

# GUIDE TO HSI

**LA PROMESA AZUL (THE BLUE PROMISE):**  
CREATING OPPORTUNITIES AND  
ENHANCING RESOURCES TO ASSURE AND  
SUSTAIN SUCCESS FOR HISPANIC AND  
UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENTS AT  
ELMHURST UNIVERSITY

## WHAT IS AN HSI?

HSI stands for Hispanic-Serving Institution. An institution can apply for this designation if they have an enrollment of undergraduate, full-time equivalent students that is at least 25% Hispanic students. This designation is purely based on enrollment.

## WHAT IS A TITLE V DHSI GRANT?

The Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions (DHSI) Program provides discretionary grants to assist HSIs to expand educational opportunities for, and improve the attainment of, Hispanic students. These grants also enable HSIs to expand and enhance their academic offerings, program quality, and institutional stability.

## WHAT CAN THE FUNDS BE USED FOR?

Title V DHSI funds may be used for construction, faculty and curriculum development, purchase of educational materials, student service programs, and more. This list is not exhaustive.

## WHAT CAN'T THE FUNDS BE USED FOR?

The Title V DHSI Grant is a capacity-building grant for an institution and few funds are allotted for individual student use. Funds may not be used for scholarships, activities that are operational in nature rather than developmental, student activities, and more. This list is not exhaustive.

## WHAT ARE THE GRANT GOALS?

1

**Establish the Center** for Excellence and Achievement/Centro para la Excelencia y Logro

2

**Strengthening the First Year Seminar (FYS)** program and pedagogy through **faculty development** initiatives and curricular revisions.

3

Increase underserved student participation in **High-Impact Practices (HIPs)** by increasing access and removing obstacles.

Elmhurst University received a 5-year Title V DHSI grant in October 2022

Elmhurst University became a designated HSI in January 2022

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## RESOURCES & IMPORTANT LINKS

### ELMHURST UNIVERSITY

**Application for Experiential Learning Support**  
(Goal 3) for Elmhurst University Students

### ORGANIZATIONS

**AHSIE: Alliance of Hispanic-Serving Institution Educators**

- AHSIE's Mission: The Alliance for Hispanic Serving Institution Educators (AHSIE) supports practitioners through professional learning, collaboration, engagement and sharing best practices.

**ESCALA Educational Services**

- Equity-based professional development for practitioners at Hispanic-Serving Institutions

**Excelencia in Education**

- provides data-driven analysis of the educational status of Latinos;
- promotes educational policies and institutional practices that support their academic achievement;
- organizes a network of professionals with a common cause for Latino student success;
- provides examples of Excelencia from institutions across the country.

**HACU: Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities**