

College Futures Foundation Planning Grants & Workshops

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College Futures Foundation is pleased to announce the availability of **mini grants** to support community colleges in their **planning and application activities** related to two new state funding sources:

- **Awards for Innovation in Higher Education**, which will be awarded to community colleges for innovations that reduce the time it takes students to complete degrees and credentials or reduce the total cost of attendance for students or both ([AB1602](#))
- **California College Promise Innovation Grant Program**, which will provide resources to community college districts to establish or expand a College Promise program ([AB1741](#))

The Foundation will consider mini planning grants to those colleges interested in applying for awards based upon improved design and implementation of campus practices and/or policies to:

- Adopt guided pathways to improve student outcomes and completion
- Accelerate students through remediation and into credit-bearing courses
- Increase the number and percentage of students earning Associate Degrees for Transfer
- Track student outcomes by race and gender, and utilize such data to address achievement gaps

Attached are streamlined proposal guidelines. We will review proposals by invitation only and invited proposals may be submitted between October 24 – November 10, 2016. **If you are interested in discussing your plans, please contact me at amydarms@gmail.com.**

Informational Webinars: We will hold two informational webinars to discuss the planning grants on Weds, Oct. 5th, 10 – 11 am, and Thurs, Oct. 6th, 12 – 1 pm. Please join us at: <https://education-first.zoom.us/j/6203565407>. Or call: [\(408\) 638 0968](tel:4086380968); meeting ID: [620 356 5407](#).

Informational Session: We also will have an informational session for those attending the Strengthening Student Success Conference at the Hyatt Regency Orange County in Garden Grove on Friday, Oct. 7th, 8:00 – 8:45 am.

Capacity-Building Workshops: We are hosting two workshops this fall for college teams and their partners to engage with experts from the [Center for Urban Education](#) and [Education First](#) on using data for inquiry, with a focus on equity, and applying effective models related to the new state award programs. We encourage teams of 3 – 5 people per campus to register, though individual registrations also are accepted. A campus does not need to be a grantee to participate in a workshop. The workshops are scheduled for:

- Tues, Nov. 1st, 9 am – 3 pm, at San Joaquin Delta College in Stockton, and
- Thurs, Nov. 3rd, 9 am – 3 pm at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut.

Please email me at amydarms@gmail.com to RSVP for either of the workshops.

We look forward to supporting community colleges in their efforts to accelerate students' progress.

Sincerely,
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