

What is Community Engagement?

Fairfield University earned the ______ in 2008 and was re-classified in 2015. As such, the University has adopted the below definition for community engagement, drafted by the Carnegie Foundation and commonly utilized throughout higher education.

Community engagement describes the collaboration between institutions of higher education and their larger broader communities (local, regional/state, national, global) for the mutually beneficial creation and exchange of knowledge and resources in a context of partnership and reciprocity.

The purpose of community engagement is to generate positive impact for communities and the campus by enriching research; enhancing teaching and learning; preparing educated and

(Carnegie Foundation, 2011).

Community Engagement at Fairfield University



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