

# MSU Ethics Institute

***Strategic Plan Theme: Global Impact***

***Funding Level: More than \$5 million***

***Facility Needs: New facilities will be needed***

***Submitting Unit: Arts & Letters / Honors College***

***Collaborating colleges/departments/units involved with this proposal.***

Every colleges is included, initially led by College of Arts & Letters, College of Law, Broad College of Business, Provost's office

***What is the proposal's big theme or idea?***

The mission of the MSU Ethics Institute is to promote ethical thinking and acting as the center of university life and as the animating principle of the university's engagement with local, regional, and global communities.

***What is the proposal's goal?***

The purpose of the MSU Ethics Institute is to strengthen teaching, research, experiential learning activities, and co-curricular activities for students around the theory and practice of ethics; to make MSU students leaders in ethical decision making and ready to face emerging ethical challenges for their times; to foster sound norms of ethical reasoning and civic discussion within the university; to support communities (local, regional, and global) in addressing pressing and important local and global ethical issues.

***Define the significance, or impact of your big idea.***

In each focus area, we have articulated ambitious goals that will establish Michigan State University as a global leader in ethical education, research, and institutional culture. Effort in service of the following goals enhance MSU's land grant mission of being inclusive, promoting outstanding undergraduate, graduate, and professional education, conducting research that makes a positive difference to the global community, and in advancing outreach and engagement.

**Educational Goals**

The MSU Ethics Institute will support faculty efforts to create, develop, and implement an ethics curriculum in every major in the University, across the Integrated Studies general education curriculum, as a core component of the MSU Honors College experience, MSU Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum (UURAF) and as a vital part of undergraduate education at MSU. In addition to undergraduate education the institute will also focus on graduate education focusing on research, and teaching.

These opportunities will be designed in collaboration with the existing campuswide infrastructure such as the Department of Student Life, Center for Service-Learning and Civic Engagement, MSU Community Engaged Learning, and other disciplinary Centers across the University.

**Research Goals**

The MSU Ethics Institute will establish ethics research centers in strategic areas, foster research strengths in ethics, and support the ethical conduct of research across the University.

**Institutional Transformation Goals**

The MSU Ethics Institute will be a catalyst for institutional transformation at MSU and a model of ethical organizational behavior across higher education.

***Who will be impacted?***

Every person who encounters any member of the MSU community.

***What does sustainability for your proposal look like?***

\$100M endowment.