

**Service Involvement and Civic
Attitudes of NUST University's
Alumni**

Introduction

- NUST (National University of Sciences and Technology) is a state owned institution came into being in 1991
- NUST is primarily a renowned engineering university but besides producing only worthy engineering professionals every year the intention of the institution is to produce good and responsible citizens

Platforms for Performing Civic Engagement at NUST

- Presently, civic engagement initiatives are accomplished at NUST from two main platforms: “NUST Community Service Club (NCSC) and Community Service Learning Course (CSL-401)”
- Approximately more than 500 volunteer students register for various NUST Community Service Club (NCSC) activities annually
- “Community Service Learning Course (CSL-401)” was made mandatory course for all NUST, UG final year students at NUST since 2013. Now every NUST’s student before graduating from university undergoes this course and is obliged to fulfill all course requirements .

- The recent study has been designed to investigate the impact of Community service initiatives on NUST alumni done at their stay in NUST. Undergraduate alumni who graduated in year 2019-2020 were targeted intentionally in order to monitor the long terms effect of service learning rather than immediate
- In this study, instead of using focus groups or interviews, the researcher used survey method.

Findings of the Study

The findings of the study were based on 5 research questions:

- Most of the targeted audience revealed that they have a strong influence in their lives even after graduation of the community service work they did during community service course
- Due to the exposure Of various community service projects the alumni said they wanted to keep doing community service for the rest of their lives

- In the light of the findings from this study it is worth mentioning that such academic based community service courses at university level leads to enhancement in knowledge , polishes students skills for community engagement, gives them feelings of self efficiency about an individual's capacity to contribute positive changes
- Hence, it is concluded that the more university students are indulged in these academic experiences related to social work during their stay at university the more impact they will ultimately bring in their later lives at many levels.