



**MIDWESTERN
HIGHER EDUCATION
COMPACT**

IOWA HIGHLIGHTS 2024-2025



OVERVIEW

Iowa enacted authorizing legislation in 2005 to join the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC). Since that time, commissioners, commissioner alternates, and members of advisory committees from Iowa have provided and continue to provide important governance and strategic direction for MHEC.

HOW IOWA BENEFITS FROM MHEC MEMBERSHIP

Savings and Support

- » **\$9.93M in total annual savings and support** for Iowa colleges, universities, school districts, and state and local governments, an 86-fold return on the annual compact membership commitment
- » \$9.6M in savings for distance education through the Midwestern-State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement
- » \$271,663 in savings through MHEC technology contracts
- » \$39,748 in Master Property Program dividends
- » \$13,936 in capacity building support (state grants, convenings, scholarships and travel grants)

Additional Opportunities and Support

- » Each MHEC member state is eligible for a Strategic Impact and Innovation Grant of up to \$250,000 over two years from MHEC to advance innovative ideas and solutions in higher education.
- » MHEC continues to provide reports in response to requests from Iowa legislators.

Learn more at mhec.org/states/iowa

The Midwestern Higher Education Compact brings together leaders from Midwestern states to strengthen postsecondary education and promote regional economic vitality



- » MHEC leverages the knowledge and expertise of postsecondary leaders to generate collaborative solutions to challenges in higher education.
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- » MHEC's contracts and programs save colleges, universities, and students in its member states valuable time and millions of dollars annually.
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- » MHEC research and policy initiatives support workforce readiness and improve the quality, accessibility, and affordability of postsecondary education.



STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREAS FOR 2026-2028

Expand cost- and time-saving initiatives.

Support alignment of postsecondary education and workforce development.

Advance regional solutions for emerging topics in higher education.