

**2022 Request for Proposals
CSU Creating Responsive, Equitable, Active Teaching and Engagement (CREATE) Awards Program**

Proposal Deadline: April 15, 2022

Award Details

The Creating Responsive, Equitable, Active Teaching and Engagement (CREATE) Awards program recognizes the vitally important role faculty play in providing high-quality instruction and underscores the importance of accelerating momentum toward Graduation Initiative 2025 goals. The program aims to reinvigorate faculty commitment to the system’s student success efforts by increasing their sense of responsibility to each student’s progress to graduation. Each award will provide a large grant to individual faculty members or teams of faculty transforming the student experience. The winning proposal(s) will identify a common problem, articulate the ability to advance a solution locally and at scale, have a strong emphasis on equity and demonstrate the ability to scale the innovation across the system. The award recipient(s) will be an individual or individuals who can creatively increase the number of bachelor’s degrees awarded, shorten time to degree and dramatically reduce equity gaps.

Award amounts will be up to \$300,000. Up to five proposals will be funded in the 2022-23 academic year; the number of awards issued will be dependent upon the number of proposals received and the budgets proposed. Awards will be distributed as subawards issued to the campus of the faculty recipient, with the lead faculty as the principal investigator (PI). Funds will be issued on a cost-reimbursement basis to the campus.

The program is generously funded by the College Futures Foundation.

Program Timeline

Date	Activity
March 3, 2022	RFP released
April 15, 2022	Deadline to submit proposals
May 2022	Awardees announced
August 2022	Program activity begins
January 2023	Midterm report due to Office of the Chancellor
June 30, 2023	Deadline for spending funds
July 2023	Final report due to Office of the Chancellor

Award Eligibility

Tenure-track faculty, tenured faculty and lecturers from all disciplines are eligible for the one-year CREATE award. Departments or small teams of faculty are also eligible to apply. One faculty member must be identified as PI. If applying as a small team, co-applicants may serve as co-investigators. Alternatively, additional faculty and staff may participate and be supported by the award budget.

Selection Criteria

Each proposal should directly address student success and focus on closing equity gaps. Recipients must demonstrate innovative teaching practices, extraordinary course design or redesign or the development of exemplary supplemental support programs to promote student success and close equity gaps. The award recipient(s) will be those who can contribute quantifiably to increasing the number of bachelor's degrees awarded, shorten time to degree or reduce equity gaps by creatively expanding upon research-backed interventions.

Proposals will be evaluated on the creativity and innovation of the programming. The CREATE Awards program is designed to implement new, groundbreaking ideas to student success and achieve equity. Proposals that simply expand normal programming or serve a small group of students are unlikely to be funded. The main goal of the CREATE Awards program is to facilitate sustainable change across the CSU system. Proposals will be selected based on the feasibility of scaling the program systemwide.

Allowable Expenses

Allowable expenses include, but are not limited, to

- Faculty, staff, and student staff salaries and benefits (e.g., “buy-out”);
- Materials and supplies;
- Consultants and service contracts;
- Software;
- Travel, lodging and conference registration fees as directly relevant to the project; and
- Additional expenses as allowable within campus regulations.

How to Apply

Proposals must be submitted via the [online proposal submission form](#) by 11:59pm on April 15, 2022.

Each proposal must be submitted using the proposal template and include the following information:

- Contact information and campus details;
- Program narrative, including a focus on equity and scalability;
- Evaluation plan;
- Budget narrative;
- [Budget template](#); and
- Letter(s) of support from department chair and/or college dean.

See the [Proposal Guide](#) for additional information. Proposals must be complete to be considered for funding. No proposals will be accepted after the deadline.

For questions about the CREATE Awards program, please contact Dr. Chenoa S. Woods, director, Research and Student Success Initiatives, at cswoods@calstate.edu.