2020 Census Engagement Fellows (CEF)

Description

North Carolina Campus Compact, in partnership with Campus Election Engagement Project (CEEP), is sponsoring the 2020 Census Engagement Fellows (CEF) at select NC colleges and universities. The Census Fellows will be targeting communities historically identified as hard-to-count communities—which in North Carolina includes minority communities (African American, Asian, and Hispanic), children under 5 years old, the foreign-born population, communities with limited or no broadband internet access, and renters—to make sure they have the information they need to complete and submit their Census form. This program is intended to complement the state-wide efforts of the NC Complete Count Commission and the NC Counts Coalition.

Based on the hard-to-count characteristics of their communities, the following schools will have the opportunity to host a 2020 Census Fellow:

1. Elon University ( Alamance County)
2. Fayetteville State University (Cumberland County)
3. Durham Technical Community College (Durham County)
4. Winston-Salem State University (Forsyth County)
5. Bennett College for Women (Guilford County)
6. NC A&T State University (Guilford County)
7. Central Piedmont Community College (Mecklenburg County)
8. Elizabeth City State University (Pasquotank County)
9. UNC – Pembroke (Robeson County)
10. NC State University (Wake County)
11. Western Carolina University (Jackson County)

Timeline

- September 10 – Deadline for target campuses to identify a student to serve as a Fellow
- September 16 - NC Campus Compact will announce selected Fellows
- Second week in October – Fellows will participate in an orientation call (date to be determined through a poll of the Fellows)
- December 7 – In person training for Fellows
- January – Fellows term of service begins, including bi-weekly calls
- May – Fellows term of service ends
Guidelines for Fellows Selection

Campuses are responsible for identifying a student to serve as Fellow. North Carolina Campus Compact will review the recommendations and make the final selections. Possible criteria for identifying Fellows candidates include students with previous experience in community and civic engagement. Students with expressed interest and/or experience with advocacy, community organizing, and public policy experience should be given preference. Fellows should have time-management, leadership, and public speaking skills. Fellows must at least be in their second year of school.

Nominators must submit the online form by September 10th at this LINK.

Fellows Responsibilities

Fellows are expected to dedicate a minimum of 2.5 hours per week during their term of service (January – May) towards census awareness and engagement. Fellows will engage in an additional one-hour conference call biweekly. Fellows will be expected to:

- Sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), outlining their responsibilities
- Attend the in-person training on December 7th (no exceptions)
- Participate in all bi-weekly conference calls facilitated by NC Campus Compact
- Facilitate events and activities to raise awareness about the census
- Participate in the Complete Count Committee for their local area. If one does not exist, they are expected to assist in the creation of one
- Work with the community and civic engagement offices at their institutions to help them leverage their relationships with local non-profits and other community partners to raise awareness about the census and to reach hard-to-count communities
- Identify and create a list of locations where people without broadband access can go to fill out their census information online. All Fellows host campuses are encouraged to offer computer and technology access to their local community

Compensation

Upon successful completion of the fellowship responsibilities, each student will receive a $500 stipend.

Questions?

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