

# Strategic Initiative Recommendations & Awards 2019-20

## Champion:

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## Proposers:

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## Title:

Living Learning Communities  
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## Strategic Initiatives Addressed:

Educational Excellence: 1.4, 1.6, 1.7  
Student Success: 2.5, 2.6  
Inclusive Excellence: 3.6

## Total Request:

\$111,540

## One-Time Funding Recommendation:

\$111,540

## Summary:

*One-time funding.*

CSUCI has offered Living-Learning Communities (LLCs) in partnership with Academic Affairs beginning in 2015. Since that time, we have encountered and conquered a number of logistical barriers so that we could focus more on the learning and community environments for students. For example, one barrier was getting LLC students to enroll in the required courses of the LLC; to correct this problem, we collaborated with the registrar's office and academic advising to block-schedule LLC and Learning Community (LC) students to reduce confusion.

We believe that an increase in dedicated staff time to this endeavor could yield greater participation and engagement in the communities which would serve vital purposes: 1) To encourage admitted students to matriculate to CSUCI so that they may participate in one of our LLCs, and 2) to develop and maintain a meaningful connection with LLC prospects throughout the enrollment cycle to increase the percentage of students who apply to LLCs, and 3) to see greater retention to the LLCs to the start of the fall semester.