

# Community-Based Research Program

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The Stetson University Community-Based Research program facilitates collaboration between faculty, students and members of the community to plan and conduct research. This program has a strong focus on using student research skills to address social problems found in the local community. Students learn to apply the theories and methods they have mastered in the classroom to real problems in the community beyond Stetson University, while community partners gain access to the rich research resources offered by the university. The result is a powerful learning experience for students and faculty as well as a valuable research product for community partners.

The Stetson University Community-Based Research Program was initially founded with support from a federal Learn & Serve Grant, coordinated by Princeton University. At that time Stetson University was one of eighteen universities participating in the National Community-Based Research Networking Initiative. Today, the Stetson University Community-Based Research Program is funded by the University; it facilitates faculty, student, and community collaboration to plan and conduct research.