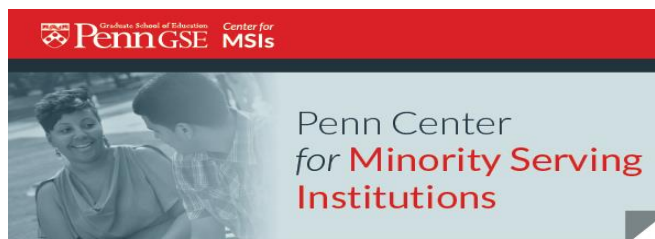


# About the Penn Center for MSIs

<http://www2.gse.upenn.edu/cmsi/>



## What is the Penn Center for Minority Serving Institutions at Penn?

The Penn Center for Minority Serving Institutions serves as a repository for research, data, best practices, emerging innovations and ideas on and within MSIs. With support from our sponsors, the Penn Center on MSIs supports funders, researchers, policymakers, MSIs and scholars to promote the strengths and address challenges facing these institutions.

## What are the goals of the Center?

To foster understanding by:

- increasing rigorous scholarship on MSIs; and
- informing administrative, instructional and philanthropic practices at MSIs.

To raise awareness by:

- elevating the educational contributions of MSIs, ensuring their participation in national conversations;
- advancing effective policies that have a positive impact on strengthening MSIs, the development and support of their students and faculty, and the quality of the elementary and secondary schools within their communities; and
- bolstering the efforts of MSIs to close educational achievement gaps and assessment performance of disadvantaged communities.

To build connections by:

- connecting MSI academic and administrative leadership to leading reform and improvement organizations and initiatives in the United States;
- bringing together MSIs around their common interests, strengths and challenges to increase efficiency and optimize resources; and
- ensuring that the academic program offerings of MSIs are connected with the leading innovations in higher education.

## What are some examples of the work that the Penn Center for MSIs is undertaking?

We regularly release in-depth reports that provide research about MSIs and policy recommendations. We've also released a Guide to Graduate School for prospective graduate students from MSIs. We also run an MSI Graduate Student Weekend, which helps MSI students

pursue graduate and professional degrees in education, and ELEVATE, our early career MSI faculty-development program. Lastly, we often write op-eds and policy analysis articles; check out our Media Coverage page for more information.

I work at a Minority Serving Institution. How can my college or university become involved in the work in the Center on MSIs?

Just reach out to the Center by emailing us at [cmsi@gse.upenn.edu](mailto:cmsi@gse.upenn.edu).

How can I learn more about Minority Serving Institutions and the Center for MSIs?

For regular updates about research, events and updates from the Penn Center for MSIs, follow us on Facebook, Twitter (@CenterforMSIs) and Instagram (@CenterforMSIs).

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