What is curriculum-embedded community-based experiential learning?

At CSAHS, we believe so strongly in the value of experiential learning that we want to give all of our undergraduates the opportunity to apply their knowledge in active and practical ways. In fact, we want experiential learning to become a defining attribute of a CSAHS Degree.

That is why we have created the Learning Opportunities Trust. The Trust will expand experiential learning opportunities for CSAHS students, and help remove any financial barriers to participation.

**Curriculum-embedded**: the activity must be undertaken as part of a course credit; volunteer activity is not eligible.

**Community-based**: activity must include interaction with a community.

**Experiential learning**: learning that takes place outside of the classroom.

**What is NOT eligible?**

- Research work in a laboratory
- Volunteer activity
- Paid activity

**What IS eligible?**

- Semester abroad
- Practicum placement
- Field trip
- Community based research
Examples of Approved Funded Activities

- Semester Abroad
- Bilateral Exchange
- Improving food security in an orphanage in India
- Geography field trip
- ADFW, FRHD, CYF Practicum
- Collaborate with City of Guelph to study Outdoor Water Use Program and offer recommendations for improvement
- Practicum at Sick Kids’ Hospital (Toronto)
- Individual work/study courses
- Peer Helper courses
- Internship with AIDS support organization in Malawi, paired with IDEV 4200 and 4190
- Community-based research for undergraduate thesis
- Research project, development of educational garden and curriculum
- Participation in Transition Town workshop, Canadian Food Summit, Go Foraging workshop to study transformation of suburbia to promote a better planet
- Field placement in retirement residence to develop specialized meal plans
- Travel to Peru with Operation Groundswell
- Psychology Honours thesis research – advertising, prizes for participants, purchase software to analyse data, attend conference
- Travel to Costa Rica for IDEV course studying agriculture and geography in developing country
- Travel to Kenya to work as an intern – conduct community based evaluation of project, set up accounting system for school, create documentary film about practices in use for IDEV independent study course

*To inquire if your activity qualifies for this type of funding, please email csahsada@uoguelph.ca.