

**ACI awarded career fair matching grant by Council of Independent Colleges
June 30, 2017**

The Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) conditionally approved a [National Venture Fund Challenge grant](#) of \$21,750 to ACI in support of the first ACI Career Fair. The fair is designed as an annual event exclusively for students attending ACI member institutions. The first fair is to be held in early 2018.



ACI colleges and universities recognize the challenges their graduates face in connecting with employers. “In partnership with our member colleges and universities, we believe the career fair is an effective means for these students to obtain a job, or to improve their employment opportunities, including learning about the skills valued by employers and the opportunity to gain a better understanding of the job search process,” said Mick Weltman, ACI executive director.

Under the terms of the grant agreement, ACI is required to raise at least \$21,750 in new gifts by mid-September to earn the CIC funds.

“We’re proud to support ACI and its member colleges and universities through CIC’s National Venture Fund grant program,” said Richard Ekman, CIC president. “Designed to support collaborative approaches to solving major issues faced by private colleges, as well as to strengthen the role of [State Councils](#), projects coordinated by State Council members under this initiative have had a tangible impact on the strengthening of independent colleges and universities for 17 years.”

For information about how to contribute the ACI Career Fair initiative, please contact Mick Weltman at mweltman@acifund.org or call 312-263-2391, ext. 0523.