Student Voting Rates for Wichita State University

2020 NSLVE Campus Report

Tufts UNIVERSITY | Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life

idhe INSTITUTE FOR DEMOCRACY & HIGHER EDUCATION

October 2021
Dear Colleagues:

We are pleased to send this tailored report containing your students' voting rates for 2020. This report contains three years of relevant topline data: 2016, 2018, and 2020. As always, we disaggregate the data so you can better identify and address gaps in participation.

College and university students participated in record-breaking numbers in the 2020 election. In 2016, the Average Institutional Voting Rate was 53%. This year, it jumped to 66%. We encourage you to review Democracy Counts 2020, our most recent national report.

As in past years, we urge you to share this report widely and strategically, particularly with faculty who, in 2020, were often the most consistent communicators with students about ever-changing voting conditions and deadlines. We also urge you to review our recommendations for engaging elections to cultivate a robust and healthy campus climate for political engagement, discourse, equity, and participation: Election Imperatives (2019) and the more recent Election Imperatives: A Time of Physical Distancing and Social Action. Since "pervasive political discussions" and attentiveness to the campus culture around speech and academic freedom are among our top recommendations, we direct you to our discussion guides on talking about your NSLVE report, on free speech and inclusion , and on hot topics, our Making Sense of ... guides.

Finally, we always encourage you to work with us. Help us help you get better data by reaching out. Email **IDHE@Tufts.edu** for more information. And as always, watch your inbox for our periodic newsletter, IDHE Update, for announcements about upcoming releases and new resources.

Congratulations on engaging your students in the 2020 election. Remember, student political learning is a year-round objective. Elections may be episodic, but student political engagement should not be.

All the Best,
IDHE Team

(Top Row from left) Duy Trinh, Program Administrator; Adam Gismondi, Director of Impact; Dave Brinker, Senior Researcher; (Botton Row from left) Nancy Thomas, Director; Norma López, Postdoctoral Scholar; Prabhat Gautam, Data Manager.

We also want to acknowledge and thank **Syed Golam Mohaimen, M.S. student in Data Science at Tufts University** for his contributions toward the creation of these reports.

In This Report

This report presents data on student voter participation rates for your campus. The topline counts on page 5 tells you how many students voted, but we encourage you to look carefully at the data on subsequent pages to learn who voted. Data are presented in the form of vessel charts, overlapping donut charts, and tables.

Tables

The tables show, on the left-side columns, the numbers of students and the rates from 2016, 2018, and 2020. On the left-side, percentage point (p.p.) changes between 2016 and 2020. A red down arrow indicates a decrease, a green up arrow indicates an increase, and a yellow arrow pointing to the right indicates no change. "-" in these tables indicates that the data is unavailable/missing, or is available for 10 or less students.

Vessel Chart

This chart shows rates out of 100%, with arrows to the right of each bar representing relevant national averages (medians), which you can find in IDHE's national report Democracy Counts 2020.

Overlapping Donut Chart

This chart is used to show the breakdown of vote method utilization (page 10), with the outer ring showing your campus method utilization and the inner ring showing the national breakdown. These are described in percentages.

Voting, Registration and Yield Rates

YOUR INSTITUTION

68.1%
2020 Voting Rate

+19.2
Change From 2016

ALL INSTITUTIONS

66%
2020 Voting Rate

REGISTRATION RATE

70.1% 74.4% 86.3%

2016   2018   2020

The **Registration Rate** is the percent of your voting-eligible students who registered to vote.

VOTING RATE OF REGISTERED STUDENTS

69.8% 58.9% 78.9%

2016   2018   2020

The **Voting Rate of Registered Students** is the percent of registered students who voted on Election Day. We often refer to this as the "yield" rate.

VOTING RATE

48.9% 43.9% 68.1%

2016   2018   2020

The **Voting Rate** is the percentage of eligible students who voted on Election Day. The voting rate is also the product of the registration and yield rates.

Looking Closer

Voting and Registration Rates

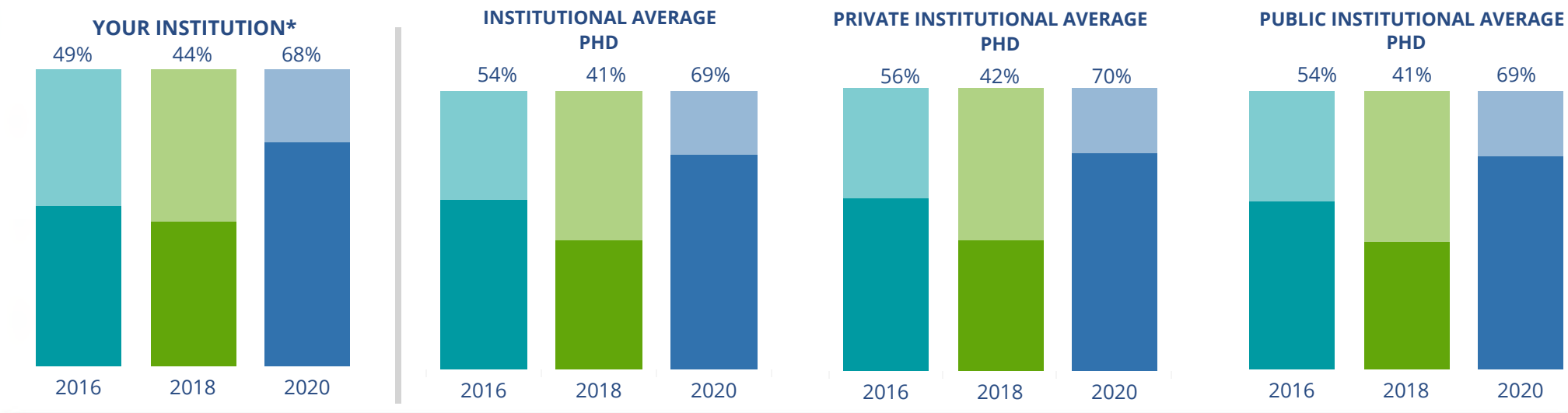|	2016	2018	2020	2016-2020 Change (p.p.)
Total Student Enrollment	13,639	14,405	14,641	⬆ 1,001
(Age under 18/Unknown)	–	–	–	–
(IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens)	1,431	1,492	1,722	⬆ 292
(FERPA records blocked)	80	43	35	⬇ -45
(Non-Degree Seeking Students)	522	–	1,514	⬆ 992
Total eligible voters	11,606	12,870	11,368	⬇ -238
Number of students who registered	8,140	9,577	9,813	⬆ 1,673
Number of students who voted	5,679	5,644	7,746	⬆ 2,067
Registration Rate %	70	74	86	⬆ 16
Voting Rate of Registered Students %	70	59	79	⬆ 9
Voting Rate %	49	44	68	⬆ 19

This page provides the numbers we used to calculate your voting, registration, and yield rates. The sub-categories under total student enrollment are the adjustments that we make to account for students who are ineligible to vote due to age or citizenship status. We also exclude, when correctly flagged, students who are not pursuing degrees.

We use IPEDS-derived estimates of NRAs when institutions do not submit non-resident alien status data to NSC, or we cannot verify the accuracy of the reported counts. This estimate is given by "IPEDS estimated non-resident aliens" on this page. If you believe the number of international students reported on this report is incorrect, you can manually adjust your institution's voting rates by using our recalculation tool. https://id-he.tufts.edu/nslve/nslve-recalculation-tool.

By Institution Types

2016 Voting Rate for All Institutions	HIGH 82%
53%	LOW 13%

2020 Voting Rate for All Institutions	HIGH 89%
66%	LOW 19%

These are estimated voting rates of your institution compared to the average voting rates of similar institutions in NSLVE. *"Your Institution" chart is presented at a different scale.

YOUR INSTITUTION*

49%	44%	68%

2016	2018	2020

INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE PHD

54%	41%	69%

2016	2018	2020

PRIVATE INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE PHD

56%	42%	70%

2016	2018	2020

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONAL AVERAGE PHD

54%	41%	69%

2016	2018	2020

By Race / Ethnicity

ASIAN
2016	2018	2020
18%	20%	33%

AMERICAN INDIAN / ALASKAN NATIVE
2016	2018	2020
62%	46%	57%

BLACK
2016	2018	2020
39%	36%	55%

HISPANIC
2016	2018	2020
39%	39%	61%

NATIVE HAWAIIAN / PACIFIC ISLANDER
2016	2018	2020

TWO OR MORE RACES
2016	2018	2020
47%	43%	64%

WHITE
2016	2018	2020
53%	46%	68%

These are estimated voting rates for race / ethnicity groups. These classifications are provided by campuses and are obtained following race reporting procedures* defined by the National Center for Education Statistics of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES). Please see our FAQ for more detail on why we cannot report national benchmark for some of the demographic groups: https://tufts.app.box.com/v/idhe-nslve-report-faq

If you notice unavailable/missing data in this page, it could mean any of the following for your institution: (i) does not report this data; (ii) did not provide this data in past years; (iii) does not separately submit data for one or more of the demographic groups, or (iv) the data is reported for 10 or fewer students.
* https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/report-your-data/race-ethnicity-collecting-data-for-reporting-purposes

Looking Closer

By Race/Ethnicity

This page provides the numbers we used to calculate race / ethnicity group voting rates. We include the counts of students and the change in rates between the two most recent comparable election years.
If you notice unavailable/missing data in this page, it could mean any of the following for your institution: (i) does not report this data; (ii) did not provide this data in past years; (iii) does not separately submit data for one or more of the demographic groups, or (iv) the data is reported for 10 or fewer students.

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020
	Enrolled	**Voted**	**Rate**	**Enrolled**	**Voted**	**Rate**	**Enrolled**	**Voted**	**Rate**	**Change (p.p)**
Asian	1,314	239	18	1,348	267	20	1,314	434	33	⬆ 15
American Indian/ Alaska Native	76	47	62	102	47	46	89	51	57	⬇ -5
Black	744	292	39	868	310	36	795	433	54	⬆ 15
Hispanic	1,385	545	39	1,598	621	39	1,662	1,018	61	⬆ 22
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	11	–	–	–	–	–	13	–	–	–
2 or More Races	482	226	47	553	238	43	591	377	64	⬆ 17
White	7,949	4,175	53	8,577	3,971	46	7,793	5,262	68	⬆ 15
Race Unknown	1,018	152	15	1,302	184	14	649	165	25	⬆ 10

By Voting Method

Legend: ■ Not-In-Person ■ Early Vote ■ In-Person ■ Other ■ Provisional ■ Unknown

2016: 23, 34, 35, 7

2018: 23, 34, 36, 6

2020: 24, 39, 18, 18
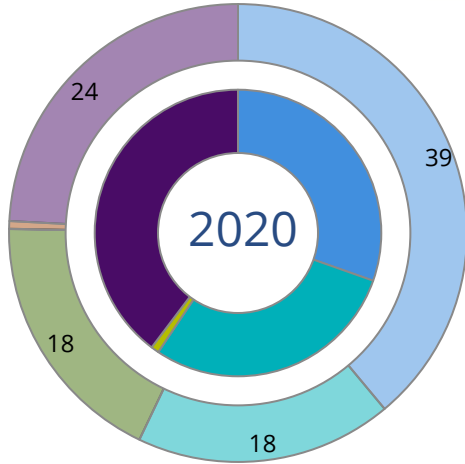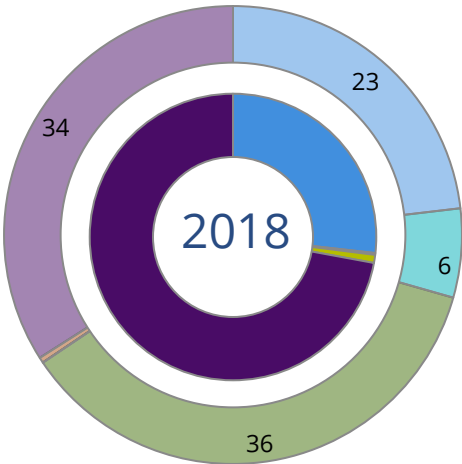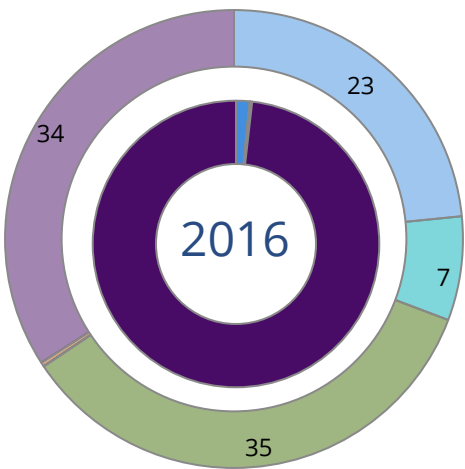
	2016		2018		2020		2016-2020	
	Voted	**Rate**	**Voted**	**Rate**	**Voted**	**Rate**	**Change (p.p.)**	
Early Vote	–	–	–	–	2,244	29	–	
In-Person on Election Day	12	0	52	1	71	1	1	⬆
Not-In-Person	83	2	1,514	27	2,354	30	29	⬆
Other	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
Provisional	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
Voting Method Unknown	5,575	98	4,068	72	3,077	40	-59	⬇

These are estimated rates for vote method utilization, the number of students utilizing each method, and the percent of students utilizing each method. Not all U.S. states provide information on vote method; voting method for voter files from these states are classified "Voting Method Unknown." For a list of these states, see our FAQ. https://idhe.tufts.edu/nslve/nslve-faq#CampusReports

By Age Group

	2016	2018	2020
18-21	40%	36%	62%
22-24	41%	35%	56%
25-29	43%	36%	54%
30-39	50%	43%	59%
40-49	66%	57%	71%
50+	78%	74%	82%

Voting is habit-forming and young voters will usually continue as voters in subsequent elections. Also, young voters are more likely to be contacted by campaigns and are visible, and therefore significant, to elected officials. While in the past, we have seen voting rates increase across age groups, in recent cycles, the most significant increases have been among first-time and the youngest voters. Some colleges serve primarily young students, traditionally viewed as students in the 18-21 or 22-24 categories here. Others have much higher numbers of enrolled older undergraduate or graduate students.

Looking Closer

By Age Group

Here, we provide the numbers of students in each age category and the voting rates for each group. These are based on the student's age on the day of the election, as calculated by the National Student Clearinghouse using data from student enrollment records.

	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)
18-21	5,251	2,116	40	5,687	2,046	36	5,746	3,591	62	⬆ 22
22-24	3,271	1,342	41	3,260	1,130	35	3,007	1,675	56	⬆ 15
25-29	2,237	965	43	2,264	806	36	1,943	1,047	54	⬆ 11
30-39	1,464	731	50	1,734	743	43	1,421	844	59	⬆ 9
40-49	523	344	66	707	400	57	534	379	71	⬆ 5
50+	233	181	78	706	519	74	255	210	82	⬆ 5

Looking Closer

By Sex

| | 2016 | | | 2018 | | | 2020 | | | 2016-2020 |
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)
Female	6,852	3,208	47	7,794	3,273	42	7,216	4,593	64	⬆ 17
Male	6,125	2,470	40	6,564	2,371	36	5,690	3,153	55	⬆ 15

These are estimated voting rates for sex groups and the numbers we used to calculate their voting rates. These classifications are provided by campuses and are obtained following the reporting procedures defined by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES). Presently, NCES requires institutions to report students as "Male" or "Female" only.*

If you notice missing data in this page, it could mean any of the following for your institution: (i) does not report this data; (ii) did not provide this data in past years; (iii) does not separately submit data for one or more of the demographic groups, or (iv) the data is reported for 10 or fewer students.

*https://surveys.nces.ed.gov/ipeds/public/survey-materials/faq?faqid=11

Looking Closer

By Education Level / Undergraduate Class Year

	2016 Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	2018 Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	2020 Enrolled	Voted	Rate (%)	2016-2020 Change (p.p)
EDUCATION LEVEL										
Undergraduate	10,620	4,611	43	10,755	4,084	38	10,488	6,340	60	↑ 17
Graduate	2,334	1,063	46	2,291	979	43	2,417	1,405	58	↑ 13
Class Unknown	25	–	–	1,312	27	2	–	–	–	–
CLASS YEAR										
First Year	2,075	34	709	2,928	31	919	1,917	57	1,088	↑ 23
Second Year	1,879	41	770	2,063	37	759	1,945	59	1,157	↑ 19
Upper Level	6,688	47	3,137	6,756	41	2,781	6,631	62	4,101	↑ 15
ENROLLMENT STATUS										
Full-time	10,180	4,223	41	9,871	3,594	36	9,934	5,883	59	↑ 18
Part-time	2,799	1,456	52	4,487	2,050	46	2,972	1,863	63	↑ 11

These are estimated voting rates by Education Level (undergraduate/graduate), Class Year, and Enrollment Status (full-time/part-time), and the numbers we used to calculate these rates.

If you notice missing data in this page, it could mean any of the following for your institution: (i) does not report this data; (ii) did not provide this data in past years; (iii) does not separately submit data for one or more of the demographic groups, or (iv) the data is reported for 10 or fewer students.

By Field of Study

FIELDS	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	32	21	66	28	15	54	13	–	–	–
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	393	169	43	773	293	38	680	423	62	⬆ 19
Business, Management, and Marketing	2,208	1,000	45	2,121	815	38	1,962	1,160	59	⬆ 14
Communication and Journalism	327	172	53	315	163	52	273	201	74	⬆ 21
Computer and Information Sciences	–	–	–	524	178	34	636	306	48	–
Education	1,067	629	59	1,444	779	54	1,735	1,196	69	⬆ 10
Engineering and Engineering Technologies	2,647	816	31	2,248	606	27	2,024	883	44	⬆ 13

These are estimated voting rates by field of study, and the numbers we used to calculate the field of study rates. For an explanation of CIP codes, please see our FAQ.* There are roughly 8,000 fields of study among U.S. colleges and universities, so we provide rates for condensed categories.

*https://tufts.app.box.com/v/idhe-nslve-report-faq

By Field of Study

FIELDS	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)
English Language and Literature	154	89	58	152	75	49	129	82	64	⬆ 6
Family and Consumer/Human Sciences	37	19	51	45	22	49	26	16	62	⬆ 10
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Lingui..	55	27	49	52	29	56	42	29	69	⬆ 20
Health Professions	1,939	885	46	2,167	762	35	1,892	1,212	64	⬆ 18
History	123	85	69	73	47	64	65	50	77	⬆ 8
Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Protec..	445	200	45	431	150	35	442	250	57	⬆ 12
Legal Professions and Studies	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Humanities	722	275	38	1,233	491	40	273	164	60	⬆ 22
Mathematics and Statistics	89	35	39	88	38	43	69	29	42	⬆ 3
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	–	–	–	42	23	55	65	48	74	–
Natural Resources and Conservation	36	21	58	21	–	–	12	–	–	–
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Stu..	596	194	33	276	77	28	246	139	57	⬆ 24
Philosophy and Religious Studies	28	20	71	23	13	57	12	–	–	–
Physical Sciences	312	139	45	240	87	36	188	110	59	⬆ 14

By Field of Study

FIELDS	2016			2018			2020			2016-2020
	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Enrolled	Voted	Rate	Change (p.p)
Psychology	493	226	46	610	262	43	583	359	62	⬆ 16
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	398	235	59	408	228	56	430	313	73	⬆ 14
Social Sciences	266	159	60	277	151	55	233	170	73	⬆ 13
Visual and Performing Arts	546	244	45	685	309	45	804	537	67	⬆ 22
Unknown	53	11	21	42	20	48	65	43	66	⬆ 45

About This Report

Thank you for participating in the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement.

Since NSLVE's launch in 2013, nearly 1,200 colleges and universities have signed up to receive their voting rates for the 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, and 2020 federal elections.

Along with others, your institution's participation in this study has allowed us to build a robust database of over 50 million college student records, about 10 million for each election year, that serve as a foundation for innovative research on college student political learning and engagement in democracy.

NSLVE is a signature initiative of the Institute for Democracy and Higher Education (IDHE) at Tufts University's Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life. The mission of IDHE is to shift college and university priorities and culture to advance political learning, agency, and equity. We achieve our mission through research, resource development, technical assistance, and advocacy.

About the Data

The voter registration and voting rates in this report reflect the percentage of your institution's students who were eligible to vote and who actually voted in the 2016, 2018, and 2020 elections.

These results are based on enrollment records your institution submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) and publicly available voting files collected by L2 Political.

Enrollment lists are adjusted by deducting students under age 18 (at the time of the election), people identified as non-degree seeking and those identified by campuses as "nonresident aliens" (NRAs) (the federal government's category for mostly international students). Unfortunately, not all campuses report NRAs to NSC. For those campuses, we use IPEDS to calculate the number of NRA students on each campus and adjust NSC enrollment numbers to estimate the number of students to remove. We also quality check NRA removals by verifying that there is little to no discrepancy between the number of international students reported by the campus to IPEDS and to NSC. We cannot adjust subgroup analyses absent identification of NRAs verified by the process above. We welcome closer partnerships with individual colleges and universities to provide more accurate rates. For more on the data and the matching process, see our FAQ on Campus Reports.

Thank you for the work you do to improve your students' political learning and engagement. We hope that you find your NSLVE report useful. For up-to-date news on NSLVE data, resources, and to sign up for our newsletter visit: https://idhe.tufts.edu.

References: IDHE encourages report recipients to share this report as broadly as possible, including posting it on the college or university's website. When doing so, please use the following citation: Institute for Democracy & Higher Education: National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement. (2021). 2016, 2018, and 2020 report for _____ [name of institution]. Medford, MA.

Tufts UNIVERSITY | Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life

Barnum Hall
163 Packard Ave.
Medford, MA 02155

tischcollege@tufts.edu
617.627.3453

idhe INSTITUTE FOR DEMOCRACY & HIGHER EDUCATION

Institute for Democracy & Higher Education:
National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement
Barnum Hall, Medford, MA 02155

Follow Us on Twitter: @TuftsIDHE
NSLVE@tufts.edu
617.627.0620