

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

2026 CCDH Research Grant(s)

Submission Deadline: October 1, 2026

The [Community College Data Hub](#) (CCDH) is a publicly available collection of datasets and data-related publications associated with community colleges and their students, administrators, faculty, staff, and communities. Data in the CCDH have been selected by subject-matter experts from the Center for the Study of Community Colleges and the Belk Center for Community College Leadership and Research and curated and indexed by the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research at the University of Michigan (ICPSR). CCDH data can be used by a broad range of scholars and scholar-practitioners for secondary analysis and/or institutional improvement.

The CCDH is excited to offer up to \$5,000 in Research Grant(s) to support projects utilizing CCDH data to extend scholarship on the community college enterprise.

Eligibility:

Scholars, students (graduate or undergraduate), policymakers, community college-based researchers, or higher education organizations who will utilize data currently (or soon to be¹) available through the [CCDH](#) as the centerpiece of the proposed research project.

Evaluation Criteria:

- Project contributes to the professional body of knowledge about community colleges, including (but not limited) to: community college student experiences, success, or outcomes; student mental health or basic needs; campus climate; teaching and learning; finance; governance; leadership; administration; policy; and workforce education, training, or outcomes.
- Proposal quality, including clarity of information provided; knowledge of relevant and recent literature; utilization of appropriate theoretical/conceptual framework(s); appropriateness of research methodology; feasibility of the timeline; adequacy of budget to support project expenses.
- Importance of findings and/or potential for the project to result in clear implications for future research, practice, and/or policy.

¹ See p. 2 for a list of additional datasets that will be available through the CCDH by December 31, 2026.

CCDH Grant Recipients are Required To:

- Provide the CCDH (c/o Dr. Carrie B. Kisker at the Center for the Study of Community Colleges) with a copy of a resulting research report and/or drafted manuscript for publication that is based upon the funded research project. This document must be submitted within 2 years of receiving the award, will be maintained as a permanent record of CCDH activities, and may be posted on the CCDH website.
- Acknowledge support from the CCDH in publications or presentations that result from the funded research project.
- Present the resulting research at the 2027 or 2028 annual conferences of the Council for the Study of Community Colleges. (Note: Proposals that can be presented at the 2027 CSCC conference will be given priority in this grant cycle.)

Timeline and Instructions:

- October 1, 2026: Deadline to submit all required documents (see page 3) **electronically via Google Forms** (link: <https://forms.gle/h5Ff3V43FFALG3PH8>). All proposals will undergo a blind review process.
- November 1, 2026: Award recipients notified and funds disbursed.

Please direct all questions to:

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Data Coming to the CCDH in 2026

In addition to data already available through the [CCDH](#), the following datasets will be available by December 31, 2026:

- CCCSE Survey of Entering Student Engagement (2025) – available August 2026
- The Hope Center Student Basic Needs Survey (2024) – available August 2026
- ACCT/CSCC Survey of Community College Trustees (2025) – available August 2026
- Healthy Minds Network Data (2015-2025) – available August 2026
- SHEF/Grapevine Data on State Fiscal Support for Higher Education (1961 – 2026) – available August/September 2026
- Community College Survey of Student Engagement (2025) – available November 2026

Required Documents:

- Cover Page, including:
 - Name/Title of Proposed Project:
 - Name of Principle Investigator (PI):
 - Title:
 - Institution/Organization:
 - Mailing Address:
 - Email Address:
 - Telephone:
 - Name of Co-PI(s) if applicable (use additional pages if needed):
 - Title:
 - Institution/Organization:
 - Mailing Address:
 - Email Address:
 - Telephone:
- Project Description: In no more 2,000 words (double-spaced, 12-point font), please provide a succinct description of the proposed project, including:
 - Purpose of the study
 - Research objectives and questions
 - Brief literature review
 - Theoretical/conceptual framework(s)
 - Research methodology
 - Significance of the study for community college research, practice, and/or policy
 - Project timeline, including plans for dissemination and presentation at the 2027 or 2028 CSCC conferences
- Project budget (not less than \$500 or more than \$5,000). Please provide a brief rationale for funds requested within each of the following categories. If the project will be supported through other funds, as well, please indicate this in a narrative statement.

Category	Rationale	Amount
Personnel (e.g., researcher compensation, etc.)		
Software/Equipment		
Travel (for research and/or dissemination)		
Other		
Total		