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TO: Chief Executive Officers
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**SUBJECT: Request for Application (RFA) 17-085 for Zero Textbook Cost Degree –
Implementation Phase 2**

As a continuing effort to improve student access and success, the California Community College Chancellor's Office is pleased to announce Phase 2 of the *Zero-Textbook-Cost Degree Grant program*. 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 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 implement associate degrees and/or career technical education certificate programs earned entirely by completing courses that eliminate conventional textbook costs by using alternative instructional materials and methodologies.
- Enable community college districts 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
- The performance period is January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018.
- The maximum award amount of each implementation grant is limited to \$150,000.

Application Deadline: Thursday, September 28, 2017, at 5:00 PM, PST

The logistical information for the online webinar to assist colleges with technical questions about this RFA is below.

Title: Zero Textbook Cost Degree - Implementation Phase 2 RFA Technical Assistance

Meeting Date: Thursday, June 22, 2017	Is Your Computer Ready? How to Connect with Your Mobile Device
Meeting Time: 12:00 PM - 01:00 PM	Dial your telephone conference line: 1-913-312-3202* Participant Passcode: 604491
Meeting Type: Meet & Confer Meeting Passcode: 604491	*Toll free number available: 1-888-886-3951 Participant Conference Feature *6 - Mute/unmute your line
Meeting Link: https://www.cccconfer.org/GoToMeeting?SeriesID=85d3cffa-1a6e-493e-bcc3-105bf3d60225	FOR ASSISTANCE CCC Confer Client Services Monday – Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Phone: 1-760-744-1150 ext. 1537 or 1554 Email: clientservices@cccconfer.org

For additional information on the Zero Textbook Cost program, please visit our [Open Education Resources](#) webpage.