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## Transfer Impact Innovation Model (TIIM)



The **Transfer Innovation Impact Model (TIIM)** is a learning community designed to improve college transfer outcomes for Chicago community college students — particularly those who have historically experienced lower bachelor's degree completion rates. Through shared data, best practices, and cross-institution collaboration, TIIM advances innovative transfer models that accelerate degree completion and promote equity. **When transfer works, students can earn the same degree at significantly lower cost, improving access, affordability, and economic mobility.**

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### TIIM Goal

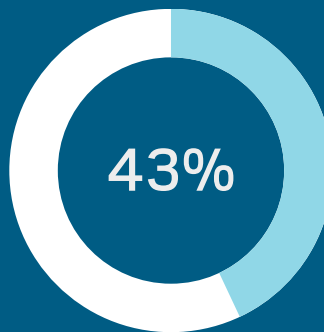
TIIM aims to identify, test and scale strategies that enable Chicago community college transfer students — especially low-income postsecondary students — to complete a bachelor's degree **within two to three years of transfer.**

Each TIIM grant recipient includes the following partners:

- Bachelor's degree-granting institutions in the Chicago region
- Partner community colleges in Cook County
- At least one community-based or nonprofit partner supporting student success



**79%** of students who start at community college intending to earn a bachelor's degree never complete the transfer due to fragmented systems and unexpected barriers.



Nationally, students lose an estimated **43% of credits** when they transfer, delaying graduation and increasing costs.

# What TIIM Supports

## Successful models:

- Address the needs of underserved student populations and underinvested neighborhoods
- Collect and share data to identify barriers and measure impact
- Implement bold, innovative practices to improve student outcomes
- Build a learning community grounded in shared practice
- Generate solutions with potential for local and national adoption



## The TIIM Learning Community includes:

- Quarterly convenings for grant recipients
- Shared data and peer learning across institutions
- Contributions to an annual public report on transfer outcomes

# Grant Structure

## Phase 1: Planning Grants

- Up to \$300,000 for one year
- Supports model design, partnerships, and implementation planning

## Phase 2: Implementation Grants

- Up to \$1.7 million over three years
- Awarded competitively (funding dependent)

## Phase 2 Implementation plans will:

- Ensure credits transfer and apply seamlessly
- Communicate clearly and consistently with students
- Provide transparency around costs
- Reduce time to degree completion



# Learn More or Get Involved

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