

## **Leveraging High-Impact Integrative Learning: The Pathway to Civic Engagement and Community-Based Research in an Honors Program**

Program Innovation Award

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The Burnett Honors College offers a variety of opportunities for Honor students to participate in civic engagement and research; however, the opportunities are promoted as separate or individualized initiatives rather than interconnected ones. The proposed project is designed to integrate civic engagement and community-based research into the Honors curriculum in the form of a high-impact integrative learning experience using a multi-level interdisciplinary approach to reduce health disparities in Orange County, Florida. The proposed project requires collaborative efforts between the University of Central Florida, The Burnett Honors College, and community agencies with the same mission of reducing health disparities in Orange County. The implementation of the proposed project will occur in two phases. Phase I: Partnership building, training and development—The Burnett Honors College will host academic-community partnership colloquiums. Phase II: Research and Intervention-Evaluation, Dissemination, and Reflection—the foundation of the research will be rooted in science while firmly grounded in the identified communities.