Call for Proposals: Student Success 2018-2019
Graduation Initiative 2025
DUE OCTOBER 26, 2018

The CSU Graduation Initiative aims to increase graduation rates for all CSU students while eliminating opportunity and achievement gaps so that all students have the opportunity to graduate in a timely manner according to their personal goals.

Chico State has developed a Long-term Student Success Plan. This plan identifies three broad action areas to improve students’ progress to a meaningful, high quality degree:

1. Improving the academic environment (faculty, pedagogy, curriculum)
2. Strengthening a culture of engagement and caring (advising, success centers, support for underserved students, business processes)
3. Using data to drive decision-making (student success analytics)

For 2018-2019, our campus Graduation Initiative efforts are focused on (1) reducing time to graduation while maintaining or improving the quality of academic programs, and (2) closing the gaps in retention and graduation rates for our underrepresented minority, low-income, and first-generation college students.

For 2018-2019, a total of $274,000 will be awarded through this proposal process to support initiatives aimed at these priorities.

Funding may be sought for projects that:

- Expand access to High Impact Practices (HIPS)
- Improve classroom practice, especially with regard to inclusive pedagogy
- Offer expanded or innovative support for underserved student populations
- Redesign major curriculum for improved student success
- Redesign courses with high enrollment and low success rates
- Help students engage more purposefully in their course and major selections
- Otherwise promote retention and graduation and/or narrow equity gaps for first time freshman and transfer students

These funds may be used for:

- Faculty release time
- Stipends for faculty work done outside of the academic calendar
- Staff support for new or expanded initiatives
- Student assistants
- Professional development
- Technology for student use
- Campus services including media design, printing, web services, etc.
- Hospitality for student use

2018-2019 Funds may not be used for permanent hires.

Proposals will be evaluated on the following criteria:
• Evidence-based potential for improving student success and reducing equity gaps
• Alignment with 2018-2019 Graduation Initiative priorities
• Scope of impact
• Sustainability
• Quality of assessment plan (outcomes, metrics, targets)

Proposals, completed on the provided template, require approval signatures of the proposer’s unit head (chair, director, etc.) and appropriate administrator (dean, AVP, etc.).

Proposals should be submitted electronically by **5 PM, October 26, 2018** to Kate McCarthy (kmccarthy@csuchico.edu).

Notification of awards will be made on or before November 16, 2018.

Proposal template appears on the following page.
Student Success Proposal Template
Due 5 PM, October 26, 2018 to Kate McCarthy, Interim Dean of Undergraduate Education, kmccarthy@csuchico.edu

Department/Unit name: ____________________________________________________________
Contact person: __________________________________________________________________
Contact person email: __________________________________________________________________
Project title or simple description: ______________________________________________________
Amount requested: __________________________________________________________________

1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Please describe how this project will improve student success, especially in relation to the campus’ 2018-2019 goals (see above). What barrier to success or equity gap will the project address, and how? Include relevant data.

2. BUDGET: How will funds be used? (Add rows as needed.)

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3. SCOPE: How many students will benefit from the project? Does the project focus on a particular student population?

4. SUSTAINABILITY: Describe plans for continuing this initiative beyond the funding year.

5. ASSESSMENT: How will you know if your project has been successful? What metrics will you use and what targets have you set?

The proposal narrative (questions 1, 3, 4, and 5) should not exceed 4 pages.

Approvals:

Unit head (Chair, Director, etc.)

______________________________________________________________________________
Name                                      Signature

Administrator (Dean, AVP, etc.).

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Please contact Graduation Initiative Advisory Team Co-Chairs Kate McCarthy (kmccarthy@csuchico.edu) or Chela Patterson (cpatterson@csuchico.edu) with any questions.