



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

2026 CCDH Research-to-Practice Stipend(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 \$15,000 in Research-to-Practice Stipend(s) to support projects utilizing CCDH data for institutional improvement and/or policy development.

Eligibility:

Faculty, staff, or administrators based in community colleges, as well as researchers or organizations working in collaboration with community colleges, who will utilize data currently (or soon to be¹) available through the [CCDH](#) to inform new or ongoing work to improve institutional practice or inform policy. Examples of possible Research-to-Practice projects include (but are not limited to):

- Benchmarking institutional data against data from the CCDH and identifying specific action steps for institutional improvement.
- Preparing policy briefs or internal strategy documents based (at least in part) on CCDH data.
- Utilizing CCDH data to provide support for ongoing work related to institutional strategic planning or accreditation processes.
- Preparing professional development modules to inform faculty and/or administrators about CCDH data, findings, or their implications for practice at your institution (or consortium, or association).
- Piloting new programs, pedagogical approaches, or student support services based (at least in part) on CCDH data.

¹ See page 4 for a list of additional datasets that will be available through the CCDH by December 31, 2026.

Evaluation Criteria:

- Project utilizes data from the CCDH, alone or in combination with institutional or other data, to develop policy and/or inform work to improve practice (work may be new or ongoing).
- Proposal quality, including clarity of information provided; central purpose and objectives situated within organizational context; plans for utilizing CCDH data for institutional improvement and/or policy development; possible or expected outcomes; plans for institutionalizing and/or sharing lessons learned; involvement of appropriate institutional or other personnel; feasibility of the timeline; and adequacy of budget to support project expenses.
- Potential for the project to result in powerful improvements to community college programs, policy, and/or student success.

CCDH Research-to-Practice Stipend Recipients are Required To:

- At the conclusion of the project, provide the CCDH (c/o Dr. Carrie B. Kisker at the Center for the Study of Community Colleges) with a 5-page brief describing the project and its outcomes, implications, and potential next steps, as well as a short description of how funds were utilized. 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 in full or in part on the CCDH website and/or the Belk Center website.
- Acknowledge support from the CCDH in documents, publications, or presentations that result from the funded Research-to-Practice project.

In addition to these requirements, awardees are encouraged to present the project, its outcomes, and/or implications for institutional improvement or policy development, at an appropriate community college or higher education conference within two years.

Timeline and Instructions:

- October 1, 2026: Deadline to submit all required elements of the proposal (see page 3) **electronically via Google Forms** (link: <https://forms.gle/mbzdWb4A8HzMEW537>).
- November 1, 2026: Award recipients notified and funds disbursed.

Please direct all questions to:

Dr. Carrie B. Kisker
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Required Documents:

- Cover Page, including:
 - Name/Title of Proposed Project:
 - Administering and (if any) Partnering Organizations:
 - Name of Project Lead:
 - Title:
 - Institution/Organization:
 - Mailing Address:
 - Email Address:
 - Telephone:
 - Name of Co-Leads if applicable (use additional pages if needed):
 - Title:
 - Institution/Organization:
 - Mailing Address:
 - Email Address:
 - Telephone:
- Project Description: In no more than 2,000 words (double-spaced, 12-point font), please provide a succinct description of the proposed project, including:
 - Central purpose and objectives of the project
 - Organizational context (i.e., how project fits into ongoing work to improve practice or policy at your institution)
 - Plans for utilizing specific CCDH dataset(s) to improve policy or practice (including the involvement of appropriate institutional or other personnel)
 - Possible/expected outcomes of the project and plans for institutionalizing and/or sharing lessons learned
 - Significance of the project for community college practice, policy, or research
 - Project timeline, including plans for dissemination if applicable
- Project budget (not less than \$3,000 or more than \$15,000). Please provide a brief rationale for funds requested within each of the categories described on the following page. If the project will be supported through other funds as well, please indicate this in a narrative statement.



Requested Budget:

Category	Rationale	Amount
Personnel (e.g., project lead/co-lead stipends, etc.)		
Project Expenses (e.g., supplies, participant expenses/costs, communication, etc.)		
Software/Equipment		
Travel (for project and/or dissemination)		
Donation to college foundation to A) support the work of this project more broadly and/or B) support institutions where project personnel are unable to receive additional compensation directly		
Other		
Sub-Contracts (please include a separate budget for each sub-contract)		
Indirect Costs (no more than 15% of total budget requested; sub-contract budgets may also include up to 15% in indirect costs, but these should be excluded from the main budget total)		
Total		

Budget Narrative (if needed):



Overview of CCDH Datasets

Current CCDH Datasets:

- PACE Climate Survey for Community Colleges (2010-2025)
- Accelerating Recovery in Community Colleges Network Lead: Survey of Pandemic Relief Spending in Community Colleges (2020-2023)
- Cooperative Institutional Research Program (CIRP) Freshman Survey, Community Colleges (1995-2007)
- Community College Civic Outcomes Survey (2015-2017)
- Washington State Achievers Longitudinal Surveys (2000-2007)
- Texas Higher Education Opportunity Project (2011)

Additional Datasets Coming to the CCDH in 2026:

The following datasets will be available through the [CCDH](#) 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