



## NATIONAL CONVERGENCE TECHNOLOGY CENTER

### **Diversity Summit**

**February 9-10, 2017**

**Collin College – Frisco, Texas**

### **What is the Diversity Summit?**

The National Convergence Technology Center (CTC) will provide an intensive two-day workshop environment – called the “Diversity Summit” – in which educator teams will be presented with the latest best practices by nationally-known experts in recruiting/retaining underserved student populations. Each “Diversity Team” will then work with those experts to develop concrete, focused action plans. The goal is that these action plans, when implemented over the next 12 months, will aim to provide compelling evidence to persuade school administrators to “institutionalize” the plan and make it a permanent strategy. The event will run Thursday, February 9, 2017 and Friday, February 10, 2017.

### **Where will the Diversity Summit be held?**

The Diversity Summit will be an in-person event held at Collin College on the Preston Ridge campus in Frisco, Texas just north of Dallas. A WebEx phone conference element may be provided for a portion of the Diversity Summit for institutional research or admissions staff from Diversity Team schools, but attendance in person is required of each three-person team. Additional follow-up phone calls and/or webinars will be scheduled.

### **Who can attend the Diversity Summit?**

The Diversity Summit is open only to member schools of the Convergence College Network (CCN) community of practice. Each three-person Diversity Team must include a faculty member, an administrator (dean level or higher), and a counselor/advisor. The National CTC has a maximum of ten teams slots (30 people) open.

### **When will the teams be notified of their selection?**

The National CTC will be accepting Diversity Summit applications through Friday, December 9. Diversity Summit team selections will be made soon thereafter. Everyone will be notified of their status before the December holiday break so that travel arrangements can be made.

### **How will travel costs be handled?**

Travel reimbursement will be available to the Diversity Teams after the event for up to \$1200 per person. Expenses eligible for reimbursement include home gas mileage to home airport; home airport parking; airfare; Dallas/Frisco transportation from airport to hotel and from hotel to airport; Frisco hotel lodging (max \$140/night including tax); per diem meals (up to \$51/day); and bag check (one bag per leg). No car rentals will be reimbursed. Reasonable expenses in the categories listed above will be reimbursed. All Diversity Teams must provide National CTC estimated expenses in advance for prior approval. Attendees must arrive in Dallas/Frisco by Wednesday evening, February 8 and leave the Collin College campus no earlier than 4:00pm Friday, February 10. Further details and reimbursement forms will be provided to selected teams. All Diversity Team reimbursements must adhere to Collin College travel policies.

### **How will the Diversity Team action plans be supported?**

The National CTC is prepared to provide limited stipends to support implementation of Diversity Team action plans developed on the second day of the Diversity Summit. These stipends will be funded on a “pay as you go” schedule. Each Diversity Team’s school will submit a quarterly progress report and preliminary impact data to the National CTC along with an invoice of expenses. Funding ends March 1, 2018. Based on the action plan, each Diversity Team can apply for a stipend of up to \$10,000. Scheduled payments and deliverables will be developed from the plan.

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