A Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) is defined among other factors, as an institution of higher education that has an enrollment of undergraduate full-time equivalent students that is at least 25% Hispanic.
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Designated Institutions

As of 2011-12, 356 institutions (11% of all higher education institutions) were identified through IPEDS data as having 25 percent or more total undergraduate Hispanic full-time equivalent student enrollment.
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Purpose

HSI Program provides grants opportunities:

• To assist HSIs in expanding educational opportunities for Hispanic students and improve their attainment

• To enable HSIs to enhance academic offerings, program quality, and institutional stability
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Grant opportunities

Funds may be used for:

• scientific and laboratory equipment for teaching
• construction or renovation of instructional facilities
• faculty development
• purchase of educational materials
• academic tutoring or counseling programs
• administrative management
• distance learning instruction
• teacher education
• student support services
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Department of Education Grant

Programs:

• Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI)
• Hispanic-Serving Institutions Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics and Articulation (HSI-STEM)
• Promoting Post-baccalaureate Opportunities for Hispanic Americans (PPOHA)
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Our Current Status

Does UIC’s current Hispanic enrollment meet the criteria?
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Our Current Status

- Hispanics comprise 24.7% of full-time undergraduates
- Goal is to reach Hispanic Serving Institution designation in 2014 or 2015
Financial Commitment

There is no financial commitment required by any university to meet Hispanic Serving Institution Designation.
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Commitment Moving Forward

- Expand partnerships with feeder high schools and community colleges to continue to increase the number of admissible applicants.
- Seek more merit scholarship funding to enhance recruitment of high achieving students.
- Improve first year academic success through targeted curriculum, instructional support and peer mentoring.
- Chief Diversity Officer will serve as campus liaison to monitor HSI designation and serve as chair of grant submission committee of faculty, academic support services and admissions representation.
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Federal Funding Opportunities

- **Developing Hispanic Serving Institutions** – expands educational opportunities for Hispanic Students, increase their enrollment, and improve educational and institutional quality.

- **Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program** – funds science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education programs at institutions with high minority enrollment to increase the representation of minority groups in the STEM workforce.

- **Humanities Initiative** – grants fund humanities education through content and curriculum improvement, new programs, and scholarships at Hispanic Serving Institutions. Applicants can choose to expand existing programs or proposed new ones.

- **Awards for Faculty** – support individual faculty members employed at HSI who are pursuing humanities research or research of interest in the humanities.
Questions?