

**Great Lakes Higher Education Guaranty Corporation
MDRC Encouraging Additional Summer Enrollment (EASE) Project**

Total: \$100,000

Project Period: 9/1/2016 to 7/31/2020

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MDRC and Columbus State Community College in a partnership to implement and evaluate the Encouraging Additional Summer Enrollment (EASE) project in Ohio (EASE). Through funding from the Great Lakes Higher Education Guaranty Corporation, MDRC will work with up to 10 community colleges to implement and evaluate EASE – which seeks to improve student persistence and degree completion by increasing the number of students who enroll in courses during the summer semesters.

EASE is based on two central components: 1) targeted behavioral messaging to inform students about the availability of summer courses and motivate them to enroll, and 2) financial assistance to cover students' summer tuition and fees after financial aid has been applied. These interventions may be especially timely due to the recent reinstatement of the Ohio College Opportunity Grant (OCOG) for community college students who enroll in a third term during the academic year.