



McKeen Center 2024-2025



What is the Winter Break Community Engagement Program?

Why should I consider applying for this?

How can I prepare for the experience?

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Complete 50 hours of community engagement work at a nonprofit or municipal organization over winter break.

Reflect on reciprocity and impact in community engagement.



Receive \$750 stipend for writing & submitting reflection materials



Short term commitment.



Create an experience tailored to your interests and goals.



Receive funding for reflection.



Good preparation for summer internships and fellowships.

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Submit the WBCEP Commitment Letter before you depart campus for Winter Break



Complete the 50 hours with your community partner of choice



Complete a mid-Winter Break check-in survey (week of January 6<sup>th</sup>)



Document your work with a photograph and plan reflection materials



Submit final reflection essay and other materials, due 1/20/2025, and then receive stipend



Students must receive financial aid from Bowdoin to be eligible for this award.

If there are more requests than funds, the selection committee may consider factors, including whether students have received the funding previously and the strength of the case made in the application

International Students who are F1 Visa Holders are eligible to volunteer with a non

Attend the info session

Apply by December 9<sup>th</sup> at 12 PM [using this link](#).\*

- Personal Information
- Community Partner Information, including confirmation that they will host you for this experience.
- Statement of Interest

\*Applicants will be accepted on a rolling basis, starting on November 11<sup>th</sup> and the deadline to apply will be 12/9/24, unless stipend funds are fully committed before then.

Why have you chosen this organization for your project?

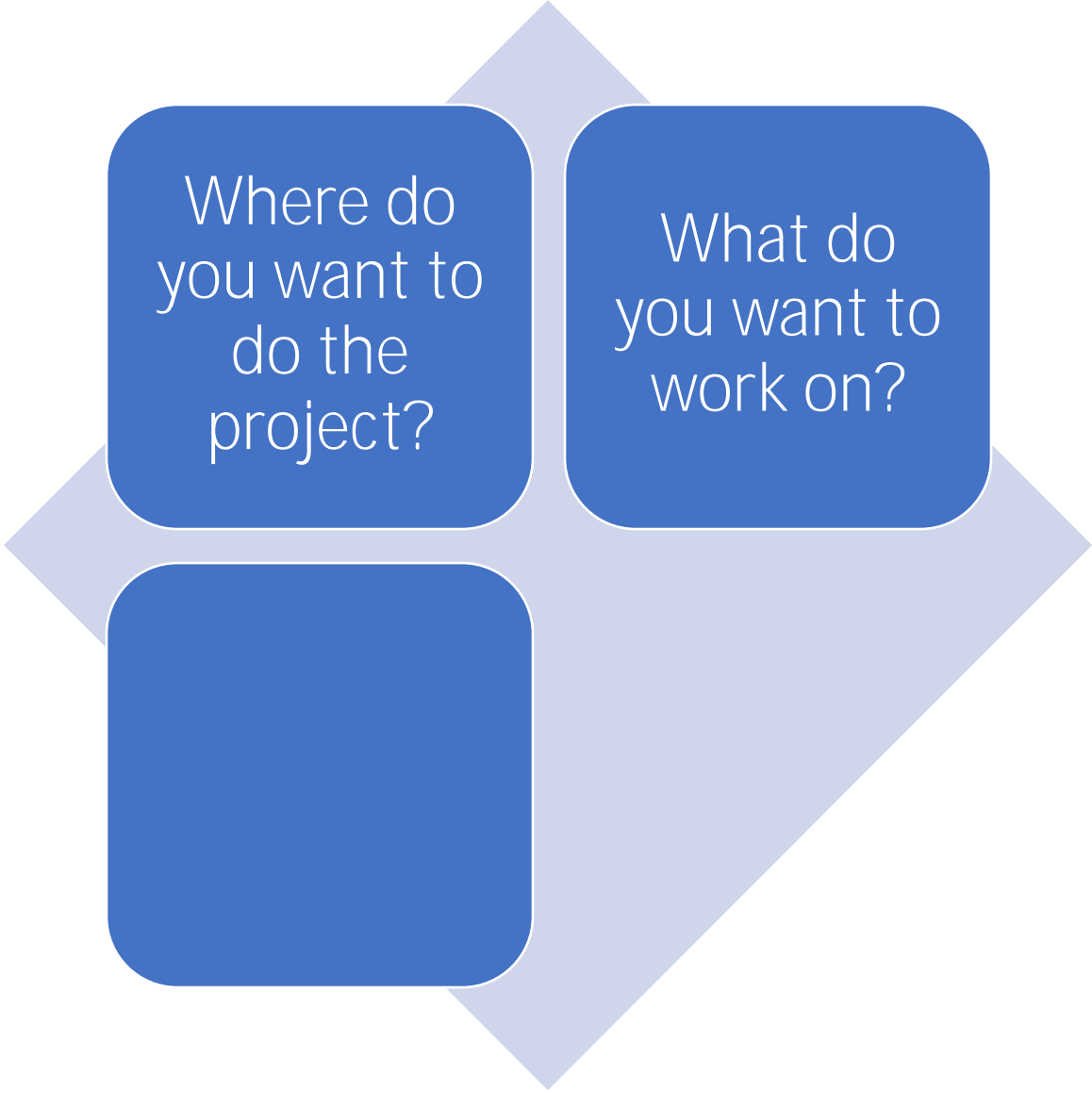
How do you plan to volunteer with the organization during your 50-hour commitment?

What do you hope to learn from this experience?

How do you plan to bring your experience back to the Bowdoin community?







Where will you be over the winter break?

Do you want to do a project that is remote, in person, or hybrid?

Can you leverage this connection into a longer-term internship or relationship?

Non-profit org(s)

Municipal org

Religious org

Government Office/Official

## Issue Areas

Immigration

Health and  
Wellness

Poverty and  
Economic  
Development

Environment  
and  
Sustainability

Arts and  
Culture

Food

Animal  
Welfare

Human Rights

Literacy and  
Education

Youth  
Development

And more..!

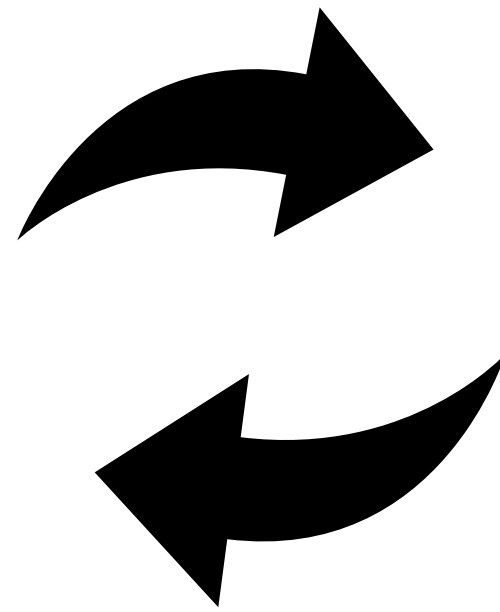
## Your Academic Interests

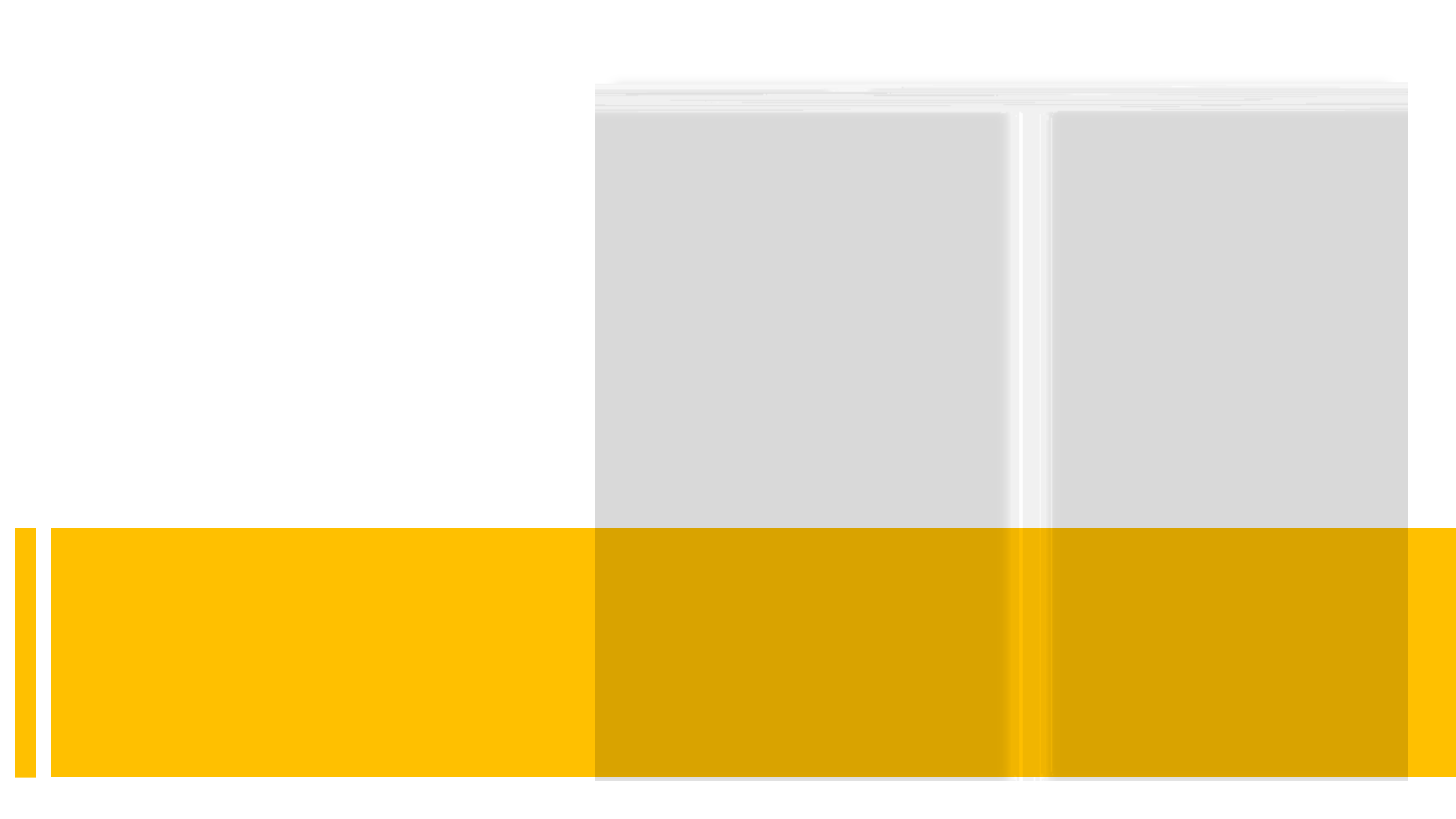
- Major
- Minor
- Random classes that changed your perspective on life

## Passion and your WHY?


- Your identity
- Your personal story
- Your big dreams
- What you've been involved with before?









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- [Sample Emails to Communicate with Partners](#) (this is a template, so make sure to update information for you specifically!)
  - Information to include in initial communication
    - A little bit about you (name, Bowdoin student, etc.)
    - Why you are interested in working at the organization and what you'd like to do while you're there.
    - Timeline, number of hours, and any other relevant requirements from the Bowdoin side.
    - Mention that there is funding available from Bowdoin if you complete the work and submit a reflection. If your participation hinges on receiving this funding, be upfront that you will need an acceptance from us before you decide to participate.
    - Your contact information.
  - Confirmation from a community partner-- what does this mean?
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Office Hours: [Set up a time to chat with me!](#)

