

FirstGen Forward **Network Leader** & the Postsecondary Data Partnership

What is the Postsecondary Data Partnership (PDP)?

The PDP is a nationwide effort hosted by the National Student Clearinghouse to develop a transformative way for institutions to report and measure student progress and outcomes. The PDP empowers your institution to understand and improve student outcomes by providing:

- Centralized reporting
- Comprehensive data visualizations
- Analysis-ready files
- Institutional benchmarking

To collect and better understand institutional momentum metrics, FirstGen Forward asks institutions to participate in the Postsecondary Data Partnership (PDP) as part of their Network Leader experience. The PDP is a cornerstone of this work, enabling us to collaborate with your institution in advancing student progress and outcomes through data-informed planning and decision-making.

Why Participate in the PDP as a Network Leader?

- Individual onboarding meeting and dashboard tour with your institution.
- Access to yearly data summits, workshops, and other learning opportunities hosted by FirstGen Forward.
- Data expert guidance dedicated to improving institutional data use, connecting momentum metrics to continuous improvement plans, and strengthening data literacy and communication.
- Resources at no cost to your institution to assist with data submission.

Requirements of PDP Data Submission for FirstGen Forward

- First data submission is due the following August after you join as a Network Leader and includes 3-5 years of historical data.
- After your first year, a yearly data submission is due in August.
- Approximately 40 hours of work time are required for your data submission each year.
- Required data elements can be found in the National Student Clearinghouse's [PDP Knowledge Base](#).

The PDP stands apart from other national data sources because it captures more detailed student-level information. For institutions, this means:

- Access to disaggregated data by demographics, enrollment status, academic performance, and more.
- Flexible metrics such as momentum measures, gateway course completion, and early progress indicators.
- More frequent updates that support timely decision-making, equity analysis, and student success efforts.

