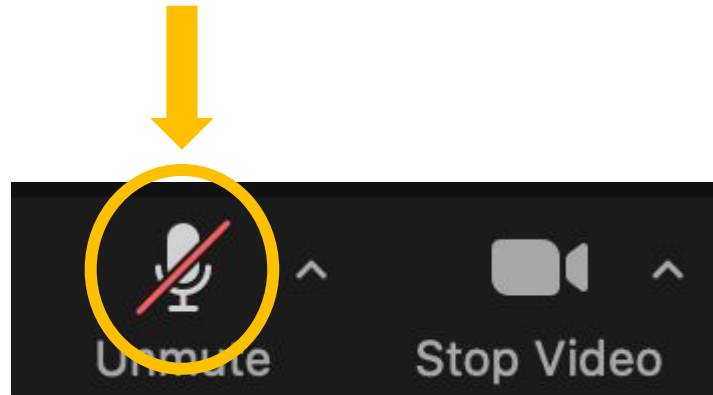


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COLLEGE COMPLETION INNOVATION FUND



2022 Award Cycle

The College Completion Innovation Fund

- Graduate NYC (GNYC) launched the College Completion Innovation Fund (CCIF) in March 2015
- The CCIF is the first collaborative fund dedicated to improving college completion rates in New York City
- The CCIF has invested over \$5 million in innovations
- Awards are made to support undergraduate colleges and nonprofit community-based organizations (CBOs)
- Projects serve low-income students and other groups underrepresented among college degree holders

Fund Goals

- Increase persistence and completion rates by testing new models and bringing promising practices to New York City
- Facilitate ongoing dialogue and engagement related to increasing degree attainment in New York City
- Foster greater collaboration among and between colleges and CBOs
- Support learning that can inform the field
- Generate interest among funders to invest in college completion efforts

2021 Awardees

- **Lehman College:** Holistic aid program comprised of four components:
 - CUNY-specific Financial Aid Services learning program
 - Multilingual online orientation
 - NYS Aid Early Intervention Program
 - Personalized NYS Aid report card
- **Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter:** Aims to provide housing to homeless college students, enabling them to focus on their academic and personal goals
- **Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow in Partnership with CUNY School of Professional Studies:** Addresses barriers to college completion among students in OBT's technology certification programs by increasing momentum and re-engaging stopouts through:
 - College credit for training and credentials
 - Credit for prior learning
 - Career pathways mapping and career coaching



2021 Awardees

- **Queensborough Community College:** Seeks to close the equity gap that exists for QCC's black male students by:
 - Re-engaging and re-enrolling some of those who have stopped out
 - Leveraging a cohort model for them led by peer mentors
 - Providing classes taught by male faculty members of color
- **uApsire:** Will introduce a more proactive approach to assisting postsecondary students who have stopped out or are at significant risk of doing so; combines targeted advising curriculum with emergency financial assistance to address common barriers to re-enrollment



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- The CCIF will invest in at least four new innovations with awards at the \$100,000-\$200,000 level over the course of 1-2 years
- Eligible parties include New York City-based undergraduate colleges (public or nonprofit) and CBOs with a 501(c)(3) designation
- A majority of students served by projects must be low-income students
- Funded projects will launch in Fall 2022

Funding Priorities

The funding priorities for the 2022 Award Cycle are as follows:

- Projects that invest in transformative change to spur increases in persistence and completion for vulnerable students
- Potential student outcomes include persistence and completion measures, such as credit accumulation and graduation rates
- Projects can focus on a multitude of interventions that support students, including but not limited to:
 - Transfer pathways
 - Student re-engagement and re-enrollment for stopouts and near completers
 - Improvement of processes and requirements to streamline paths to degrees
 - Basic and immediate needs programs that reach students in innovative ways

Focal populations are those traditionally underrepresented among degree holders, including:

- First-generation college goers
- Low-income students
- Young men of color
- Immigrant students
- Justice-involved youth
- Students with disabilities
- Students aging out of the foster care system

Timeline

- Letter of inquiry (LOI) released
January 4, 2022
- LOI submission deadline
February 1, 2022
- Selected project teams invited to submit full proposal
February 11, 2022
- Pressure test sessions
Week of March 1, 2022
- Full proposals due
March 28, 2022
- Theory of change calls with semi-finalists
Week of April 11, 2022
- Awardees announced
Week of May 16, 2022
- Projects launch
Fall 2022

Design Thinking Workshop Session

- Invests in the sector through professional development
- Facilitated by a leading design thinking partner to help apply innovation frameworks and strategies to a postsecondary success context
- Supports the development of new approaches to tackling challenges inherent in degree attainment
- Provides space for networking and cross-institutional collaboration
- Provides exposure to funders
- *Tentative: 3rd or 4th Week of February 2022*

Additional Benefits to Awardees

- Networking and support from the learning community of CCIF funded projects
- In-person convenings covering timely issues in higher education for staff from the funded projects
- Ongoing consultation with GNYC and other experts as needed
- Opportunities to promote your work to the broader college access and success field, and to the funding community

Questions?

Visit the FAQs section of the [2022 Award Cycle Guidelines Webpage](#).

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