

Limited-duration Grant-funded Special Assignments

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Department/Office: Counseling, DRD, EMLS, and English

Grant Duration: Fall 2023 to Spring 2026

Project Title: AB1705 Summer Bridge (SRJC Connect) – Program Collaboration of Non-Math Instructors

Project Description

In Fall 2023, the CCCCCO provided all community colleges funding to support further implementation of AB1705. At SRJC, this funding has supported three faculty members in Math, English, and EMLS over the past several semesters as Student-Centered Researchers to work with IERP to analyze student data, spur data discussions with their respective departments, and determine an intervention that further supports student success. From this work, a holistic “summer bridge” program that addresses multiple aspects of college preparation was proposed. One aspect of the “summer bridge” program is preparatory workshops that enhance critical skills needed for success in both non-STEM and STEM pathway transfer-level math courses.

Another component of SRJC Connect is students will enroll in Counseling 60 (Study Skills), DRD 352 (Stress Management), and an English 1A or EMLS 10 course during the summer. Recognizing the critical role faculty teaching all of these sections will play as part of SRJC Connect, this project will fund each of the faculty members up to 15 hours to optionally participate in meetings and events with support staff and managers from other program components (e.g., Avanzando, MESA, other academic departments, and high school partners) to plan and support the “summer bridge” and early alert activities. These meetings can take place over Spring and Summer 2025.

(NOTE: Although not providing funding, this project is co-sponsored by the HSI STEM Avanzando Initiative as students completing the Summer Bridge will be supported by the Avanzando program through learning communities as they persist into their first full year at SRJC. Additionally, any students that identify as STEM majors and qualify will be supported by the MESA program during their time at SRJC).

Compensation Structure

Each faculty member will be compensated in the following manner:

- Up to 15 hours for meetings and events with support staff and managers from Avanzando, MESA, Math, English, EMLS, Counseling, and high school partners to plan and support SRJC Connect and its early alert activities. (Spring and Summer 2025)

Total hours: 15 hours per faculty member

Faculty members will be paid at base hourly rate and required to complete timesheets and time and effort forms for their hourly work for Payroll and grant tracking purposes.

If during the planning and implementation process additional hours are needed for instructors, this change will be brought forward to be discussed between the District and AFA.

Selection Process

Instructors for COUN 60 (3 sections), DRD 352 (3 sections), ENGL 1A (2 sections), and EMLS 10 (1 section), for Summer 2025 were assigned per AFA Article 16 and department protocols for hourly assignments.

Once instructors have been assigned to the designated SRJC Connect sections, faculty will be informed of this opportunity to utilize these 15 hours to meet and collaborate with the summer bridge team if they choose to do so.

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