The Swearer Center has more than 20 programs. Swearer Center programs range from direct service in schools and community organizations through the 500+ members of Community Corps, to funded fellowships for more intensive and long-term engagement like the Bonner Community Fellows Program, to innovation focused or research-focused programs like the Social Innovation Fellowship or the Royce Fellowship, to programs that allow you to engage away from Brown in places like Washington, D.C. or Tulsa, O.K. All Swearer Center programs focus on partnership with communities and are grounded in social justice and a commitment to working for system change.

The Center’s location at 25 George Street and its satellite location at 339 Eddy Street in Providence’s Jewelry District are bustling with activity.

Some of the Swearer Center’s signature programs include:

- The Bonner Community Fellows Program: A multi-year, intensive, community engagement program with opportunities for fellows to integrate their co-curricular, curricular, and experiential life at Brown. Bonner Community Fellows engage in sustained, intentional, and intensive relationships with community-partner sites committed to addressing community challenges in the following issue areas: education, healthcare, environment, economic justice, and the arts. Together with community partners, fellows will strive to build socially just communities where people have the resources they need to reach their full potential.

- Launched in spring 2015, the Engaged Scholars Program (ESP) is a multi-year undergraduate program of study, grounded in the disciplinary concentrations, that creates educational pathways connecting academic theory and real world practice. Through community-engaged coursework, internships, and integrative capstone projects, ESP students gain hands-on experience working with community partners to address important social challenges.

- Brown students engage with the greater Providence community alongside local organizations and residents through formal Swearer Center partnerships in the Community Corps. More than 500 students lead after-school enrichment, connect health resources to patients, engage with adult learners, provide one-on-one tutoring, assist classroom teachers, support and advocate for people who are homeless and engage in other ways. Strong, long-term relationships between the Swearer Center, students, community members and partner organizations are an essential component of this program. Students participate in a structured and supportive cohort to build skills and knowledge as they address issues of social injustice and inequality, while learning first-hand about the assets and strengths in communities.

- The Social Innovation Fellowship (SIF) gives students a platform to engage with communities to explore and develop innovations that address pressing problems in our society. In some cases, Social Innovation Fellows are student founders of their own social impact ventures - these include student-run organizations, businesses and nonprofits. In other cases, Social Innovation Fellows are teams of local community leaders and students who are collaboratively building a new and innovative capacity in Rhode Island.

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