

Community Engagement at UNCG

Timeline

1891

University Established - UNCG Motto = "Service"

Grassroots community engagement by faculty, staff, students, and community members, establishing Centers and partnerships.

2000

Expanding Service - Students

From 2000-2009, UNCG focused on expanding community engagement opportunities for students.

2001 - Center for New North Carolinians established

2009-2014 - UNCG Strategic Plan (Goal 4.3: "UNCG will promote an inclusive culture of engaged scholarship, civic responsibility, and community service")

2002 - Office of Leadership and Service-Learning established jointly by the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. Its goal: to advance curricular engagement.

2004 - North Carolina Campus Compact Presidential Commitment

2006 - Presidents' Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll

2006 - Service-Learning Faculty Fellows

2008 - Initial Carnegie Foundation Community Engagement Elective Classification received.

2008 - Community-Based Research Network launched by the Office of Public-Private Partnerships (later renamed Office of Research and Engagement)

2009 - Community-based Research Grants (sponsored by Undergraduate Research and OLSL)

2009 - Digital Library on American Slavery initially funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities

2010

Development and Growth of Community-Engaged Scholarship

During the 2010s, UNCG improved opportunities for faculty and staff to engage in community-engaged scholarship.

2010-2012 - P&T policies revised and aligned to recognize community-engaged scholarship throughout teaching, research/creative activity, and service.

2010 - Collaboratory© invented by the Institute for Community and Economic Engagement and licensed (2014) (50+ institutional members by 2024)

2011 - UNCG Excellence in Community Engagement visioning and planning for institution and community

2011 - Engagement Academy for University Leadership (senior leaders)

2012 - UNC System Community and Economic Engagement Task Forces (chaired by UNCG representatives) assess "progress in community engagement and economic development", establish system-wide metrics (2012-2015)

2012 - Barbara Holland and Emily Janke facilitate Promotion & Tenure workshops with 113 representatives from 42 academic departments

2012 - The Institute for Community and Economic Engagement (ICEE) is established to centralize communication and information for community engagement activities.

2013 - HHS Action Plan to Support Community-Engaged Scholarship, inaugural Community Engagement Faculty Fellow

2015 - Humanities Network & Consortium established, extending and formalizing the work of an interdisciplinary group committed to humanities research & teaching.

2015 - Taking Giant Steps: Strategic Plan

2019

2016 - Chancellor Gilliam signs UNCG's Campus Compact Civic Action Plan

2016 - School of Health and Human Sciences study of community-engaged scholarship (sponsored by American Association of State Colleges and Universities)

2016 - UNCG's Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) program exceeds NC's goal of 10% HUB participation for all major construction projects, fostering growth and profitability for small businesses.

2017 - Chancellor's Giant Steps Research Development Grants for Community Engagement

2017 - UNCG establishes two Millennial Districts to strengthen community-campus partnerships for innovation

2017 - Lifetime Eating & Physical Activity Practices (LEAP) collaboration with Greensboro community established, focusing on individual and social determinants of health

2017 - The College of Visual and Performing Arts establishes Greensboro Project Space, grant support, and programming under a Community Engagement Director.

2018 - Community-Engaged Pathways and Partnerships (P2) program established by the Vice Chancellor for the Office of Research and Engagement.

2019 - New division of Student Success (OSS) is established. Responsibility for curricular engagement transitions to the associate vice provost.

2020

Cultivating Academic Systems for Community Engagement Growth

Since 2020, the campus has worked to formalize and embed community engagement work throughout UNCG's institutional ecosystem.

2020 - Chancellor's Strategic Directions (Community Engagement as one of four strategic priorities)

2020 - UNCG establishes cultural arts venues within Millennial Districts, supporting local artists and contributing to neighborhood development.

2020 - The Institute for Partnerships in Education (I-PIE) established, bringing unique focus to strengthening and expanding campus and community partnerships for to improve educational practice and equitable educational outcomes of all learners.

2020 - Engaged Scholarship Prize was developed by North Carolina Campus Engagement in partnership with Chancellor Gilliam

2021 - The UNCG Community Engagement Council is formed, tri-led by ICEE, OLCCE, and OSS. The council aims to improve coordination and communication for the development of community-facing research, service, and teaching efforts.

2021 - W.K. Kellogg Foundation Community Engagement Scholarship Award Winner

2021 - Association of Public Land-Grant Universities Magrath Award Winner

2021 - UNCG accepted into AASCU's Understanding Engagement in Times of Crisis with Collaboratory Initiative

2022 - School of Health and Human Sciences created faculty fellowship for Community Engaged Research, with Dr. Sharon Morrison in the role.

2020-2023 - Digital Library on American Slavery recognized as the first ever "virtual" stop on the Underground Railroad Network to Freedom, operated by the National Park Service; DLAS subsequently receives over \$200,000 in funding via the North Carolina Library Services and Technology Act.

2023 - Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities designates UNCG as an Innovation and Economic Prosperity (IEP) University

2023 - School of Nursing names Dr. Audrey Snyder as Associate Dean of Community Engagement and Academic Partnerships

2024 - UNCG reclassified as community-engaged institution by the Carnegie Foundation