The Path to 2020

A Structured Process of Institutional Self-Study

Transforming through engagement
A CORE PRIORITY
UTRio Grande Valley

The **Carnegie** Foundation's **Classification** for Community Engagement

An **elective classification**, meaning that it is based on voluntary participation by institutions. ... It is an institutional **classification**

It is not an award, rather a process of self-assessment and documentation of *community engagement* practice.

Community Engagement Defined By Carnegie

Community engagement describes the **collaboration** between institutions of higher education and their larger for the **mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources** in a context of **partnership** and **reciprocity.**

The purpose of community engagement is to **enrich scholarship, research, and creative activity; enhance curriculum, teaching and learning;** prepare educated, engaged citizens; strengthen democratic values and civic responsibility; address critical societal issues; and contribute to the public good.

Motivation for seeking Carnegie Classification

Legitimacy: Seeking new level of legitimacy for community engagement, an institutional core priority, in a public/visible way

Accountability: To demonstrate accountability in fulfilling mission of serving the public good

Catalyst for Change: A tool for fostering institutional alignment for community-based teaching, learning, scholarship

Foundational Indicators

Identity & Culture

- Mission
- Vision
- Strategic plan
- Marketing
- Community voice

Institutional Commitment

- Coordinating infrastructure
- Awards
- T & P Policies
- Faculty Development

Curricular Engagement

- For credit courses
- Community Engagement rewarded as form of teaching, scholarship

Timeline

1. Framework was released **January 22, 2018**
2. Application portal opens **May 1, 2018.**
3. Application deadline is **April 15, 2019.**
4. Campuses notified in **December 2019.**
5. Public announcement of classified campuses in **January 2020.**

How Can You Help?

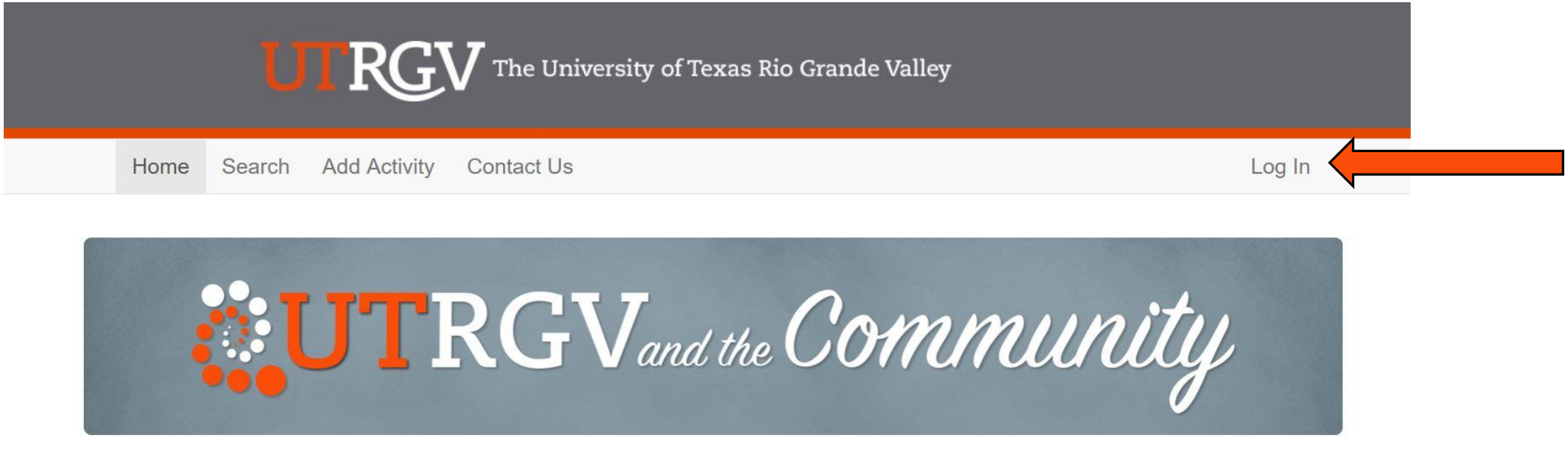
1. Champion policies that support Community Engagement at all levels.
2. Recognize, feature, highlight community engaged activities and faculty champions.
3. Encourage faculty to submit activities in the UTRGV and the Community Portal.

UTRGV and the Community
is the portal where students, faculty, and the community may explore the many ways UTRGV serves and learns with the community.

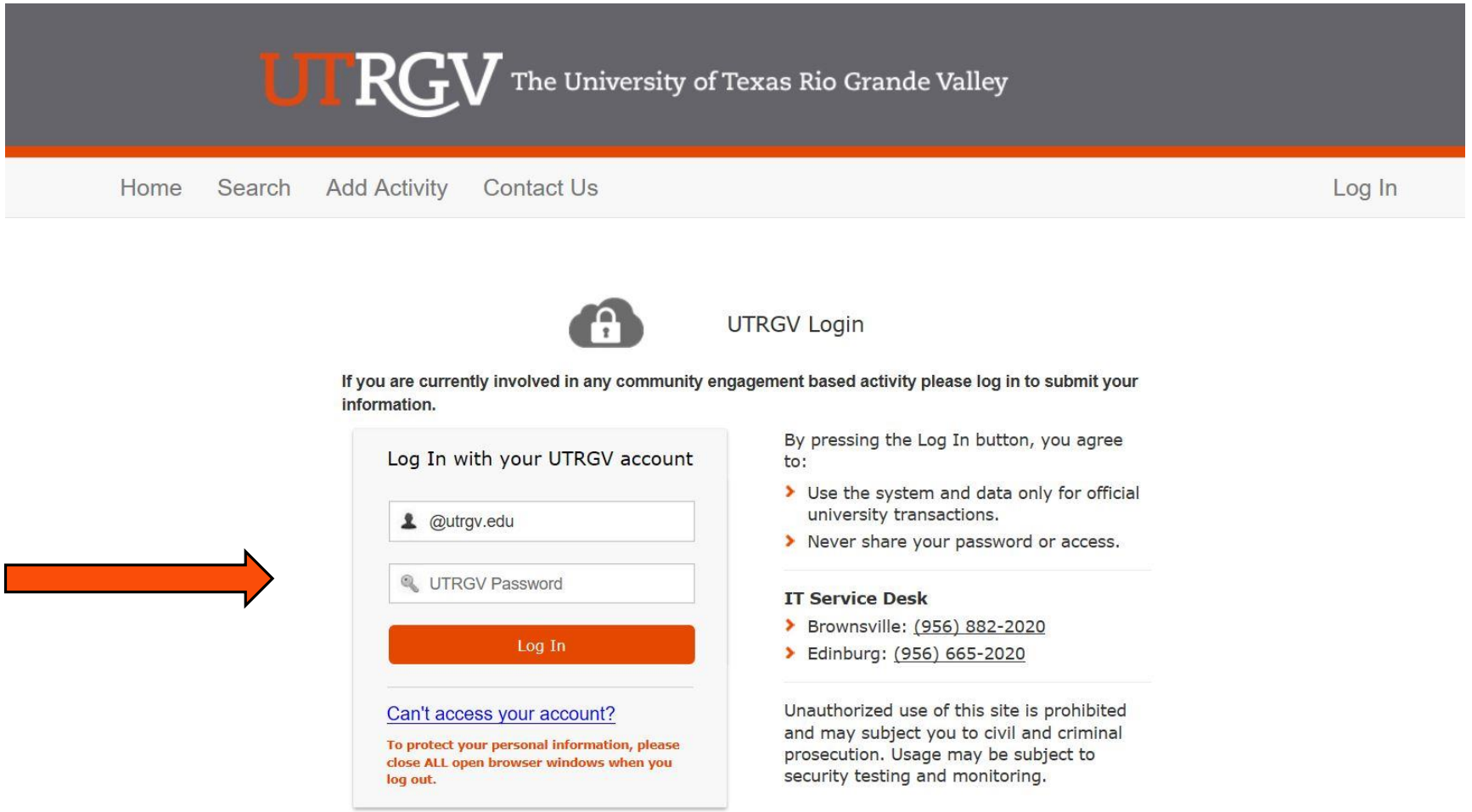
How Can You Help?

1. **Receive the link**
2. **Forward to faculty & staff**
3. **Encourage submissions**

STEP 1 Visit https://webapps.utrgv.edu/gc/ce/home and click **Log In**

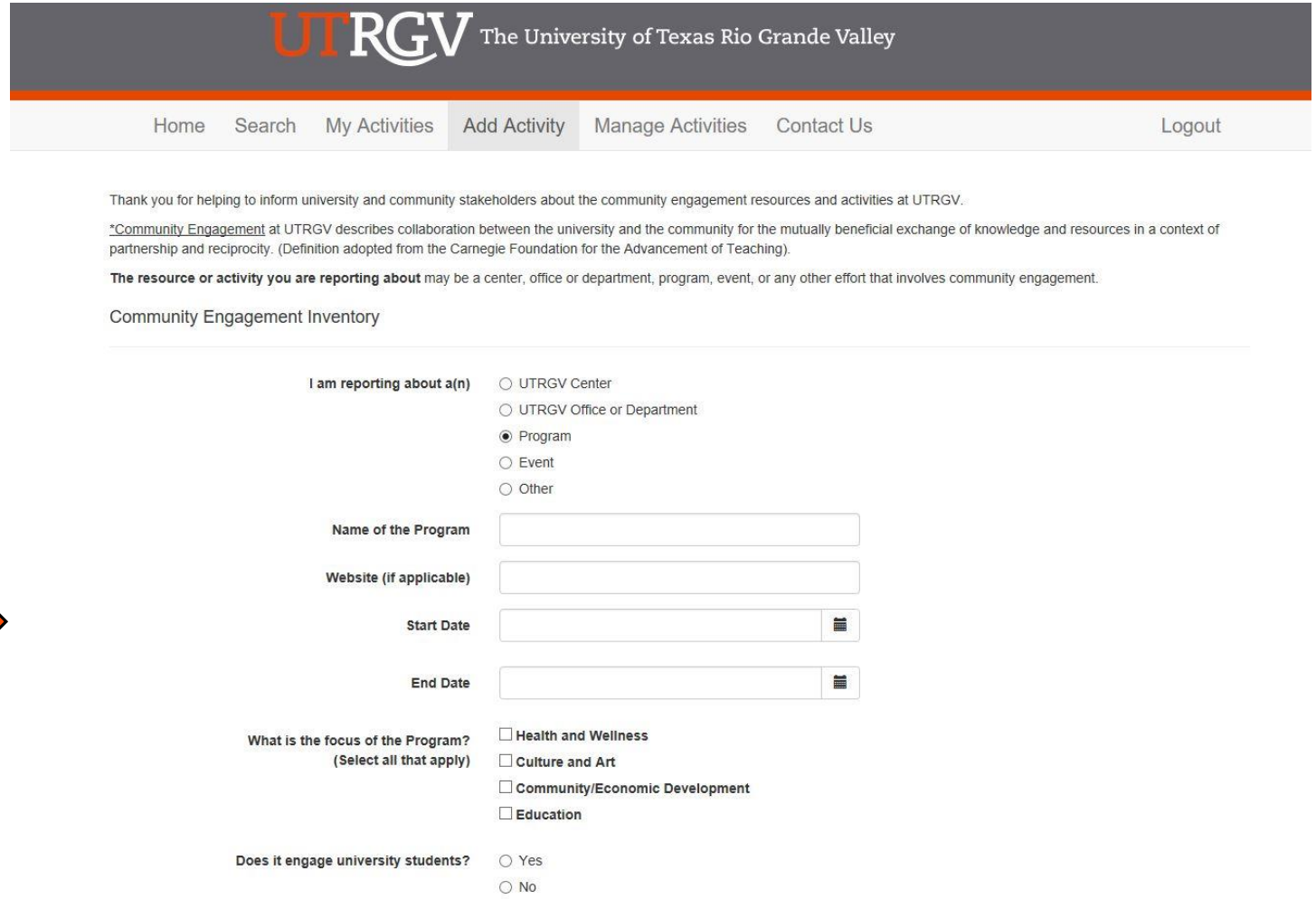


STEP 2 Log in with your UTRGV credentials

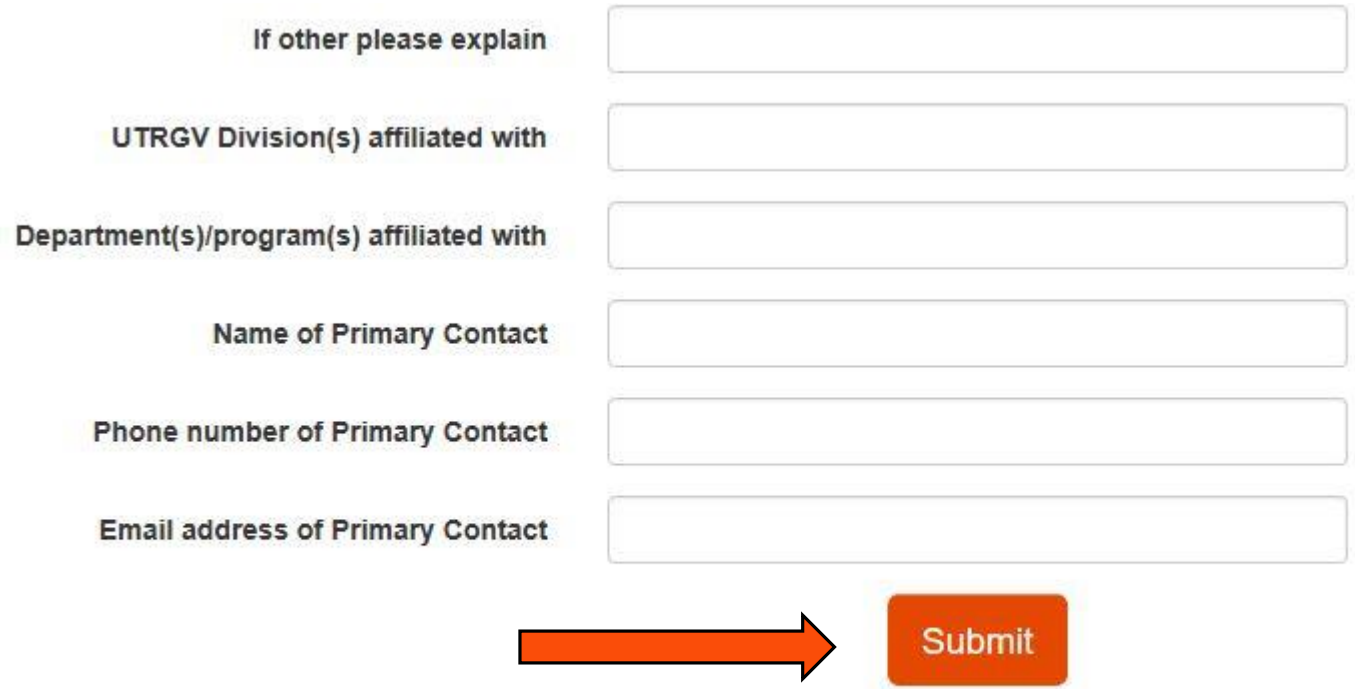


STEP 3 Under “Add Activity”, select which description fits your activity

STEP 4 Complete all fields that are applicable



STEP 5 Click the Submit button to upload your entry details



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