The California Community College Chancellor’s Office is pleased to announce the creation of the Zero-Textbook-Cost Degree Grant program as a continuing effort to improve student access and success. The Legislature intends for community college districts to develop and implement zero-textbook-cost degrees to reduce the overall cost of education for students and decrease the time it takes students to complete degree programs. This program is consistent with existing legislative policy and fiscal investments in the development and implementation of Open Education Resources (OER) in California Higher Education including the California Community Colleges System.

These are one-time grant funds to be distributed as follows:

- Enable community colleges receiving an award to develop and/or implement associate degrees and career technical education certificate programs earned entirely by completing courses that eliminate conventional textbook costs by using alternative instructional materials and methodologies.

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- There are two performance periods within this RFA process. The first performance period is for planning grants. The second performance period is for implementation grants.
• The maximum award amount of each planning grant is limited to $35,000.

• The maximum award amount of each implementation grant is limited to $150,000.

**Application Deadline:** Monday, December 12, 2016, at 5:00 PM, PST

To assist colleges with technical questions about this RFA the Chancellor’s Office’s will be conducting an online webinar on Monday, November 14th from 12:00 – 1:00 PM. The logistical information is as follows:

**Title:** Zero-Textbook-Cost Degree Grant Program Request for Application Webinar

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