organizations to keep track of the different procedures, guidelines, and institutional programming of each post-secondary institution (PSI). A publicly-accessible database or tool to consolidate all relevant information in one place could counteract this issue.

This document outlines the Guiding Framework for the Database, along with tips for navigating its contents, and the visualization, and a glossary.

Visualizations and Formats



- Open Database (a spreadsheet) with well-defined data categories (columns), data types (rows) and data standards (values allowed in the cells)
- This allows the community to filter, sort and publish the thousands of communitycampus engagement opportunities available in their region in any format they prefer or find useful. Including:



Progress and Next Steps

- Refine design (content and format; what categories of information to include)
- Research to identify environment-focused CCE opportunities within each of the six local PSI
- ✓ Input this data into a program/app/excel
- Set up additional meetings with all PSIs in the Ottawa-Gatineau area to gather more information to fill out the Opportunities Database
- Pilot test with a focus group of CBO; ensure expressed needs are met with this proposed guide.











- To find out more, check out:
 - The Opportunities Database Raw Data (Google Sheets)
 - The Opportunities Database Visualization (Kumu)
 - The CFICE Opportunities Database: A Helpful Guide

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