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## **Century College Awarded \$900,000 NSF Grant for Century: CSI**

Century College has been awarded a \$900,000 National Science Foundation grant to enhance the Century: CSI (Crime Scene Investigations) program at the college. This is the second NSF grant the college has received for Investigative Sciences Law Enforcement Technology. The first grant of \$586,000 was awarded in 2005.

This new federal grant will allow Century to remain at the forefront of the technological revolution in law enforcement with the goal of educating and training students to learn skills in areas such as crime mapping, forensic photography, criminal psychology and interview and interrogation.

Century and its partners plan to refine the curriculum for investigative sciences education to come up with a national model of educational outcomes that outlines what skills are needed to become an excellent crime analyst, for example. Producing a national curriculum and refining a career pathway that begins at K-12 and extends through post-baccalaureate degrees will help expand educational opportunities for law enforcement students across the country.

“These federal grants put Century on the national stage and give us the opportunity to advance the education and training needs of students who enter law enforcement,” said Dr. John O’Brien, acting president of Century College. “It is increasingly important that they have the technological tools and skills they need to keep our families and communities safe.”

Students who start their investigative sciences training at Century can earn credits that are transferrable to four-year colleges and universities. In addition, working professionals who have been active in the field can return to Century to enhance their technology skills.

Century also has been included as a partner in a \$5 million grant to create a virtual National Geospatial Technology Center of Excellence with seven other community colleges and four universities. The center will develop certificates that two-year college students can earn in the areas of geographic information systems, global positioning systems and remote sensing.

Century’s investigative sciences course offerings are another example of the college’s increasing effort to engage students in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) careers.