CAMINO

California–Mexican Initiative for New Opportunities

CAMINO Request for Proposals #1:

Academic Partnerships and Programming Planning Grant

San Diego State University | California State University system

INTRODUCTIONS



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PROGRAM PURPOSE

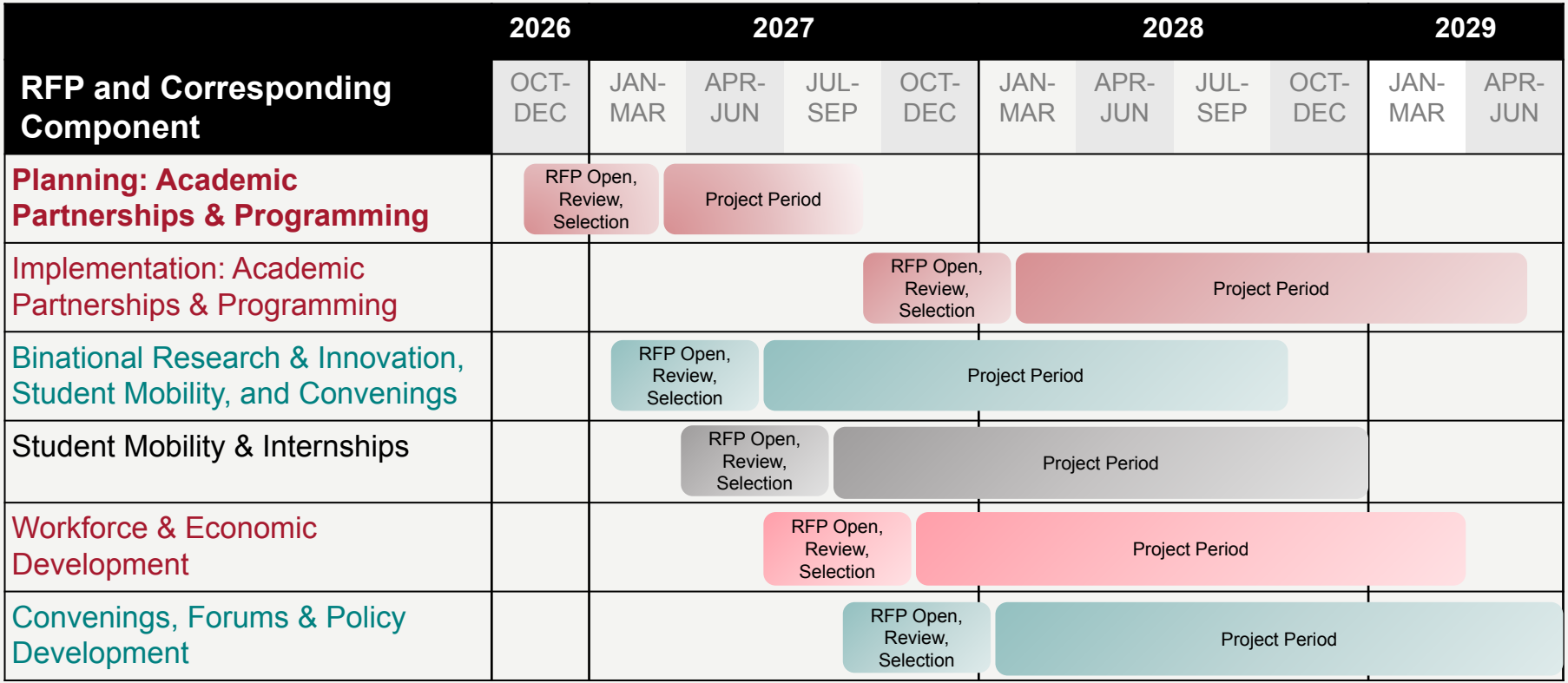
Establish a coordinated California State University systemwide framework for advancing binational higher education, workforce, student-support, research, innovation, and community partnership activities benefiting California and the border region.

Through a series of Requests for Proposals (RFPs), CAMINO will support projects focused on the following priorities:

- **Component 1** Student mobility, internships, fellowships, and student support
- **Component 2** Academic partnerships and programming
- **Component 3** Workforce and economic development
- **Component 4** Binational research and innovation
- **Component 5** Convenings, public forums, and policy development

FUNDING DISTRIBUTION

Anticipated funding timeline



COMPONENT 2 ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS AND PROGRAMMING TIMELINES

Planning Grant:

- December 4, 2026: Proposals due
- February 5, 2027: Review results released
- March - August 2027: Planning Grant project period
- September 2027: Deliverables due and new RFP released for Implementation phase



Implementation Grant *(anticipated):*

- RFP opens September 15, 2027
- November 15, 2027: Proposals due
- December 15, 2027: Review results released
- January 15, 2027- January 14, 2028: Planning Grant project period
- Feb 28, 2028- Reports due

COMPONENT 2: ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS AND PROGRAMMING – PLANNING GRANT

Plan and initiate development of academic programming with Mexican institutions including (not in any priority order):

- Shared online classes
- Bilingual education partnerships
- Curriculum development
- Articulation agreements
- Joint certificates or microcredentials
- Joint-degree planning
- NGO/industry internship programs



Planning activities should prioritize the development of collaborative, creative, sustainable and durable programming between institutions.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

Proposals must include:

A collaborator from any CSU campus with institutional eligibility to receive extramural funding including faculty, staff, lecturers, research and adjunct faculty, postdocs, and administrators

- Any additional CSU campus is encouraged but not required - Multiple campuses can submit one proposal

At least one collaborator from a qualified Mexico-based organization(s) working in higher education including those focused on:

1) Workforce development and employment
2) Community engagement
3) Student support
4) Applied learning



Project lead must be from a CSU campus or California community-based organization with a CSU partner. Mexican organizations will participate as collaborators.

EXAMPLES OF PLANNING GRANT ACTIVITIES

Needs assessments

Institutional mapping for identifying complementary programs and institutional strengths

- *This activity should be coordinated with the Chancellor's office*

Workshops

Public meetings

Advisory group coordination

Focus groups and interviews

Feasibility studies



PLANNING GRANT FUNDING AMOUNTS (up to $200K in awards)

Between **$7,500 and $20,000 total Direct Costs**

- Equitable partnership with Mexican collaborators
- Indirect costs not permitted

PLANNING GRANT ALLOWABLE COSTS

Expenses related to:

- Convening the partners
- Community engagement for understanding educational needs
- Needs assessment
- Information sharing
- Data collection
- Pilot testing

Specific expenses:

- Effort and fringe for project personnel
- Travel costs (when related to planning)
- Consultant fees
- Translation
- Hosting for convenings, community engagement, etc.



PLANNING GRANT UNALLOWABLE COSTS

Unallowable expenses:

- Durable equipment
- Travel/hosting unrelated to planning grant
- Fundraising
- Lobbying/campaigns
- Personal expenses or others outside the scope of work

PLANNING GRANT PROPOSAL COMPONENTS

Proposed partnership/team

- Include a description of team members' prior work, expertise and credentials relevant to the proposed planning activities, as well as prior relevant collaborative engagements between team members.

Relationship of proposed activity to existing context

- Provide a brief description of the setting of the proposed programming, including current needs and anticipated benefits to students or other communities. Please include the relevance to CSU and regional activities.

Proposed planning activities

- Describe briefly the proposed planning activities, including a basic timeline.

PLANNING GRANT PROPOSAL ADDITIONAL DOCS

References: 20 references max

Budget and Justification

Institutional Letters of Support

- College Dean or Appropriate administrator (i.e. AVP for International Affairs, Vice Provost, Associate Dean)
- From participating CSU institutions

Letter of Acknowledgement of Collaboration from partner organization(s)

Max 5 standard sized pages
Min 11-pt font, single spaced, 0.5-inch margins

PLANNING GRANT PROPOSAL EVALUATION

Proposals will be evaluated by a committee of qualified reviewers from California and Mexico with relevant CSU, community, workforce, and subject-matter expertise

Review criteria will include:

1. Potential for student benefit
2. Feasibility of the proposed planning phase
3. Reciprocity and mutual benefit
4. Institutional commitment
5. Alignment with regional and/or institutional needs
6. Strength of the project team



PLANNING GRANT DELIVERABLES

Final feasibility report for implementation of projects including:

- New articulation agreements and academic pathways.
- Joint-degree feasibility studies and formal proposals.
- Faculty participation in binational teaching and curriculum development.
- Increased access for students who cannot travel.
- New or expanded COIL, joint faculty, and/or bilingual courses



QUESTIONS?

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