



DAVIDSON COLLEGE CENTER FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Nonprofit & Community Partner Resources

The Center for Civic Engagement works in partnership with public and nonprofit organizations to connect students, faculty and staff with opportunities to build community capacity and impact positive community-driven change.

Post Service or Internship Opportunities

The center publicizes opportunities ranging from introductory service experiences to immersive summer internship programs, community-based learning courses and leadership experiences. If you have a direct service opportunity, project or ongoing internship opportunity, please share them with the center and we will communicate these opportunities across campus.

Community Involvement Fair

The center hosts an annual Community Involvement Fair where students, faculty and staff explore the range of opportunities in our areas and become familiar with the resources in our community related to social change. Come share the ranges of opportunities to work with your organizations. This year's fair will be held on Tuesday, August 30 from 11–12:30pm in the Atrium of the Knobloch Campus Center.

Community Collaborative

The Community Collaborative is a group of nonprofit professionals, community leaders and engaged citizens who work together to impact sustainable change around pressing issues face by Lake Norman area residents. The collaborative meets once in the summer to discuss areas needs and plan collaborative strategies and again in January at the Community Innovation Institution. Project teams that emerge from the meetings may meet more regularly. To learn more about the collaborative and how you can be involved, contact Stacey Riemer at striemer@davidson.edu.

Innovation Institute & Other Workshops

The center regularly hosts speakers and workshops intended to build the capacity of our community, provide networking opportunities and collaboratively engage in community change efforts. More details will follow about this year's events, but be sure to save the following dates:

- **July 28th – Open House / Introduction to the Center for Civic Engagement**, 9–10:30am, Suite 414 of the Knobloch Campus Center
- **September 22nd** – Tentatively 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon – Collaborative strategies for community transformation featuring Tom Bassford, Founder and Director of **Significant Matters**
- **January 12th – Community Innovation Institute** – a daylong event with speakers and breakout sessions to advance community change work and promote collaboration. In addition to workshops, funding opportunities exclusively for institute participants will be shared.

To post a service or internship opportunity or to register for any of the center's events, visit www.davidson.edu/civicingagement. Click on the box on the right hand side of the page that says "Resources for Nonprofit & Community Partners" and follow the appropriate registration link.

In partnership with public and nonprofit organizations, the center connects students, faculty and staff with opportunities to build community capacity and impact positive change. Our programs and events range from introductory service experiences to immersive summer internship programs, community-based learning courses and leadership development opportunities. The following are selected program highlights from the center:

Bonner Scholars

The Bonner Scholars Program is a four year scholarship program that supports a strong team of students working to bring about positive community change through service, research and action. Eighty participants in Davidson's program come together for weekly peer meetings and skill development covering topics such as time management, conflict resolution, poverty reduction, and education reform. Since its conception in 1990, the Bonner Program has grown to include 74 colleges and universities from around the country.

Community-based Learning

Community-based learning allows students to connect their academic work with direct experience in the community that meets a community-defined need. An average of 18 community-based learning courses are offered each year providing students the opportunity to learn about social issues while practicing skills such as problem solving, critical thinking and communication.

Educational Partnerships

Focusing on success in K12 education and access to higher education, the center offers immersive summer programs like Education Scholars, academic year tutoring opportunities and postgraduate opportunities with the College Advising Corps.

Fellowships & Internships

The center hosts immersive project-based internships and fellowship programs with public and nonprofit organizations in the summer including Community Engagement / Cook Family Fellows, Education Scholars and the Children's Defense Fund Freedom Schools program. Through the internships, community living and a shared curriculum, interns explore complex social issues and connect them to their academic experiences. Interns receive a stipend and housing as part of the program

Grants & Funding Opportunities

The center provides grants and seed funding to support service and social action throughout the United States and abroad. Examples of funded projects include an internship with an urban garden focused on food justice, medical mission work in the Dominican Republic, and a summer long service experience with an orphanage in Bolivia.

Service Leadership

Organizing around social change provides incredible opportunities to develop leadership skills. The center offers programs throughout the year to support the work of service leaders both on and off campus in partnership with the Civic Engagement Council (CEC). The CEC is an umbrella organization for 30 student-led service organizations supporting direct service, advocacy and community involvement.