



TO: Kelly Fowler, Chief Instructional Officer, Mt. San Antonio College
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RE: MESA Program – Certification of Intent for New Colleges

The 2022-23 California State Budget Act established an unprecedented Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) program allocation opportunity for all California community colleges. This allocation is designed to address the unmet need in our system to support educationally and economically disadvantaged students majoring in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields who seek to transfer to a four-year institution.

Colleges interested in establishing a MESA program on their campus must implement all MESA program components, MESA program objectives, MESA Roles and Responsibilities, and Chancellor's Office Vision for Success goals. Participating colleges would receive a base award of at least \$280,000 each Fiscal Year (FY) for 5 years starting FY 2022-23 through FY 2026-27 with a projected term of 1/1/2023 – 7/31/2027 for an award total of a minimum of \$1,400,000 over the five years. If Mt. San Antonio College elects to participate in the MESA program it will also receive a one-time allocation of \$98,098 from 2021-22 funds.

Those colleges who had the opportunity to participate in the October 3, 2022, webinar received additional program information and the opportunity to have questions answered. Each college Chief Instructional Officer is being emailed a hyperlink from the Alchemer tool to the MESA Program Certification form. Please have one representative from Mt. San Antonio complete and submit the MESA Program Certification form in Alchemer.

NEXT STEPS:

1. Conduct local discussions with administrators, faculty, and student representatives to identify the steps and the process to meet the needs of those educationally and economically disadvantaged STEM students on the campus.
2. Determine the college intent for establishing a MESA program.
3. Submit the completed MESA Program Certification form by *Friday, November 4, 2022*.

Please use the following link to complete Mt. San Antonio College's certification: [MESA Program Certification Link](#).

Please reference the Chancellor's Office [MESA](#) webpage for additional program information.

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