

# How does the U.S. Department of Education benefit community colleges?

The U.S. Department of Education (ED) benefits community colleges by providing grants, research, and guidance. The ED also helps to increase access to postsecondary education and workforce development.

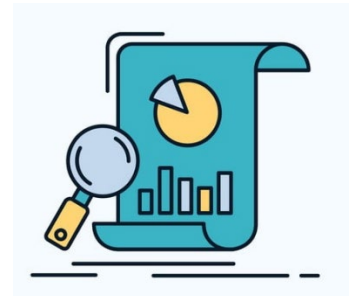
## Grants

- The ED offers competitive grant programs for community colleges.
- The ED offers federal grants to students attending community colleges, including grants for students with exceptional financial need.



## Research

- The ED oversees research on education, including teaching techniques and student learning.
- The ED collects data on education trends.



## Guidance

- The ED provides guidance to teachers, administrators, students, parents, and employers.
- The ED helps to develop strategies to help students complete their postsecondary education.



The ED also includes the Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE) that works to increase access to postsecondary education for adults and youth.

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