

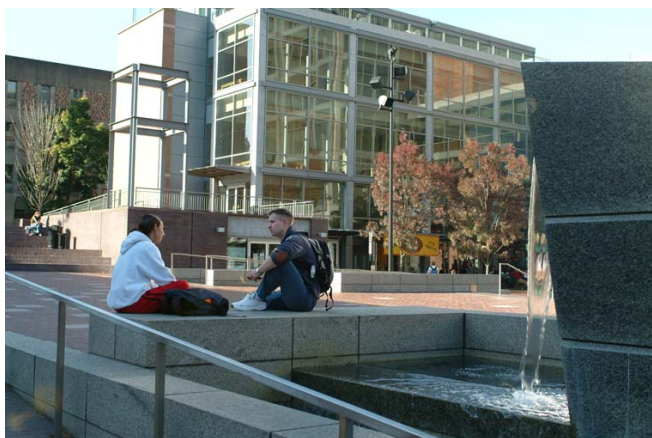


The goal of the Urban Transfer Research Network is to increase the transfer and success rates of community college students who intend to earn a bachelor's degree.

About the Grant

The Urban Transfer Research Network (UTRN) is a collaborative multi-institutional research project focused on low-income and minority students beginning their postsecondary careers at community colleges with the goal of attaining at least the Bachelor's degree. The purpose of the research is to chart the pathways and success of the target student populations and inform institutional policy and practice as it affects student transfer success. Ultimately, the goal of the project is to increase the community college transfer rate and success rate of students attaining the Bachelor's degree. By the end of the project, the number of urban regions involved will be expanded so as to eventually impact national Bachelor's degree attainment rates by low-income and minority students.

Each of the three research sites will be guided and informed by a Data Advisory Committee and a Policy Advisory Committee to ensure sound research practice and to bring about improved institutional structures and processes to facilitate student transfer and success. Key personnel include a co-principal investigator and data analyst for each site in addition to consultants assisting with specific areas of concern, such as procedures for identification of low-income students. Grant funds will also be used to engage an outside evaluator to provide both formative and summative evaluation of the project.



Partner Institutions

Portland State University has been working with its co-principal investigators at Mt. Hood Community College, Portland Community College, the University of South Florida, and Arizona State University. Hillsborough Community College and St. Petersburg Community College in Florida, Maricopa Community Colleges in Arizona, and Chemeketa Community College and Clackamas Community College in Oregon are also participating.

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