The Engagement Scholarship Consortium (ESC)

ESC institutions work collaboratively to promote strong university-community partnerships anchored in the rigor of scholarship, and designed to help build community capacity.

ESC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational organization composed of higher education member institutions.

You’re Invited To…

Become an Institutional Member of the Engagement Scholarship Consortium

The ESC welcomes higher education institutions from around the world that are committed to evidence-based community engagement.

The ESC is focused on innovative solutions to complex problems through:

- Community development and systems change
- Entrepreneurial and economic innovation
- Talent development across the lifespan
- Public health and quality of life
- Art, culture, and prosperity
- Environmental sustainability
- International partnerships
- Scholarship of effective engagements

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Why Become a Member of the ESC?

University-community engagement is becoming an increasingly important part of what higher education institutions are expected to do as part of their core mission.

- Policy-makers, community members, and grant funders want to see evidence that universities are undertaking collaborative and equitable research that has a real and positive impact on the communities in which they are stakeholders.
- Faculty want to see their research help to solve real world problems.
- University students are seeking out higher learning institutions that encourage them to combine their academic learning with community service in ways that make a positive impact on people’s lives, communities, and environments.

How to Become an ESC Member Institution

Eligibility

All institutions of higher education are invited to become ESC members if they have demonstrated a commitment to engaged scholarship, as evidenced by the Carnegie Foundation’s Elective Classification in Community Engagement or by other demonstrated evidence as evaluated by the ESC Membership Committee.

Categories of Membership and Annual Fees (in US dollars)

- Doctorate-Granting Universities ($5,000)
- Masters Colleges and Universities ($2,500)
- Baccalaureate Colleges ($1,500)
- Associate Degree Granting Colleges ($1,000)

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ESC Annual Conference

A key event sponsored by the ESC is the Engagement Scholarship Consortium Annual Conference. The Conference showcases the latest research on university-community engagement and initiatives from a wide array of disciplines. It provides an important opportunity for knowledge exchange, networking, and building a community of practice both for established scholars and for faculty and graduate students who are new to the topic.