



SERVICE LEARNING AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT THROUGH HIGHER EDUCATION

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ENGAGING STUDENTS AS VOTERS NONPARTISAN RESOURCES & STRATEGIES TO BUILD INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT AND ACHIEVE FULL STUDENT VOTER PARTICIPATION

ABSTRACT:

In recent years, thousands of college campuses have implemented innovative, nonpartisan voter engagement strategies that build student leadership and exceed the requirements of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, to provide voter registration opportunities for their students. This session, led by nonprofit and campus leaders, will highlight resources, strategies, and funding available to support nonpartisan student voting engagement, emphasizing institutional partnerships that increase capacity, such as the use of Federal Work Study funds.

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