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Join a National Study of College Student Voting

WHAT is NSLVE? The National Study of Learning, Voting, & Engagement (NSLVE) is a new, national research initiative that gives colleges and universities an opportunity to learn the aggregate registration and voting rates of their students. By participating, institutions will help build a national database for future research on learning experiences that cultivate deep civic knowledge and a commitment to public engagement. **Participation is free, confidential, easy, and protective of student privacy.**

WHY participate? NSLVE's goals are to:

- study patterns in college student voting,
- provide campuses with new, good data,
- build a national database for future research, and
- correlate certain learning experiences with political engagement.

Each participating college or university will receive a tailored, confidential report reflecting the number of students eligible to register to vote, the percentage that registered to vote, the percentage that voted, where they voted (near campus or elsewhere), and their voting method (traditional or absentee ballot). If enough colleges and universities participate, institutions can also learn valuable comparisons with (anonymized) peer institutions or established groups of institutions. To increase the value of your report, NSLVE will work with you to identify and help recruit members of comparison groups most relevant to your institution.

HOW does it work? NSLVE researchers have designed a process for matching enrollment records with voting records that is both secure and fully protects student privacy. The NSLVE database will consist of only de-identified student lists.

Participation is free, but not automatic. Signing up is easy. Complete the authorization form available at <http://www.civicyouth.org/nslve-faq/national-study-of-learning-voting-and-engagement-sign-up-forms/>. Instructions for submission are on the form.

WHEN is the deadline to sign up? May 15, 2013 (extended from March 15 due to delays in compiling the voting records)

WHERE can I learn more? Visit the NSLVE web site at <http://www.civicyouth.org/about-circle/nslve/> or contact Nancy Thomas, NSLVE Director, at nancy.thomas@tufts.edu

NSLVE is an initiative of the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE) at the Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service at Tufts University. CIRCLE conducts research on civic education in schools, colleges, and community settings and on young Americans' voting and political participation, service, activism, media use, and other forms of civic engagement.