

## Community Colleges Count

## Dear Colleague:

Achieving the Dream is excited to announce that the Kresge Foundation will be providing a matching grant to four large, urban community colleges in southern California to join the Achieving the Dream Network in 2015.

Achieving the Dream leads the most comprehensive non-governmental reform movement for student success in higher education history. Together with our Network of over 200 community and technical colleges, we are a source of innovation; a platform for scaling effective practices and policies; a set of peers with whom to share knowledge; and an expert group to define the next phase of the student success reform agenda. For more information on Achieving the Dream, please visit our website at <a href="http://achievingthedream.org/">http://achievingthedream.org/</a>

If your institution is interested in learning more about this exciting opportunity and fulfills the eligibility criteria outlined below, please contact Julia Lawton, assistant director of programs, at <code>jlawton@achievingthedream.org</code> to schedule a call.

## **Eligibility Criteria**

- Total enrollment must exceed 10,000 students
- College must be located in or near a large city in southern California
- Preference will be given to colleges that serve a large proportion of low-income students or students of color
- College must be able and willing to cover the costs over and above the grant amount

## **DREAM Institute on Student Success**

All colleges are welcome to attend **DREAM**, **ATD's annual institute on student success**, which is taking place on **Feb 17 – 20, 2015 in Baltimore**, **Maryland**. DREAM—which stands for Data, Reform, Equity, Achievement, Movement—provides participants with the opportunity to deepen their understanding of evidence-based policies and practices that close achievement gaps and increase student success all while broadening their influence in the national student success movement. <u>Click here to view the agenda and register</u> or visit <u>www.achievingthedream.org/DREAM2015</u>.

Sincerely,

Achieving the Dream, Inc.