

## Summary of Health Care Grants Available to Colleges and Universities and Their Students

Colleges and universities might be surprised to learn the number of opportunities available to them because of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and related reconciliation bills (the Act). The Act is a veritable Christmas tree in terms of the grants and opportunities it makes available to businesses both within and outside the traditional health care field, particularly colleges and universities.

Following is a summary of many of the opportunities available to colleges and universities under the Act.

Opportunity	Goals of Grant	Eligible Entities	Eligible Individuals	Requirements	Funding
<b>Demonstration Projects to Address Health Professions Workforce Needs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improving outcomes for individuals and</li> <li>Addressing health professions workforce needs.</li> </ul>	Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Institutions of higher education</li> <li>States</li> <li>Tribes</li> <li>Local workforce investment boards</li> <li>Sponsors of apprenticeship programs; and</li> <li>Community-based organizations.</li> </ul>	Individuals eligible to participate in the demonstration projects include persons receiving assistance under the state Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program or other low-income individuals described by the college or university in its application for a grant. Participating individuals will receive financial aid, child care, case management and other supportive services, if appropriate.	The demonstration project must be carried out in consultation with various agencies, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State body administering the TANF program</li> <li>State and local workforce investment boards and</li> <li>State apprenticeship agency under the National Apprenticeship Act.</li> </ul>	\$85,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2010 through 2014 (together with state grants to develop programs for personal or home care aides).
<b>Mental and Behavioral Health Education and Training Grants</b>	These grants are designed to support the recruitment, education and clinical experience of students in mental and behavioral health education.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post-graduate programs in social work</li> <li>Post-graduate programs in psychology, including substance abuse and prevention</li> <li>Higher education or professional training programs in child and adolescent mental health and other areas; and</li> <li>State-licensed mental health</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participation of individuals of different racial, ethnic, cultural, geographic, religious, linguistic and class backgrounds, and different genders and sexual orientations</li> <li>Knowledge and understanding of the concerns of the individuals and groups described above and</li> </ul>	Funding for 2010 through 2013: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$8,000,000 for training in social work</li> <li>\$12,000,000 for training in graduate psychology, at least \$10,000,000 of which must be used for doctoral, post-doctoral and internship level training</li> <li>\$10,000,000 for training in</li> </ul>

		nonprofit and for profit organizations to enable such organizations to pay for programs for paraprofessional child and adolescent mental health workers.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any internship or other field placement program must prioritize cultural and linguistic competency.</li> </ul> <p>Priority will be given to institutions that serve and recruit from high need populations.</p> <p>At least 4 grant recipients for post-graduate programs in social work must be historically black colleges or universities or other minority-serving institutions.</p>	<p>professional child and adolescent mental health and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$5,000,000 for training in paraprofessional child and adolescent mental health training.</li> </ul>
<b>Cures Acceleration Network</b>	<p>The Cures Acceleration Network program involves contracts, grants or cooperative agreements to eligible entities to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>promote innovation in technologies supporting high needs cures</li> <li>accelerate the development of high need cures or</li> <li>help the award recipient establish protocols that comply with FDA standards and other regulatory requirements.</li> </ul> <p>High needs cures are drugs or devices that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are a priority to diagnose, prevent or treat any disease or condition</li> <li>Where the commercial market is unlikely to incentivize timely development.</li> </ul>	<p>Eligible entities may be public or private, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Institutions of higher education</li> <li>Research institutions</li> <li>Medical centers</li> <li>Biotechnology companies; and</li> <li>Pharmaceutical companies.</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No more than \$15,000,000 per project for the first fiscal year.</li> <li>Recipients may apply for additional funding not to exceed \$15,000,000 per year.</li> <li>No overall limitation or time limitation.</li> </ul> <p>These grants include a matching requirement of \$1 to be expended by the recipient for every \$3 awarded.</p>
<b>Training Opportunities for Direct Care</b>	These grants are designed to enable eligible entities to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accredited institution of higher education and</li> </ul>	Direct care workers who are employed in long-term care	To participate in the program, individuals must agree to work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$10 million for fiscal years 2011 through 2013.</li> </ul>

<b>Workers in Long-Term Settings</b>	<p>provide new training opportunities for direct care workers who are employed in long-term care settings, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nursing homes</li> <li>• Assisted living facilities</li> <li>• Home and community based facilities</li> <li>• Intermediate care facilities and</li> <li>• Skilled nursing facilities.</li> </ul> <p>The funds are to be used to offset the cost of tuition and required fees for enrollment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Established public-private educational partnership with a nursing home or skilled nursing facility, agency or other long term care provider.</li> </ul>	settings.	in the field of geriatrics, disability services, long term services and supports, or chronic care management for at least 2 years after the assistance period.	
<b>Preventive Medicine and Public Health Training Grant Program</b>	This program includes grants to, or contracts with, eligible entities to provide training to graduate medical residents in preventive medicine specialties.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schools of medicine or osteopathic medicine</li> <li>• Schools of public health</li> <li>• Nonprofit hospitals; and</li> <li>• State, local or tribal health departments.</li> </ul>		<p>Funds are to be used to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan, develop, operate or participate in accredited residency or internship programs</li> <li>• Defray the costs of practical experience requirements and</li> <li>• Establish, maintain or improve academic administrative units and programs to improve clinical teaching.</li> </ul>	
<b>Demonstration Program to Integrate Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Training into Clinical Education of Health Professionals</b>	These grants are designed to allow schools to develop and implement academic curricula that integrate quality improvement and patient safety into the clinical education of health professionals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health professions schools</li> <li>• Schools of public health</li> <li>• Schools of social work</li> <li>• Schools of nursing</li> <li>• Schools of pharmacy</li> <li>• Institutions with graduate medical education programs; and</li> <li>• Schools of health care administration.</li> </ul>			These programs include a matching requirement of \$1 for every \$5 of federal funds provided under the grant.
<b>School-Based Health Centers</b>	This program awards grants to support the operation of school-based health centers.	Only school-based health centers or their sponsoring facilities are eligible.		<p>Funds are to be used as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For expenditures for</li> </ul>	\$50,000,000 for fiscal years 2010 through 2013.

				<p>facilities, equipment or similar expenditures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No funds provided under these grants may be used for expenditures for personnel or to provide health services.</li> </ul>	
<b>Establishment of Pregnancy Assistance Fund</b>	Establish, maintain or operate pregnant and parenting student services.	A grant is first made by the federal government to a state. A state may then make grants to eligible institutions of higher education.		<p>Activities for which the funds may be used include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conducting a needs assessment on-campus and within the local community</li> <li>• Annually assessing the performance of the institution in meeting the needs of pregnant and parenting students</li> <li>• Identifying public and private service providers qualified to meet those needs and establishing programs to do so</li> <li>• Assisting pregnant and parenting students, fathers or spouses in locating and obtaining services needed by them and</li> <li>• If appropriate, providing referrals for prenatal care and delivery, infant or foster care, or adoption to a student who requests such information.</li> </ul>	These programs include a matching requirement equal to 25 percent of the amount of funding provided.
<b>Centers of Excellence for Depression</b>	Grants are provided on a competitive basis to eligible entities to establish national centers of excellence for depression.	Entities eligible to receive the grants include institutions of higher education or public or private nonprofit research institutions.		<p>In awarding the grants, priority will be given to entities that meet one or more of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrated capacity and expertise to serve the targeted population</li> <li>• Existing infrastructure or expertise to provide culturally and linguistically</li> </ul>	The grant recipient must expend at least \$1 for each \$5 of federal funds provided under the grant or contract.

				competent services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Located in a geographic area with a disproportionate number of underserved and at-risk populations in medically underserved areas and health professional shortage areas</li> <li>• Proposed innovative approaches for outreach to initiate or expand services</li> <li>• Use of the most up-to-date science, practices and interventions available; and</li> <li>• Demonstrated capacity to establish cooperative and collaborative agreements with community mental health centers and other community entities to provide services to individuals with depressive disorders.</li> </ul>	
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While this is not an exhaustive list of opportunities available to colleges and universities, it provides an overview of the types of programs that might be eligible for federal dollars under the Act. If you have a particular program in mind that is not covered, you should consult counsel to determine whether funds might be available to help implement your program.

If you have any questions about these opportunities, please contact or a member of Ice Miller's [health care reform](#) team.

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