# 2022 Request for Proposals

# Supportive Pathways for First-Year Students Program

**Proposal Deadline: December 16, 2022, 11:59 p.m.**

# Award Details

This Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Supportive Pathways for First-Year Students program will provide funding for CSU campuses to reframe or enhance their summer 2023 Early Start Program and/or other summer and first-year transitional support programs to serve their unique students. As per Executive Vice Chancellor Sylvia A. Alva’s memo on August 26, 2022, the two overarching goals for this program will be to: 1) establish intentional pathways and support structures to ensure that at least 90% of first-time students successfully complete the General Education A2 and B4 requirements within their first year, and 2) forge a strong sense of belonging among students who participate in these programs.

The total allocation for this RFP is $5 million. Award amounts will vary based with alignment with RFP goals. Award amounts will be up to $500,000 and a campus will only receive one award. Additional consideration will be given to campuses who have high percentages of either category IV Written Communication or Math or Quantitative Reasoning (greater than 10%) for their entering fall 2020 first-time students. It should be noted that established CSU placement standards based on multiple measures will continue. Awards may also include supportive pathways for first-year STEM students.

The Chancellor’s Office does intend to continue this annual funding for Supportive Pathways for First-Year Students program, contingent on future CSU budgets.

Campuses should employ locally preferred naming conventions other than Supportive Pathways for First-Year Students program for programs that meet the goals of this RFP.

# Program Timeline

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| **Date** | **Activity** |
| November 4, 2022 | RFP released |
| December 16, 2022 | Deadline to submit proposals,  11:59 p.m. |
| January 17, 2023 | Awards announced |
| March 2023 | Program activity begins |
| January 15, 2024 | Interim report due to the Chancellor’s Office |
| June 30, 2024 | Final report due to Office of the Chancellor |
| June 30, 2024 | Deadline for spending funds |

**Award Eligibility**

Campus teams may include faculty and staff from Academic Affairs and/or staff from Student Affairs. Collaborations between Academic Affairs and Student Affairs are strongly encouraged. One faculty member or administrator must be identified as Principal Investigator. Additional faculty and staff may participate as co-Principal Investigators and be supported by the award budget.

# Selection Criteria

* Each Supportive Pathways for First-Year Students program proposal should directly address increasing the number of first-time students who complete GE Areas A2 and B4 as well as activities that promote student belonging and introduce them to relevant student support services.
* Priority should be given to addressing the needs of Category III/IV students who need additional support in Math and/or Written Communication.
* Courses offered must be for college credit.
* The campus-specific Supportive Pathways for First-Year Students proposal should provide an evidence-based rationale for successfully transitioning first-time incoming students to their campus to meet these two overarching goals and may focus on summer 2023, fall 2023 and/or spring 2024 activities.

# Allowable Expenses

Allowable expenses include, but are not limited, to:

* Faculty, staff, and student staff salaries and benefits;
* Materials and supplies, including software licenses such as ALEKS;
* Residential summer housing (room and board);
* Program evaluation; and
* Additional expenses as allowable within campus regulations.

# How to Apply

Proposals must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on December 16, 2022. A campus proposal packet must contain:

* Completed Proposal Application form (saved as *Yourcampusname*\_SPFYS\_Narrative.pdf)
* Proposed Budget Spreadsheet (saved as *Yourcampusname*\_SPFYS\_Budget.pdf)

*The proposal packet must be complete to be considered for funding. No proposals will be accepted after the deadline. Please send your proposal packet to* [**evcasa\_assists@calstate.edu**](mailto:evcasa_assists@calstate.edu)**.**

For additional questions regarding this RFP, please contact Dr. Terri Gomez (stgomez@cpp.edu), Associate Provost for Student Success, Equity and Innovation at Cal Poly Pomona, and Dr. Maureen Scharberg (maureen.scharberg@csueastbay.edu), Dean of Academic Programs & Services at Cal State East Bay.

The following three appendices provide information and links from current CSU programs and practices for first-time students, references, and questions/answers regarding summer fee waivers for your proposal development consideration.

**APPENDIX 1: Some Current CSU Programs & Practices for First-Time Students:**

**Bakersfield:**

Early Start Program: <https://www.csub.edu/academicprograms/early-start-program>

EOP Summer Bridge: <https://www.csub.edu/eop/eop-summer-bridge-program>

**Channel Islands:**

Early Start Program: <https://www.csuci.edu/admissions/freshman/admitted/earlystart/index.htm>

EOP Summer Bridge: <https://www.csuci.edu/eop/summbridgprog.htm>

First-Year Communities: <https://www.csuci.edu/academics/learningcommunities/index.htm>

University Studies (UNIV) Curriculum: <https://www.csuci.edu/islas/universityexperience/curriculum.htm>

**Chico:**

Early Start Program: <https://rce.csuchico.edu/earlystart>

EOP Summer Bridge: <https://www.csuchico.edu/eop/admissions/summer-bridge.shtml>

First-Year Experience: <https://www.csuchico.edu/fye/>

**Dominguez Hills:**

Summer Experience--Early Start Program: <https://www.csudh.edu/dhfye/dhfye-summer-experience/>

EOP Summer Bridge: <https://www.csudh.edu/eop/summer-bridge/>

First-Year Experience: <https://www.csudh.edu/dhfye/>

**East Bay:**

Early Start Program: <https://www.csueastbay.edu/admissions/after-youre-accepted/early-start-program/index.html>

EOP Summer Bridge: <https://www.csueastbay.edu/eop/summer-bridge/index.html>

Summer Experiences:

Five-to-Build: <https://www.csueastbay.edu/aps/earlystart5tobuild/index.html>

STEP: <https://www.csueastbay.edu/news-center/2022/08/a-step-in-the-right-direction.html>

First-Year Experience: <https://www.csueastbay.edu/aps/general-studies/freshman-year-experience.html>

Additional Note: CSUEB’s grading policy (approved by the Academic Senate) is ABC/NC for GE Areas A2 and B4.

**Fresno:**

Early Start Program:

<https://cge.fresnostate.edu/programsinstitutes/earlystart.html>

EOP Summer Bridge: <https://studentaffairs.fresnostate.edu/eop/summerbridge/>

First-Year Experience: <https://academics.fresnostate.edu/firstyear/index.html>

**Fullerton:**

Early Start: <http://records.fullerton.edu/registration/earlystart.php>

EOP Summer Bridge: <http://www.fullerton.edu/eop/bridge/>

First-Year Experience: <https://catalog.fullerton.edu/preview_entity.php?catoid=70&ent_oid=7991&returnto=8449>

**Humboldt:**

Early Start: <https://admissions.humboldt.edu/apply/freshmen/earlystart>

EOP Summer Bridge: <https://eop.humboldt.edu/stem-summer-bridge>

**Long Beach:**

Early Start: <https://www.csulb.edu/admissions/early-start-program>

EOP Summer Bridge: <https://www.csulb.edu/student-affairs/summer-bridge>

**Los Angeles:**

Early Start: <https://www.calstatela.edu/early-academic-preparation/early-start-program>

EOP Summer Bridge: <https://www.calstatela.edu/eop/summer_bridge.php>

First-Year Experience: <https://www.calstatela.edu/ecst/success/fyre>

**Maritime Academy:**

Early Start: <https://www.csum.edu/admissions/csu-early-start.html>

EOP Summer Bridge: <https://www.csum.edu/eop/summer-bridge.html>

First-Year Experience: <https://www.csum.edu/cadet-leadership-and-development/dean-of-cadets/first-year-experience.html>

**Monterey Bay:**

Early Start: <https://csumb.edu/earlystart/>

EOP Summer Bridge: <https://csumb.edu/eop/summer-bridge-free-and-mandatory/>

First-Year Experience: <https://csumb.edu/studentlife/first-year-experience/>

**Northridge:**

Early Start: <https://www.csun.edu/prospective-students/early-start-program>

EOP Summer Bridge: <https://www.csun.edu/csun-eop/transitional-programs>

First-Year Experience: <https://www.csun.edu/student-success/academic-first-year-experiences>

**Pomona:**

Early Start: <https://www.cpp.edu/studentsuccess/oss/early-start/index.shtml>

Summer Experience-Early Start Program: <https://www.cpp.edu/studentsuccess/oss/early-start/bronco-scholars/index.shtml>

EOP Summer Bridge: <https://www.cpp.edu/ssep/eop/transition/summer-bridge.shtml>

First-Year Experience: <https://www.cpp.edu/studentsuccess/oss/fye/index.shtml>

**Sacramento:**

Early Start: <https://www.csus.edu/apply/admissions/early-start-program.html>

EOP Summer Bridge: <https://www.csus.edu/student-affairs/centers-programs/educational-opportunity-program/summer-transitional-programs.html>

First-Year Experience: <https://www.csus.edu/undergraduate-studies/first-year-experience/>

**San Bernardino:**

Early Start: <https://www.csusb.edu/early-start>

EOP Summer Bridge: <https://www.csusb.edu/eop/bridge>

Summer Experience: <https://www.csusb.edu/coyotes-achieve/events/summer>

First-Year Experience: <https://www.csusb.edu/orientation/first-year-experience>

**San Diego:**

Early Start: <https://admissions.sdsu.edu/first-years/summer>

EOP Summer Bridge: <https://sacd.sdsu.edu/eop/programs/summer-bridge>

First-Year Experience: <https://studentsuccess.sdsu.edu/general-studies/first_year>

**San Francisco:**

Early Start: <https://gatorsmartstart.sfsu.edu/earlystart>

EOP Summer Bridge: <https://eop.sfsu.edu/eop-summer-bridge>

First-Year Experience: <https://ueap.sfsu.edu/fye>

**San José:**

Early Start: <https://www.sjsu.edu/earlystart/>

EOP Summer Bridge: <https://www.sjsu.edu/eop/eop/programs-and-services.php>

First-Year Experience: (ASPIRE) <https://www.sjsu.edu/aspire/program-services-benefits/first-year-experience.php>

**San Luis Obispo:**

Early Start: <https://earlystart.calpoly.edu/>

EOP Summer Bridge: <https://eop.calpoly.edu/si/what-is-si>

First-Year Experience: <https://success.calpoly.edu/transition-tips>

**San Marcos:**

Early Start: <https://www.csusm.edu/readiness/earlystart/index.html>

EOP Summer Bridge: <https://www.csusm.edu/eop/recentlyadmitted/summerbridge.html>

First-Year Experience: <https://www.csusm.edu/fyp/index.html>

**Sonoma:**

Early Start: <https://admissions.sonoma.edu/prepare-enrollment/early-start-program>

EOP Summer Bridge: <https://eop.sonoma.edu/newly-admitted-students/summer-bridge-orientation>

First-Year Experience: <https://fast.sonoma.edu/>

**Stanislaus:**

Early Start: <https://www.csustan.edu/undergrad/early-start-program>

EOP Summer Bridge: <https://www.csustan.edu/eop/eop-summer-bridge>

First-Year Experience: <https://www.csustan.edu/general-education/first-year-experience>

**APPENDIX 2: References that may be helpful for your proposal development:**

1. “Academic Preparation of First-Year Students”. CSU Fall 2020 cohort (April 5, 2022) access from: <https://www.calstate.edu/impact-of-the-csu/government/Advocacy-and-State-Relations/Pages/legislative-reports.aspx> (last accessed Oct. 2, 2022).

2. The Impact of a Sense of Belonging in College: Implications for Student Persistence, Retention, and Success. Edited by Erin M. Bentram and Gavin W. Henning, Stylus Publishing, 2022.

**APPENDIX 3: Questions and Answers Regarding Summer Fee Waivers:**

1. Does the summer fee waiver apply to courses outside of GE A2 and/or B4 coursework?

Answer: Courses approved for a campus funded proposal would be eligible for fee waivers.

1. Does the amount per unit of the summer fee waiver remain the same as the former Early Start fee waiver?

Answer: Yes, the fee waiver is based on current tuition rates.

1. Does the student eligibility for the fee waiver remain the same?

Answer: The current fee waiver is based on a $6,000 Expected Family Contribution (EFC).

1. Will the process for summer fee waiver registration remain the same?

Answer: If a campus uses self-service for student enrollment into courses

coded as “Early Start:’, fee waiver eligibility and waiver assignment to the student’s account is built into the registration process. If a campus wanted to enroll students another way (e.g. individual enrollment, block enrollment) determining fee waiver eligibility and waiver assignment would be manual. CMS updates would need to be made.