

Reasons to Join

Campus Compact for Virginia

- **Sharing learning and impact**

Our members fulfill their public purposes by educating students for informed and responsible citizenship, advancing research to address public challenges of all kinds, and building local communities through partnerships and institutional action. Through the Compact network, institutions gain valuable information about how their peers are creating impact on student civic learning and community goals and have the opportunity to share efforts of their own. More than 1000 colleges and universities working together can advance the public good in ways no institution can alone.

- **Comprehensive engagement planning support**

Campus Compact provides training and resources for institutions working to leverage existing community and campus assets for maximum impact on shared campus and community goals. This includes our Campus Civic Action Planning initiative, knowledge hubs focused on specific areas for exploration, access to coaches and individualized planning assistance, and funding through projects focused on specific aspects of campus action.

- **Support for community-based teaching and research**

Campus Compact provides essential resources for faculty including our syllabus collection, The Research University Engaged Scholarship Toolkit, and a wide variety of publications focused on course construction, department-level alignment, assessment, and more. Campus Compact's Thomas Ehrlich Civically Engaged Faculty Award recognizes excellence in engaged scholarship, raising the profile of community-based teaching and research.

- **Opportunities for student civic learning**

Our newly redesigned Newman Civic Fellowship recognizes and supports community-committed students from Campus Compact member institutions. The fellowship emphasizes personal, professional, and civic growth. The fellowship experience includes a national conference of Newman Civic Fellows in partnership with the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate, along with online learning opportunities and periodic regional gatherings. Newman Civic Fellows have special eligibility for scholarships and post-graduate fellowships.

- **Professional development and networking**

Our national network provides ongoing professional development for faculty, staff, and administrators working to build partnerships with community-based organizations through state, regional, and national conferences and events. We are preparing to launch a credentialing program for Community Engagement Professions to provide best-practice education, access to the latest resources, and a stronger professional identity for those advancing the public mission of higher education.

- **Hands-on technical assistance**

Member institutions receive hands-on technical support through our national office, as well as our state and regional Compacts. Campus Compact professionals support member institutions in devising and implementing curricular and co-curricular student programs, building community partnerships, shaping faculty and staff professional development programs, and more.

- **Visibility for the role of higher education in delivering public value**

Campus Compact serves as a national megaphone to raise awareness about the civic mission and public purposes of higher education. Our national, state, and regional staff work with leaders in the public, private, philanthropic, and citizen sectors to share information about the impact of engaged teaching and research and the role of colleges and universities anchor institutions. We connect with communications and assessment staff on campus to bring data and stories to traditional and new media.

Member Benefits for...

Presidents:

- A mechanism for connecting to communities, enriching students' experiences, and enhancing faculty and student retention.
- Opportunities to raise national awareness of the civic mission of colleges and universities through influential documents such as the *Presidents' Declaration on the Civic Responsibility of Higher Education*.
- Millions of dollars in subgrants to member campuses to support service and civic engagement efforts available through our state affiliates.

- Access to hundreds of service and service-learning program models and syllabi, as well as the chance to share successful initiatives nationally.
- National and local publicity that highlights presidential leadership in support of public and community service.
- Legislative updates with information on government initiatives that affect service-related programs in higher education.
- Publications and online resources to help your community partners work effectively with higher education.
- Training, resources, awards, and other support for faculty, community service directors, administrators, and students engaged in service and service-learning.
- Advocacy of national and state legislation and funding to support campus-based service.
- Formal links with organizations such as the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U), the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), and discipline associations to bring combined resources and efficiencies to new initiatives.
- Professional development and networking opportunities designed to enhance presidents' ability to foster civic engagement.

For Faculty and Staff:

- More than 700 exemplary service and service-learning program models searchable by subject.
- A searchable database of more than 250 service-learning syllabi in 48 disciplines.
- Toolkits, curriculum guides, and other cutting-edge publications on topics ranging from creating an engaged department to assessing service-learning.
- Conferences, workshops, institutes, and other professional development opportunities at the local, state, regional, and national levels.
- Online toolkits and other resources.
- Curricular service-learning resources on pedagogical styles, the impact of service-learning, and research findings.
- Access to the expertise of Campus Compact's Consulting Corps.
- National recognition of exemplary work through awards and exposure in our newsletter and other publications.
- Publications and online resources to help your community partners work effectively with higher education.

- Validation for service and service-learning work, including national advocacy as well as assistance in building internal recognition.
- A support structure for making teaching and scholarship both academically rigorous and socially relevant.

For Students:

- Recognition through national and regional student award programs and exposure in our newsletter and other publications.
- Access to online information on events, resources, grants and fellowships, and more.
- Assistance in administering Federal Work Study community service programs.
- Student participation in Campus Compact meetings to help guide student-related activities.
- Local and national publicity for student-led service and civic engagement efforts.
- Books, action guides, and other publications that give voice to students and provide guidance on organizing events and projects.
- Election resources, including information on absentee ballots, organizing campus initiatives, and models of election-related activities.
- Tools and support to allow students to act on their sense of social responsibility in ways that are relevant to their academic study.

For Community Service Directors:

- Professional development and networking opportunities through national, regional, and state conferences.
- Millions of dollars in subgrants to member campuses to support service and civic engagement efforts available through our state affiliates.
- Online access to news, events, funding opportunities, resources, and other essential information.
- A searchable database of more than 700 exemplary campus-based service program models, indexed by category.
- Information on and support for VISTA, Federal Work-Study, and other programs.
- Discounts on publications with information on program administration, benchmarks, funding, and other key topics.
- Regional and state-level support, including assistance in linking with local school systems, businesses, and community partners, as well as onsite training and technical assistance.

- State and national-level service statistics to support campus funding of service-related efforts.
- An opportunity to inform national and state-level legislation and policy affecting campus-based civic engagement efforts.
- Publications and online resources to help your community partners work effectively with higher education.
- Events and initiatives that bring together CSDs, service-learning directors, faculty, students, and community partners.