The Howard R. Swearer Center for Public Service practices and promotes community-engaged scholarship (CES), which seeks to address complex social challenges locally and globally through partnerships between faculty, students, and stakeholders outside of the University. At Swearer, students and faculty bring their knowledge and expertise to bear on real-world problems and do so in collaboration with community practitioners who contribute their own forms of knowledge and wisdom to that inquiry.

This work is guided by a conscious commitment to Swearer’s core values: ethical and engaged student leadership; reciprocity and respect; diversity, equity, and inclusion; social justice, and academic rigor.

Each year, the Swearer Center works with more than 1,500 Brown students, through and with 100+ community partners (half of whom are located in the greater Providence area). Its main location at 25 George Street is bustling with activity, as are its satellite locations in J. Walter Wilson and 10 Davol Square in Providence’s Jewelry District.

Some of the Swearer Center’s signature programs include:

• The Bonner Community Fellows Program is 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.

• The Social Innovation Initiative (SII) promotes an open culture of collaborative learning and community impact with programming focused in four key areas: funding, intensive skills training, and advising needed to build powerful ventures, including the Social Innovation Fellowship; courses that help students develop a dynamic understanding of innovation; student groups dedicated to social innovation and social entrepreneurship; and connections to professional experiences, fellowships, and funding opportunities.

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