



## Cleveland State University

### *Signature theme: Sustainable Communities*

#### *Engaging the public, private and non-profit sectors to offer creative solutions to complex problems.*

Geographic places are complex organisms made up of an interrelated system of values and outcomes that extend far beyond the domain of a particular disciplinary interest. Issues such as economic development, entrepreneurship, regional talent attraction, educated workforce development, immigration, transportation, land use, city planning and management, water use, health, alternative energy, civic life quality, the arts, social equity and more, demand that public universities engage their communities in finding solutions. CSU believes in the power of communities—and their ability to help themselves grow stronger, healthier, more stable, more informed and skilled, more prosperous and more peaceful. We know that every community has within it the ability to find *creative solutions to complex problems*, and at CSU we help communities realize this potential.

A "sustainable community" effort consists of a long-term integrated and systems approach to developing and achieving a healthy community by addressing educational, economic, environmental and social issues. Fostering a strong sense of community and building partnerships among key stakeholders are also important elements of such efforts. Communities across the United States and the world are taking "sustainable community" approaches to solve their most pressing problems. As the public university in a major metropolitan region CSU will both lead the local community efforts and extend its national and international reputation in this area.

#### *Cleveland State University is at the heart of the region's economic and civic life.*

CSU is the largest graduate/professional school in Northeast Ohio; and educates the greatest proportion of graduate and professional students in the entire state. We annually award more than 50% of our degrees to post-baccalaureate students. CSU's emphasis on *professional education* is integral to the economic vitality of the region, with 85% of the over 100,000 CSU grads staying in Ohio as leaders in business, finance, government, communications, engineering, education, information technology, law and mental and physical health (core industries of Northeast Ohio). As Cleveland's only public university, we educate the bulk of the professional talent which then shapes the fabric of civic life in the community. *As an academic institution attuned to the region's needs, we concentrate on applied research, focused in the area's economic growth disciplines.*

## ***Cleveland State University supplies both the infrastructure and leadership for business, government, and nonprofit organizations.***

Agile responsiveness to the so-called "brain drain" has led CSU to establish the largest portfolio of graduate business degrees in Ohio, unparalleled leadership in on-site corporate graduate business education, executive leadership training in both K-12 and community agencies, and the number two ranked program in the nation in city management. ***Successful entrepreneurship (and the revitalization of the Northeast Ohio economy) requires coupling transformational technology with translational business talent; this synergy defines CSU today.***

An initial Center of Excellence has been identified:  
***Center for the Next Generation Economy***

## **CSU Centers/Projects for Research and Outreach in Sustainable Communities**

- Center for the Next Generation Economy
- Beachwood Business Development Center
- Cleveland Memory Project
- District of Design
- Career Center
- Center for Economic Development
- Executive Development Center
- Global Business Center
- University Transportation Center
- Center for Advanced Control Technologies
- Center for Rotating Machinery Dynamics and Control
- Center for Sustainable Business Practices
- Center for Leadership Development
- Center for Public Management
- Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Legal Clinics
  - Employment Law
  - Environmental Law
  - Fair Housing Law
  - Law and Public Policy
  - Urban Development Law
- Unger International Center for Local Government Leadership
- Center for Neighborhood Development
- Center for Nonprofit Policy and Practice
- Center for Planning Research and Practice
- Center for Arts & Innovation
- Center for Civic Education
- Center for Education Leadership
- Greater Cleveland Educational Development Center
- Northeast Ohio Center for Mathematics and Science Education Excellence
- Community Learning Center
- Adaptive PE Lab
- Human Performance Lab
- Communication Research Center
- Criminology Research Center
- Great Lakes Environmental Finance Center
- Center for Housing Research & Policy
- Center for Real Estate Brokerage and Markets
- Center for Sacred Landmarks
- Urban Child Research Center
- Wright Center for Sensor Systems Engineering (WCSSE)