

# Opportunities to Support Guided Pathways Efforts in California Community Colleges



California community colleges have numerous opportunities to improve pathways to certificates, degrees, transfer, and employment. This FAQ helps to clarify several efforts that are underway.

***What is the difference between the \$150 million for guided pathways announced in the governor's budget and the California Guided Pathways project that the Foundation for California Community Colleges is sponsoring?***

The California Guided Pathways Initiative will help 15-20 colleges implement an integrated, institution-wide approach to student achievement by creating structured educational experiences that support each student from point of entry to attainment of high-quality postsecondary credentials and careers. It has a clearly defined model, timeframe, and terms of participation, and is being managed by national experts and a California-based advisory committee.

The proposed \$150 million is for one-time grants to colleges to integrate recent state investments and redesign academic pathways in a way that promotes better course taking decisions and increase the number of students who earn a certificate or degree. The Chancellor's Office and the Board of Governors will be responsible for statewide implementation of the grant program. Full details on the state program will be known in late June when the state budget has been finalized.

***What does it mean to participate in the California Guided Pathways project?***

- Colleges need to submit an application by February 28, 2017. Finalist colleges will participate in interviews during March 2017 and college selection will be announced on March 31, 2017.
- Participants will send teams to six multi-day institutes between 2017-2019 and receive coaching to support the redesign process from state and national experts.
- The project is geared to colleges that are ready to implement the guided pathways approach at scale within three years.
- Colleges must pay a total of \$45,000 to participate in this initiative and cover travel and staffing costs to get their teams to the institutes. Hotel costs and meals at the institutes will be covered by the project.
- More information is available at: [www.CAGuidedPathways.org](http://www.CAGuidedPathways.org)

***Does participating in the California Guided Pathways project impact whether colleges can participate in the initiative that will be funded through the \$150 million?***

The proposed state program complements the California Guided Pathways project. Colleges will be able to participate in both initiatives and the Chancellor encourages colleges to consider applying to both. Colleges that are selected to participate in the California Guided Pathways Project will be well poised to continue this work with funding provided through the state budget. In addition, colleges participating in the California Guided Pathways Project will be able to commence work sooner and benefit from a robust set of technical assistance and support designed especially for that initiative.

***How can I find out more?***

Two webinars will be held to describe the California Guided Pathways Project and how to apply:

**Wednesday, February 15 | 2-2:45 PM Pacific | Call: 888-886-3951 | Participant Pin: 953012**

Web interface: <http://cccconfer.org/GoToMeeting?SeriesID=513bcbf3-5fbf-4df9-8a69-bf60195851bf>

**Thursday, February 16 | 4:30-5:15 PM Pacific | Call: 888-886-3951 | Participant Pin: 305457**

Web link: <http://cccconfer.org/GoToMeeting?SeriesID=2ecdc7b8-d23e-4493-9d89-bc40b7fb812f>