Office Overview

• Help fulfill land-grant mission by connecting knowledge with community in mutually beneficial ways
• Provide resources to assist university and community partners in addressing issues of concern to society
• Support internal and external partnerships that generate, apply, transmit, and preserve knowledge
• Oversee Carnegie Classification for Community Engagement
• Elective classification that is evidence-based
• Documentation reviewed to determine whether the institution qualifies for community engaged institution recognition
• UT and UTIA successfully earned joint designation in 2015
• Majority of top 25 peer institutions have the classification
• Classification valid through 2025
• To be reclassified, we must provide evidence of how community engagement has become deeper, more persuasive, better integrated, and sustained on campus
Strategic Priorities

- Develop new programs and initiatives
- Develop and strengthen internal resources
- Build campus-wide community engagement profile through data collection
- Improve UT’s image around community engagement
New Initiatives

- Tennessee Challenges
- Engaged Scholars & Road Scholars
- Map of UT Engagement Activities
Near real-time state map that highlights research and engaged scholarship projects. *ArcGIS
Questions

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