

**2007-2008 Mid-Year Report on Campus Initiatives  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**

**Transfer Student Initiative:  
TEAM Project (Lumina Grant)**

***Summary of Activities to Date***

Project goals: The transfer initiative aims to (a) recruit greater numbers of transfer students to the University of Illinois, particularly students from typically underrepresented groups, (b) promote the success of transfer students through graduation, (c) make changes in the institution to facilitate recruitment and retention of transfer students, and (d) develop innovative new programs to facilitate recruitment and retention of transfer students.

Key activities to date: We have discussed the project with the Illinois Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board. Both have expressed enthusiasm for the project and a willingness to partner with us. We have engaged colleges across campus regarding the project and, in particular, revisited transfer requirements necessary for each program of study. We have visited community colleges around Illinois and have identified project partners for the initial year (additional institutions will be added in years two and three of the project). Initial partners include: Parkland College, Danville Area Community College, City Colleges of Chicago (Harold Washington, Wilbur Wright), Oakton College, Harper College, College of DuPage, and Illinois Central College. We have identified unique needs and goals for each of the initial community college partners, and we have hired key project staff and have organized a campus kick-off event for the project, to be held January 31, 2008.

***Next Steps***

- ∞ Complete recruitment and hiring of student mentors
- ∞ Develop working teams that address individual community college goals and engage University of Illinois colleges and programs
- ∞ Develop “advisorlink” component of project
- ∞ Begin planning for academic course component

***Timeline for Completion***

The TEAM Project will continue for three years, through funding from the Lumina Foundation. Annual goals for the project have been established, including student enrollment and success targets, and goals for the development of specific program innovations. The initial annual report will be generated in July 2008. A long-range goal for the TEAM Project is to expand the initial Lumina funding in new directions that extend program activities and engage a wider range of state partners.