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Postsecondary Analytics Releases New Resource for Higher Education Finance

(TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA)—With funding from The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Nate Johnson, founder and principal consultant of Postsecondary Analytics, has compiled an online resource exploring the sources of funding for postsecondary education and their implications for low-income students.

The project, “Understanding Higher Education Finance” is available online <http://www.postsecondaryanalytics.com/understanding-higher-education-finance/>. Resources available include an overview brief summarizing the major sources of financial support for institutions and students, a guide to major primary data sources, an online bibliography, and 17 interviews with experts in different dimensions of postsecondary finance.

The goal of the project is direct attention to the overall “ecosystem” of postsecondary funding, rather than focus on just one component. “Most sources of funding for students and institutions do nothing to help low-income students succeed, and many work against that goal,” said Johnson. “It’s not so much a question of what institutions or students want to do, as it is which strategies can thrive given the current system of financial support and which ones cannot.”

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Nate Johnson, Ph.D., is the founder and principal consultant of Postsecondary Analytics, LLC. He and his staff specialize in quantitative and qualitative research in state, federal, and institutional policy; flexible strategic planning; financial comparisons; data visualization; student success; financial aid; admissions and transfer policy; and more.