

Kennesaw State University:

A 2015 Carnegie Designated Community Engaged Institution

Application Background and Overview

- The Carnegie Foundation's Classification for Community Engagement was established in 2005 as its first elective classification.
- This elective classification involves data collection and documentation of important aspects of institutional mission, identity, and commitments and requires substantial effort invested by participating institutions.
- It is an institutional classification; it is not for systems of multiple campuses or for part of a campus.
- Institutions must submit an application every 10 years detailing how their work with the community has grown both in scope and significance in order to be reclassified.

Community Engagement

- The Carnegie Foundation describes "community engagement" as the collaboration "between higher education institutions and their larger communities (local, regional/state, national, global) for the mutual beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources in a context of partnership and reciprocity."
- The purpose of community engagement is to connect college/university knowledge and resources with those of the public and private sectors 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.
- At KSU, we use the umbrella term "community engagement" to encapsulate the various ways in which we connect with the community. This includes any significant connection between our students, faculty, staff, alumni, and/or retirees with the larger community through volunteering, outreach, community service, or other means.

Nature of this Designation

- KSU will have the designation for 10 years beginning on January 1, 2015.
- The classification is NOT an award. It is an evidence-based documentation of institutional practice to be used in a process of self-assessment and quality improvement. The documentation is reviewed to determine whether the institution qualifies for recognition as a community-engaged institution.
- KSU's designation must be renewed in 2026 with further demonstration of ways the university has expanded, deepened, and integrated community engagement work into all aspects of the University.

Details Related to the 2015 Selection Process

- First-Time Classification information:
 - Campuses that received the application - 241.
 - Campuses that submitted an application - 133.
 - Campuses that did not receive the classification - 50.
 - Campuses that received first-time classification - 83.
- KSU is 1 of 10 institutions in Georgia with this designation.

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