

Sponsor/Title: Department of State (DOS) - FY2026 Community College Administrator Program (CCAP)

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Submission Limitation per Institution: One (1)

Notre Dame Limited Submissions Listing:

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Internal Expression of Interest Deadline: 2026-03-05

Sponsor Application Deadline: 2026-04-20

Purpose: The Community College Administrator Program (CCAP) will examine the key tenets of community college administration and cutting-edge programs at U.S. community colleges that address local educational and labor market needs. The program fosters a global network between and among U.S. and foreign administrators in vocational-technical education, building connections to support U.S. competitiveness. CCAP introduces foreign higher education leaders to the key tenets of U.S. community college administration and innovative approaches to addressing labor market demands. Participants apply these practices in their home countries, expanding American influence and supporting U.S. competitiveness in critical fields with priority economic partners.

Program Specific Guidelines: CCAP will introduce approximately 20 foreign higher education leaders to the U.S. community college model through a maximum six-week program. The program includes a virtual exchange and up to four weeks of in-person programming in the United States, to include a one-week executive dialogue. Each CCAP cohort should include approximately five government or other high-level officials with higher education planning responsibilities and approximately 15 senior administrators from post-secondary vocational-technical institutions. Cohorts will consist of participants from one or more countries selected by the U.S. Department of State. The successful proposal should emphasize how the applicant will incorporate specific knowledge of both the United States and a participating country's educational system, labor market demands, and current initiatives in vocational-technical education in order to tailor the program's curriculum and activities to best provide participants with tools to implement positive policy change.

- **Pre-Program Planning and Preparation:** The proposal should include a plan describing how the applicant will successfully acquire the necessary expertise in the selected country's vocational-technical educational system to successfully tailor the program's curriculum for maximum impact.
- **Virtual Engagement:** Senior administrators will engage in a pre-departure virtual academic symposium designed to build foundational knowledge prior to the in-person exchange.
- **In-Person Programming:** The in-person programming will take place between October 2026 and June 2027.
- **Follow-on Activities:** Proposals should describe how long-term links with alumni will be fostered and maintained among the cohort.

Goals and Objectives:

1. **Strengthen a U.S. Aligned Global Workforce:** Equip foreign administrators and policymakers to implement vocational-technical education policies that align with U.S. interests.
2. **Promote American Leadership:** Showcase the U.S. community college model as a global leader in vocational-technical education and workforce readiness.
3. **Advance U.S. Foreign Policy Goals:** Use education and exchange to reinforce American standards for business, education, industry and trade, countering PRC and other malign influence.

Internal Application Requirements: Upload the following information to the Google Form at <https://forms.gle/Ag5i6qGVS82ZS7rg6> by the internal deadline:

- Name of the Principal Investigator (PI)
- Project Title
- All ND Collaborators:
 - For each ND Collaborator listed, include name, department or unit, and specific role for this project in three sentences (maximum).
- Project Summary: Three (3) pages (maximum) addressing the following Review Criteria as outlined on page 26, in the NOFO.
 - Quality of the program idea, program management and planning
 - Institutional Capacity and Track Record
 - Multiplier effect
 - Performance Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)

Questions: Contact Notre Dame Research Limited Submissions at limited@nd.edu.

Unless otherwise noted, all internal applications are due by 11:59 PM Eastern Time on the internal expression of interest deadline.

Applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.