**SHEEO|ASAP College Completion Coalition Learning Community
Request for Proposals (RFP) Selection Process**

Project Objective

Over the next year, SHEEEO will partner with the ASAP|ACE National Replication Collaborative at CUNY to establish and launch a focused learning community among state higher education leaders committed to replicating the CUNY ASAP|ACE model at scale to increase community college completion rates within their states. A key objective of this project is to address racial equity gaps in attainment rates (with a focus on Black and Latinx students) through strategic scaling of the ASAP model. This document lays out the RFP selection process and scoring rubric for state teams interested in joining the inaugural learning community cohort by responding to the Request for Proposals (RFP) open from June 14-July 21, 2023.

Request for Proposals

The RFP opens June 14, 2023. The RFP document and additional relevant information can be accessed on the SHEEO website. State teams should download this document, type directly in it to complete the RFP responses, and then save as a single PDF of their complete RFP responses and submit to Katie Giardello (katherine.giardello@cuny.edu) no later than *5pm ET on Friday July 21, 2023*. Selected states will be notified of their award on or before Friday, July 28, 2023.

Eligibility

Proposals will be accepted from state planning teams made up of collaborative organizations with responsibility for oversight and/or coordination of public community colleges. At least one organizational partner on the team must be a named SHEEO member, although this entity is not required to formally submit the application nor take central lead on the project. Roles and responsibilities of organizational coalition members must be addressed within RFP responses.

Selection Process

RFP responses will be reviewed and scored by SHEEO and CUNY ASAP|ACE staff. Scoring is based on questions associated with the four major topics this project will cover as described in the RFP and the table below. Readers will score proposals with the following rubric for each section: 1 - Minimal demonstration; 3 - Partially demonstrates (some areas are underdeveloped); 5 - Sufficiently demonstrates. Each application has the potential for a score of 4-20. Applicants not selected for this inaugural learning community project will be offered an opportunity for a debriefing with project staff if desired. Upon notice of selection, state planning teams will have the opportunity to book their initial virtual meeting with project staff.

Topic	Description	Score (1-5)	Reviewer Notes
Coalition Building and Making the ROI Case	Proposal should demonstrate history and/or will for authentically collaborative coalition-building to advance ASAP replication in the state.		
Aligning ASAP Replication to State Higher Education Priorities	Proposal should demonstrate how ASAP replication aligns with state higher education priorities and/or integrates with complementary initiatives.		
Planning for Equity-Based, Systems-Scaled Replication Projects	Proposal should demonstrate an equity-focused ASAP replication strategy, including explicitly naming racial equity gaps in completion (and opportunities for 'just design' in replication).		
Sustainable Budgeting and Productive Funding Models	Proposal should demonstrate productive avenues for short and long-term funding pursuits.		
	Total Score		

Questions
Please refer RFP questions to the contacts below no later than July 14, 2023.

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