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## Applied Research Grants Awarded to Nine Community Colleges by The Institute for Community College Development at Cornell (ICCD).

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**September 28, 2006, Ithaca, N.Y.** – The Institute for Community College Development (ICCD) has announced its 2006 Applied Research Grant recipients. These one-year grants of \$5,000 each are awarded each year to faculty and staff at community colleges to study issues of importance to community college leaders. This is the third year of the program.

ICCD funded 3 general projects, and, with the support of the **Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation**, funded 6 additional projects related to entrepreneurship. For the general projects, Columbia-Greene Community College (NY) will measure the effects of delaying developmental coursework on the success and retention of first time students. Mohawk Valley Community College (NY) will identify effective teaching practices and faculty preparation for remedial courses. Nassau Community College (NY) will evaluate the effects of educational interventions on students with dual learning exceptionalities.

According to Sandra Engle, Humanities Department Head at Mohawk Valley Community College, the ICCD award will allow them to study what happens in developmental courses, “to look at the preparation and practices of faculty who teach developmental courses, to make adjustments--and, if warranted, to pat ourselves on the back.”

For the entrepreneurship projects supported by the Kauffman Foundation, Anne Arundel Community College (MD) will study the feasibility of an internship program. Bristol Community College (MA) will validate a 4-step curriculum model. Butler Community College (PA) and Onondaga Community College (NY) will examine the effects of entrepreneurship on faculty governance and attitudes. Dakota Technical College (MN) will collaborate with non-profit micro-enterprise organizations to design programs for women entrepreneurs. The Fashion Institute of Technology (NY) is conducting a longitudinal study of 8000 alumni who took a required entrepreneurship course.

ICCD’s Applied Research Grant awards are based on relevancy to emerging issues and the extent of their impact on the broader community college sector. Research findings are disseminated to decision makers and submitted to peer-reviewed journals.

The Institute for Community College Development is a public/private partnership between the State University of New York (SUNY) and Cornell University. The Institute provides professional development opportunities for current and future leaders in community colleges. Its services and programs are tailored with one goal in mind: to position community colleges and systems to respond proactively to society’s changing needs in education and training.

For more detailed information about each research project, and upcoming grant opportunities, please contact Ruth Hopkins, Project Director, at ICCD 607-255-7758, [rah27@cornell.edu](mailto:rah27@cornell.edu). Visit [www.iccd.cornell.edu](http://www.iccd.cornell.edu).