

# Overview

The journey from the initial founding of the **CLAS Center for Experiential Learning (CCEL)** in 2022 to its current state has involved significant initial investment by the CLAS Dean's Office in experiential learning, strategic grant applications, a commitment from the university to build on CCEL's successes, considerable cross-divisional teamwork, and faculty-focused professional development, and student-centered design.

CCEL is a robust hub for experiential learning in the College of Arts and Sciences (CLAS) at Grand Valley State University, offering opportunities to connect faculty and students with established partnerships, support with developing new partnerships, professional development, and funding.

The **Regional Math and Science Center**, also within the unit, is an education outreach center that partners with GVSU faculty and students to engage K-12, higher education, and community stakeholders to advance STEM in the region. Both Centers are valuable resources for faculty. Two new initiatives that may be of interest to new faculty:

## CCEL Conference Fund

Support focused on professional development for experiential learning

- [gvsu.edu/ccel/conferencefund](https://www.gvsu.edu/ccel/conferencefund)
- \$1000 maximum to support experiential learning
- All CLAS faculty types are eligible
- Rolling application period

## Community Partner Interest Form

Support faculty connections with external partners for classroom engagement

- [gvsu.edu/ccel/communitypartners](https://www.gvsu.edu/ccel/communitypartners)
- Field external partnership requests for faculty
- Work with the Community Engagement Office to capture info for the Laker Effect Map

To get involved, please check out the faculty resources page online.

