CoMesh
University Community Partnerships Database
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Background

CoMesh is an inter-institutional collaboration between San Francisco State University, Sonoma State University, University of California at San Francisco, University of San Francisco, the San Francisco City Administrator's Office, and IQR Consulting with the mutually defined goal of establishing a shared database to promote, develop and coordinate university-community partnerships.

What It Does

CoMesh creates and tracks linkages between higher education faculty, staff, students, affiliates, and community partners connected with each or multiple institutions.

Higher education partners will have the capability to:
- promote community engagement activities to potential community partner organizations;
- monitor students' activities, service hours, and document the details of their community relationships and contributions;
- search for community engagement projects such as service-learning, internships, and volunteer opportunities and document their hours.

Community partners will be able to:
- post research, service-learning, internship and volunteer needs;
- confirm student service hours; and
- search for higher education entities to engage in collaborations

Value Added

CoMesh documents partnerships and relationships, facilitate partnerships, and ultimately improve student learning outcomes, research, and generate tangible community benefits. Because faculty, staff and students can search a comprehensive collection of organization profiles, they can efficiently match their academic discipline and service expectations. As a result, faculty, staff and students will make more and deeper connections with their community experiences.

Community partners and their constituents will receive measurable benefits. Higher education faculty, staff and students can help fulfill nonprofit and government agencies' service roles and/or complete needed projects; thus supporting or even increasing the organizations' capacity to provide services. Furthermore, nonprofit organizations and government agencies with connections to higher education may benefit from faculty-led research initiatives that support their community work. More broadly, consortium institutions can share information and opportunities for collaborative efforts to address significant community issues.

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