

2017 National Service and Civic Engagement Research Competition Overview

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) conducted the second National Service and Civic Engagement Research grant competition in 2017. Grants (distributed through cooperative agreements) were awarded after a competitive process to eligible institutions of higher education. The awards support dissertators conducting their Ph.D. research, or scholars, researchers, and postdoctoral researchers with a proven track record in their respective fields. The grants funded research in three priority areas:

- 1) Innovative research studies that explore how civic infrastructure and civic engagement, and related concepts such as social cohesion and social capital, are defined, measured, developed, or hindered at the community and neighborhood level;
- 2) Research exploring change in an individual's civic engagement over the course of a lifetime, particularly motivations for becoming engaged, types of civic engagement (informal, formal, or both), and outcomes of civic engagement over the life course; and,
- 3) Research studying impacts associated with civic engagement, volunteering, or national service upon individuals, families, and communities.

Grantees are expected to disseminate results from their studies to inform the public, practitioners and other researchers.