

The AmeriCorps Office of Research and Evaluation provides grants to researchers, scholars, and dissertators at institutions of higher education, enabling them to engage in comprehensive studies on civic engagement, volunteering, and national service. Studies include a variety of populations and ranges from local to organizational, and national contexts throughout the United States.

This AmeriCorps Research Grantee dataset provides comprehensive information about the grantees and their studies. For each award, we identify the: 1) study title; 2) background; 3) cohort year; 4) principal investigators and their affiliated university; 5) study location(s) associated with each grant; 6) civic engagement topic areas; and 7) the research approach. Please be aware that there may be multiple rows corresponding to a single research grantee study, reflecting the various study sites where the grantee is actively involved.

Each study was thematically coded to identify their civic engagement topic areas. An individual study can be categorized into more than one group. The topic areas include:

- Arts & Culture,
- Community Development,
- Education Across the Life Course,
- Youth Development,
- Environment and Climate Change,
- Health & Social Wellbeing,
- Immigrants, Immigration & Refugees,
- Economic Opportunity and Employment,
- Social Equity,
- Senior Development,
- Volunteering, Nonprofit Studies, and National Service.

Additionally, the research grantees' studies were categorized into two distinct research approaches: traditional research and participatory research.

To learn more about the studies' civic engagement topic areas and research approaches, please refer to the tables below.

## AmeriCorps Research Grantee Topic Area Definitions

Field Value	Definition
Arts & Culture	Studies that explore the role of arts and culture in civic engagement. Arts and culture may include dance, dramatic arts, music, film making, sports, visual arts, crafts, and so forth.
Community Development	Studies that explore how civic engagement impacts community development in areas such as equitable development, gentrification, poverty, homelessness, etc. or how community context, such as urban vs. rural, impact civic engagement.
Education Across the Life Course	Studies that include or explore teaching and learning in schools or non-traditional environments for all age groups.
Youth Development	Studies that relate to youth development, such as growing and developing the skills and connections young people need to take part in society and reach their potential.
Environment and Climate Change	Studies that relate to the environment or climate change in both urban and rural settings.
Health & Social Wellbeing	Studies that relate to physical, mental, and social well-being.
Immigrants, Immigration, and Refugees	Studies that focus on the civic participation and integration of immigrants and refugees to the United States.
Economic Opportunity and Employment	Studies that examine the relationship between civic engagement and the economy such as studies of employment outcomes and furthering economic opportunities for diverse groups.
Social Equity	Studies that focus on access to community, civic resources, and social capital across diverse groups (e.g. racial, ethnic, linguistic, gender, and socioeconomic groups).
Senior Development	Studies that explore the civic engagement and volunteering of seniors or with seniors in the United States and of our volunteers in AmeriCorps Seniors programs. AmeriCorps Seniors are volunteers 55 and older.
Volunteering, Nonprofit Studies, and National Service	Studies that focus on trends in volunteering, nonprofits, civil society organizations, and national service.

## AmeriCorps Research Grantee Research Approach Definitions

<b>Field Value</b>	<b>Definition</b>
Participatory Research	Participatory research in these grants is defined as academic researchers working collaboratively with community co-researchers on all aspects of the research and action process.
Traditional Research	Traditional research is defined as the principal investigator directing and conducting all or most components of the research process.

<b>Field Value</b>	<b>Definition</b>
National	This location type encompasses grantees with studies that focus on regional or national populations that span across at least two or more states, with a broader focus often on the country or region as a whole. These grants typically address national-level issues or have a wider geographic scope as compared to Site Specific.
Site Specific	This location type encompasses grantees with a focus on singular regions, typically not aggregating lower than the city level. You may see multiple lines for a site-specific grantee within the AmeriCorps Research Grantee Dataset, indicating the various sites the grantee is working across the United States.