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FROM: Sandra Sanchez, Interim Vice Chancellor
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CC: Marty Alvarado, Executive Vice Chancellor
Office of Equitable Student Experience, Learning and Impact

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RE: Letter of Intent - Community Colleges Pathway to Law School Initiative (Cal LAW)

The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office is pleased to announce the release of Letter of Intent (LOI) for the Community Colleges Pathway to Law School Initiative. This LOI will serve as the Request for Application. The purpose of the Letter of Intent is to solicit and identify community college districts wishing to participate in the Cal LAW Program. Based on the Letters of Intent submitted to the Chancellor's Office, grant funding will be issued to colleges up to a maximum of \$99,000 per college.

Background:

The [Community Colleges Pathway to Law School \(Cal LAW\)](#) initiative launched in 2014 with a goal of enhancing opportunities and advancement in the legal profession for diverse populations, particularly those who have traditionally been underrepresented. More than 700 community college students are currently enrolled in the program statewide, with more than 250 graduated Cal LAW Scholars already.

The initiative seeks to invest in the State's economic growth and global competitiveness through career education for the legal profession. At the core of the initiative is expanding diversity, equity, and inclusion by ensuring all students, regardless of race, age, economic status, or geography, gain exposure and confidence to pursue a Law career pathway. This initiative is intended to provide community college students, particularly women and people of color, with a direct path to law school, and to give those schools a pipeline of diverse students from across the state. Training students with 21st century skills is how the California Community Colleges will contribute to breaking the cycle of poverty and give community college students, their families, and their communities the opportunity for true economic mobility.

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The intent of the legislation is to expand the Cal LAW pathways program. This funding will provide colleges the opportunity to work together with Cal LAW program partners in order to:

- Support opportunities for dual enrollment partnerships between community colleges and local high school law academies.
- Implement partnerships with the California State University system that incorporate associate degree for transfer pathways that will prepare students for a career in the legal profession.
- Expand existing transfer agreements with the University of California that will prepare students for a career in the legal profession.
- Provide student advising and guidance to help participants in the Community College Pathway to Law School initiative successfully transfer into the California State University (CSU) or the University of California (UC).

Letter of Intent Submission

The Letter of Intent signed by the authorized district/college signatories, written responses, and budget estimate must be submitted via to the Chancellor's Office [NOVA system](#) by **5:00 P.M., November 30, 2022.**

Written Response and Budget Detail

Interested districts must provide the completed and signed Letter of Intent (see Appendix B for Letter of Intent Template), including written responses and a budget estimate (see Appendix C).

Questions

Please submit any questions about this funding opportunity to Pamela C. Enslin, Executive Director - California LAW Pathways, Foundation for California Community Colleges: pchapmanenslen@foundationccc.org.

Questions about submission of Letters of Intent into the NOVA system can be sent to LaCandice Ochoa, Dean, Workforce and Economic Development Division: lochoa@cccco.edu.