

AWARDS FOR **INNOVATION** IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Application Questions and Strong Responses

Each response is limited to a 500 word narrative. Additional data or charts can be uploaded as a .pdf file for each question.

1. From the perspective of the student population referred to in the introduction, what was the problem your innovation helped to address on your campus, college, or district?

A strong response will define the problem using data that clearly delineates the student population and the disproportionate impact on student success.

2. Briefly describe the practice or policy that your campus, college, or district needed to change. Precisely describe the innovation and how it addressed the problem outlined in question 1.

A strong response will demonstrate how this innovation is consistent with the Vision for Success.

3. How did your campus, college, or district scale, or begin to scale, this innovation?

A strong response will include data demonstrating the impact of the innovation on a larger number of students over time. Preference will be given to innovations that have been scaled campus, college or district-wide, or clearly begun to scale, and benefitted the student populations noted in the Introduction.

4. Explain in detail the specific barriers that were addressed to begin scaling the innovation across the campus, college, or district.

A strong response will include a discussion of what resources, programs, staffing or reporting needed to be integrated or braided to achieve the desired changes. This response should give the readers a clear understanding of the experience of change at your campus or district.

5. Explain how your campus or district will collaborate with the Chancellor's Office to disseminate this innovation throughout the state to benefit other colleges seeking to solve a student success issue.

A strong response will include broad dissemination strategies that are integrated with current practices, tools and mechanisms to support professional development in the California Community Colleges. This plan will identify activities, responsible individuals, timelines and estimated costs. Although a detailed budget is not required, a thoughtful estimate of the costs to scale this innovation will contribute to a strong application.