Question
Will we be getting updates on the grant applications that have been submitted for Impact and the OER
Answer
Colleges have received notifications for specific ZTC pathways or OER Expansion Grants were funded. No additional awards will be determined by Chancellor's Office. Rather, the remaining ZTC pathways that were submitted as Acceleration II or Impact Grants in NOVA are now based upon college choice for how they will use the $320K. OER Expansion courses should be incorporated into full ZTC pathways where possible. For courses that do not fit a specific ZTC pathway, we will ask colleges to work with the OERI to consider developing OER

Question
So we aren't required to use COOL4ED? Doesn't the legislation say that we have to submit there?
Answer
Legislation requires that all materials produced with ZTC funding be submitted to Cool4Ed. However, Cool4Ed is a referatory, not a repository.The state is interested in supporting a repository for OER that is consistent for all colleges and sustains OER into the future.

Question
Is there a deadline for spending this most recent allocation as well as the previous allocations ($180k + $20k)?
Answer
You can find information regarding reporting and expenditure deadlines for the previous grant programs at: https://www.cccco.edu/About-Us/Chancellors-Office/Divisions/Educational-Services-and-Support/burden-free-instructional-materials/zero-textbook-cost-program. The ZTC 2025 Allocation deadline has not yet been determined; however, it is expected to be by June 30, 2028.

Question
What are other colleges doing to track what ZTC pathways they already have and what programs are close to having a ZTC pathway?
Answer
The approaches vary. We're all required to identify ZTC sections in our class schedules. Now, colleges need to also (at least internally) identify the sections that arise from ZTC funding so that they can be reported. This might involve adding an internal "flag" or "tag" in the schedule building process or just a huge spreadsheet or other methods. Some colleges are using a tracker that was built in Tableau which hopefully will be rolled out as an

Question
Were any colleges granted expansion grant funded?
Answer
We did not award many OER Expansion proposals. It is our intent to have the OERI work with colleges regarding the development of critically-needed materials for single courses. The vast majority of our OER Expansion Grant requests were for courses that were already identified in the Collaboration Cohorts as being in-development, and we need to avoid duplication of effort wherever possible.

Question

How will OER Expansion Grant applications be handled?

Answer

There were a few approved; however, most are encouraged to be included in new ZTC pathways when possible. Also, if there is high need, then we are going to ask colleges to work wih the OERI for the development of new and much-needed OER course materials

Question

So - if we received $200K for Implementation, then another $200K for Acceleration, we should have a total of 4 prog pathways once we are done with the 2025 allocation?

Answer

Corrrect - 1 pathway for Implementation, and 1 pathway with Acceleration. Now that the ZTC 2025 Allocation is coming to colleges, 2 additional pathways should be developed and impllemented with the new $320k allocation for a total of 4 pathways, per the legislation.

Question

How is each college expected to create pathways if they do not have an adequate ZTC team or faculty that want to use OER in their courses?

Answer

Between the ZTC Technical Assitance team and the OERI, there is a lot of support and professional development for colleges. We'll cover this support later in this webinar. Also feel free to reach out to ztctap@canyons.edu.

Question

Do the ZTC programs have to be for credit programs only or can they be for noncredit certificates as well?

Answer

The strong preference is for credit programs. A non-credit program that is a CDCP may be eligible. Feel free to reach out to ztctap@canyons.edu with specific scenarios.

Question

So...if we had one on the third scenario that was mentioned, we can use the funds to create one new pathway and fund the rest of a pathway that didn't quite get funded?

Answer

Yes, this is allowable

Question

If what we submitted for Acc II and Impoact did not get funded and we are able to back fill them does that meet the requirement of additional programs with remaining P1 allocation even if we have funds left over?

Answer

Essentially, for every $200,000 of funding, the legislation requires at least one ZTC pathway.

Question

We have not received a response to some of our Acceleration II proposals. Will we receive a response before we receive these additional funds? Obviously, this information will be helpful to know whether our proposals are

Answer

All awards were sent to colleges if they have received an initial award. For those that are still "waiting," your college can choose to use the $320K to suppor the development of these pathways. We will need your college to inform us which submitted pathways that you will develop using the ZTC funds

Question
What if we end up with more than 4 ZTC pathways after the Implementation Grant and Acceleration Grant?
Answer
Hooray, more students benefit!

Question
If we already received full funding for 2 Acceleration I grants (No Acc II funds) for a total of $400k, in addition to the $200k for an Implementation grants, will we still be getting additional funds & expectation to develop 2 new
Answer
Yes, all colleges will receive this 2025 Allocation of $320k, with the expectation that they will develop 2

Question
Just to confirm—in "Scenario 3" (under-funded) we are not required to submit any new Aceleration I/II or Impact plans in NOVA even if we develop new ZTC degree pathways? (Or do we still need to submit for the new pathways in NOVA as we develop them?)
Answer
As long as your total amount received does not exceed $200K per pathway, then new ZTC pathways will not be required. However, it is our intent to have as many ZTC pathways developed as possible across the state. We will need colleges to inform us how they will use the $320K. If this means creating new ZTC pathways other than those that have been submitted in NOVA, then we will ask that your college submit new NOVA applications as either Acceleration II or Impact Grants dependent upon if they are programs of study identified by the

Question
Does that mean if we entered in a request in NOVA for Acceleration II and/or Impact Grant, we have to edit what we have entered in NOVA to update to reflect the new funding?
Answer
No edits are required if the submission is accurate. Your college has the option to edit or change your program selection, if needed. Please just email us at ztc@cccco.edu to let us know which of the submitted ZTC pathways that you intend to complete. However, if your program plan is accurate, and you will fund one or more of the pathways that you submitted in NOVA, then simply let us know which ZTC pathways you will develop. We will record your information accordingly, and there is no reason to update the program plans in NOVA.

Question
To fulfill the legislative requirements, does it need be 2 program pathways or would funding courses that help bulk up an existing pathway be sufficient?
Answer
The legislation requires ZTC pathways with this funding.

Question
Once we backfill, if we have less than $200K left and we cannot create an addtional program, can the money be used for other ZTC related activities like training, etc.?
Answer
We would prefer that funds be used to develop the maximum number of ZTC pathways possible; however, if program pathways do not exceed $200K each, then your college can use the funds for ZTC-related functions - such as professional development, marketing, etc. In such cases, we ask that you inform the Chancellor's Office so we can ensure that the remaining funds are recorded accurately for the work of specific existing ZTC

Question
What will this $320k be called in NOVA for reporting purposes? The various names (Accerleration, Impact, Expansion, etc.) have made this very confusing when trying to find the right place in NOVA.
Answer
All ZTC 2025 Allocation funds will be directed toward either Acceleration I (collaboration cohort) programs, Acceleration II and/or Impact Grant phases. Once your college informs us how you will apply the funds, then we will update our records. The next edition of the Compendium will reflect these funds as "Impact Grants;" however, the funds can be used toward the existing ZTC phases with reporting happening per existing grant

Question
Were any colleges granted expansion grant funding?
Answer
There were a minimal number of awards; however, we are wanting colleges to coordinate much-needed single course OER developments with the OERI going forward to create materials that can be used system-wide

Question
Would we be able to get award notification of all our pathways from the CCCCO? The last update I saw was from
Answer
To confirm a college's ZTC awards, please contact ztc@cccco.edu.

Question
Is the deadline for this new batch of $320k the same as the Acceleration II and Impact Grants?
Answer
It will depend upon the scenario. If you are developing brand new pathways using ZTC 2025 Allocation funds, then a strict deadline has not yet been published (althrough it is expected to be in June 2028). If the funds are to backfill existing programs, then we expect funds to be expended by December 2026.

Question
So, as we make the calculations from Collaboration Cohorts, we need to include th $5k setaside for OERI
Answer
That is correct. Collaboration cohort awards were formally $30k, with $25k to a college and $5k to OERI for

Question
I found the https://www.cccco.edu/About-Us/Chancellors-Office/Divisions/Educational-Services-and-Support/burden-free-instructional-materials/zero-textbook-cost-program/ztc-awardees --- this is what I am referring to when I ask about current ZTC pathway awardees.
Answer
The Chancellor's Office Web site is accurate as of the Acceleration I grants. Once the Progress and Expenditure reports are completed and colleges have submitted their plans for how the ZTC 2025 Allocation funds will be used, the Web site will be updated again.

Question
Also, we were awarded an Acceleration II grant, fully funded. That money is unrelated to $320 each college is getting, correct? Meaning, the funding for that doesn't need to come out of the $320 we're going to be getting
Answer
That is correct. The $320K will need to be used for at least 2 additional ZTC pathways—beyond your Acceleration

Question
Hello! So if we recvd $24K in this last round for Acel 2, is the $320K in addition to the $24k?
Answer
The $320K is in addition to all previously awarded programs. A portion of the $320K can be used to backfill the $24K if deemed necessary by your college. We will need the college to inform us regarding how the funds will be

Question
Can we continue spending funds until Fall 2027, or do we need to expend them before this date?
Answer
We strongly encourage colleges to use the funding by December 2026; however, there isn't a strict published date yet for the ZTC 2025 Allocation. Most likely, it will be by June 2028.

Question
You may have mentioned this and I missed it, can these be certificate pathways?
Answer
Yes - certificate of achievement programs that are CTE can be developed and implemented using ZTC funds

Question
What email account were the ZTC emails sent from?
Answer
ztc@cccco.edu

Question
If we choose an area of study that was not initially part of a Collaboration Cohort, but other colleges ALSO submit in this ZTC 2025 Allocation round for that same area of study, will there be a NEW Collaboration Cohort
Answer
We are going to ask the OERI to help colleges avoid duplication of effort, but this will not likely result in new collaboration cohorts. Rather, it will now be an informed process where the current cohort reports are updated to avoid duplication of effort and to share resources when possible

Question
If we backfill some of our Acceleration II pathways with this $320k funding, does that bump our completion date to Fall 2027? Or will those pathways still be held to Fall 2026 deployment?
Answer
No - only new ZTC pathways are due by Fall 2027. All Implementation Grant ZTC pathways must be available to students by Fall 2025. Acceleration I and Acceleration II awarded programs are due by Fall 2026.

Question
The Web site on timing requirements that Justine pointed to above ends at fall 26, but now this is saying funds awarded right now can be used with a goal of pathway in place by fall 27?
Answer
The Website doesn't yet reflect the expenditure and planning timeline for the $320k, but we will be updating that information as soon as possible. Email us at ZTC@cccco.edu if you would like a little more information for

Question
Is there a 'cheat sheet' on the data elements that would be required for grant reporting?

Answer

The data elements that we will need colleges report are located in the ZTC Progress Report's external data sheet. We believe that the information provided by colleges on the data sheet will be sufficient to meet ZTC reporting

Question

Can we select any programs on our campus or are we limited by what other campuses have already done. Our faculty are starting to move back to commercial textbooks and pushing back against academic freedom

Answer

With the collaboration cohort reports available, colleges are able to develop their ZTC pathways for common transfer majors without duplication of effort now that there is information available for what other colleges are building. If you are needing to work on faculty issues regarding academic freedom, we encourage you to work with the ZTC technical assistance provider at ztctap@canyons.edu.

Question

Did I hear correctly that colleges do not have to create new pathways if the $320 is used to backfill existing pathway grants? I understand that the intent is to convert more pathways, but I wanted to be clear on this.

Answer

If your college prepared and submitted a program plan that wasn't funded, then you are free to direct the new $320k to develop the programs for which you had prepared the program plans. The math element is that per the legislation, a pathway can't receive more than $200k.

Question

For new pathways, we will participate in collaboration cohort process again like we did for acceleration I grant?

Answer

Most likely - no. The collaboration cohorts laid the foundation and provided information that other colleges will use to avoid duplication of effort. Now that the reports are available on the ASCC OERI Web site, there shouldn't be a need for new ZTC pathway collaboration cohorts again.

Question

So we got the $320K already and then we have to prove it's non duplicative post hoc? What are the ramifications? When will we be notified if there are duplications? When are we able to utilize the funds?

Answer

The ASCCC OERI Web site has the list of programs that had high likelihood for duplication of effort. If the area of study that your college intends to develop and implement was covered by a collaboration cohort, then the report should guide your college to avoid duplication of effort. The ZTC Impact Grant application was designed to support colleges' planning as to avoid duplication of effort. If your college intends to create a more unique program pathway, once the Chancellor's Office is notified, then we will inform the college is any steps need to be taken due to potential for duplication of effort. Generally, we simply ask colleges with new program proposals to reach out to those that were already funded and share information and resources. This should benefit both colleges, possibly lead to some mutual materials development, and provide ideas for how to work without duplicating one another. Once the funds arrive at P1, then they are open for use. We ask that colleges provide

Question

I'm confused by when to email and when to use NOVA based on this slide?

Answer

All colleges will email the Chancellor's Office with their plan for how ZTC 2025 funds will be used by no later than May 2, 2025. NOVA needs to be used if new ZTC pathways will be developed beyond what was already submitted. Colleges will use Acceleration II applications for more unique programs (or regionally unique programs) and Impact applications will be used for the areas of study that were covered by collaboration

Question
What happens if my college is unable to spend all of the allocation by the deadline?
Answer
We will ask the colleges to provide their expenditure plan if funds remain. We do not want colleges holding funds for a significant amount of time so that the ZTC pathways can be completed and available to students. When we write the legislative report and request ongoing funding for the ZTC program, we will want to report that the funds were put to use and created zero textbook cost programs across the state rather than reporting that funds are still at colleges without plans to use the remaining funds.

Question
So if the money is used to backfill past grants does that change the timeline on the orginal grants or is that deadline still Fall 26?
Answer
The timeline does not change for already approved ZTC pathways, so the timeline to complete is still Fall 2026.

Question
Could these funds be used to fund stipends/overload for tracking ZTC makrings as well as XB12 or are those different tasks that are not related to the grants.
Answer
The uses you describe are necessary for developing and implementing ZTC pathways, so they would be reasonable and justifiable expenditures (so long as your local business office agrees).

Question
Would professional development that is out of state travel be allowable? Like sending instructors to OpenEd.
Answer
Yes, so long as such expenditures are aligned with your local policies about grants and travel. As with all expenditures using grant funds, the "reasonable and justifiable" criteria apply. It is strongly recommended that colleges maintain documentation of expenditures and justification for those expenditures due to any possible

Question
Can you explain the "research and reporting support" a bit more? What would be an example of an expense in
Answer
If your college needs to pay for time that a Research Office uses to produce data reports for ZTC purposes, then the cost of the staff member's time would be allowable. Also, if your college invested in a software to support tracking ZTC courses and programs, then this would be a ZTC reporting-related expense.

Question
What about sending the pathway faculty to a conference that focuses on pedagogy or research in their
Answer
If the conference was ZTC in nature, then yes; however, a conference that was regarding a particular subject matter area but did not have the root purpose in faculty moving into ZTC/OER materials is not likely "reasonable

Question

Will we be receiving a Grant Award Notification?

Answer

Once your college reports any new ZTC pathways via email and the appropriate Acceleration II and/or Impact applications are submitted and certified in NOVA, then we will send corresponding award notificiations back to to colleges so they can have record for any local processes that may need documentation of awards.

Question

This is quite a new unplanned expectation for those campuses that do not have any full-time people working on this, or are paying someone some minimal overload. Administrators need to be pushed to understand this isn't a temporary things at this point. Our previous ZTC lead has decided to retire so am not sure who will be doing

Answer

You are encouraged to contact the ZTC technical assistance provider (TAP) at ztctap@canyons.edu to discuss engaging with administration to help understand and engage ZTC as a model for equity and inclusion. Also, there is a cohort that is underway at Cosumnes River College that is specifically for administrators and advancing ZTC/OER goals for institutions. I recommend that you reach out to Andi Adkins and Dana Wassmer at Cosumnes River College to obtain information about their administration-focused professional development program.

Question

Can funds be set aside to support OER improvement/updating efforts over time?

Answer

Yes - however, we will ask colleges to inform us of their final expenditure plans. When we write the final legislative report, we want to be confident to say that ZTC funding was used to develop a large number of ZTC pathways across the state, and now funding is needed to maintain the currency and availability of ZTC pathways

Question

Can we continue spending funds until Fall 2027, or do we need to expend them before this date?

Answer

For the previous ZTC grant phases, we truly want colleges to have expended the funds by December 2026. For the ZTC 2025 Allocation, we do not have a set deadline yet; however, we expect that the deadline will be June

Question

I'm sorry if this has already been answered, but can the funds be used to purchase digital readers that students would check out and use to access all of their materials?

Answer

This is a local decision regarding the use of funds and being able to directly tie expenditures to meeting ZTC development and implementation efforts. As with all expenditures using grant funds, the "reasonable and justifiable" criteria apply. It is strongly recommended that colleges maintain documentation of expenditures and justification for those expenditures due to any possible future audit of program funds.

Question

Are there limits on what indirects and benefits can be taken from this 320k?

Answer

Generally, indirect funds for state grant programs is no more than 4%. The ZTC legislation does not give a threshold; however, percentages higher than 4% are likely to draw inquiry.

Question

External professional development and support is great, but actual support on our campuses is lacking.

Answer

It is recommended that you contact the ZTC technical assistance provider at ztctap@canyons.edu regarding options for oncampus professional development for the ZTC Degree Grant Program. Some individual college professional development could be considered.

Question

How do we learn when and "where" these office hours are?

Answer

Information is shared with the state ZTC email list. Please email us at ztc@cccco.edu to be added to the ZTC

Question

Who was that individual again? Who could come to your college and speak with faculty?

Answer

Generally, I'm available to speak at colleges. Also, most colleges have an OERI liaison who could help. For questions/discussions about open licensing, our open licensing expert can Zoom with colleges. Please contact me at ztctap@canyons.edu.

Question

Am I hearing correctly that we may have permanent ZTC funding after these grants?

Answer

This is the goal of the final ZTC legislative report. We will request ongoing funding and need to make the case for why the initial investment of $115M is worth sustaining long-term for students.

Question

Where can I access these slides after the meeting?

Answer

The Webinar and associated materials will be sent for remediation to ensure accessibility. Generally, this takes between 10 days to 2 weeks to complete. Afterward, both will be shared on the ZTC listserv and also published in the Vision Resource Center.

Question

Just to clarify, are purchases of textbooks strictly not allowed, or are they allowed as part of a long-term strategy to make the courses ZTC, such as through providing textbooks for a year or two to allow time to create new OER, or is there some other guideline regarding these types of materials?

Answer

Purchasing textbooks is generally not preferred and is unlikely to be viewed as sustainable (sustainability is required by the legislation). If you feel this is needed, please contact ztc@cccco.edu and ztctap@canyons.edu.

Question

Can we have a summit for those of us in the Northern part of the state?

Answer

This is something to discuss with the ZTC technical assistance provider. Please email James GG at ztctap@canyons.edu to consider this option.

Question

Btw, the course "Navigating the Future Open Ed and Generative AI" is not currently in Canvas Commons (when searching for the title and/or using the #ZTCPD). Is there another way to access it?

Answer

Trainings are offered on the CVC @ONE platform. Trainings are offered on the CVC @ONE platform. All courses are openly licensed and will be shared via Canvas Commons. The material in the AI course is evolving rapidly, so we are updating that before posting it to Canvas Commons. Please follow up with the ZTC technical assistance provider at ztctap@canyons.edu if they are not found.

Question

When will the OERI Liaisons be paid for last semester?

Answer

Soon - they processing didn't happen until after the holidays. But they shold be coming soon. If you are concerned, please contact the OERI at oeri@asccc.org

Question

Let's assume we requested $420,000 in the "Acceleration Grant I Additional Funds Request" for two programs within the collaboration cohorts: Geology and Math. However, we were "only" awarded $100,000, leaving a funding shortfall of $320,000. Does this mean we can use the $320,000 from the ZTC 2025 grant allocation to backfill these two programs rather than creating two additional new ZTC programs with those funds? In other words, depending on our past grant awards, we may or may not need to create two additional ZTC programs using the $320,000 allocation from the 2025 grant. However, we should keep in mind that there is a $200,000

Answer

If the remaining funds for backfilling all collaboration cohort programs totals $320K, then the college is not required to develop and implement additional ZTC program pathways. The intent of the ZTC 205 Allocation, however, is to see additional ZTC pathways created at each college.

Question

Noting that the ZTC 2025 Allocation can backfill existing Accel I grants or be used for unfunded Impact / Accel grant programs that were submitted, can they also be used for unfunded Expansion plans -- or no, because technically those weren't ZTC paths? Or possibly provided that the paths they were expanding doesn't exceed

Answer

We did not award many OER Expansion proposals. It is our intent to have the OERI work with colleges regarding the development of critically-needed materials for single courses. The vast majority of our OER Expansion Grant requests were for courses that were already identified in the Collaboration Cohorts being in-development, and we need to avoid duplication of effort wherever possible. The primary purpose of the ZTC Degree Grant Program is to create complete pathways, so where possible, we want to see colleges try to embed their desired OER single course options into their new ZTC pathways. However, if this isn't possible, then we want the OERI to work with colleges on single course developments so the resources can be usable as broadly as possible. The OERI will help us with notification regarding this process in the coming weeks (thank you for your patience while

Question

When it comes to using these funds, what is the absolute latest we can use them? What is the final deadline to use the funds? Is it by the time we submit the Final Report in December 2026? My faculty are just now starting to utilize these funds and I'm worried we won't get through all of it.

Answer

For the new ZTC 2025 Allocation, we do not yet have a firm deadline established. Most likely, the final deadline to expend these funds will be June 2028.

Question

We need experts from across colleges to support building OER. But we can't pay them with the limitations of our budget office if they aren't employees. How can you resovle this?

Answer

This is what the ASCCC OERI is going to help colleges accomplish. Working with the OERI, you will likely have options for how to get OER developed with input from multiple subject-matter experts from across the state - and likely without this work requiring expenditures from your home college.

Question

How do we get answers to questions and help from the OERI?

Answer

Please email at oeri@asccc.org

Question

The same for OERI discipline Leads. How do we reach out for help and with questions?

Answer

https://asccc-oeri.org/asccc-oeri-discipline-leads/

Question

My internet has been spotty and I keep getting kicked out, so I apologize if this has already been answered! Will we have access to both the recording *and* the full Q&A and chat after this meeting?

Answer

The Webinar and associated materials will be sent for remediation to ensure accessibility. Generally, this takes between 10 days to 2 weeks to complete. Afterward, both will be shared on the ZTC listserv and also published in the Vision Resource Center.

Question

If a portion of the $320k is to fund un-funded Expansion Grant applications, how do we notify you all about that? (Since they are course specific and not full degree pathways.) These don't fit into the Acceleration or Impact

Answer

The primary purpose of the ZTC Degree Grant Program is to create complete pathways, so where possible, we want to see colleges try to embed their desired OER single course options into their new ZTC pathways. However, if this isn't possible, then we want the OERI to work with colleges on single course developments so the resources can be usable as broadly as possible.

Question

Is there a cost that would be associated to the ZTC summit May 2025 or the ZTC coordinator training estimated for Fall 2025 (registration fees)? Or would colleges just be expected to cover travel costs?

Answer

There is no fee to attend the ZTC Summit or ZTC Coordinator training; however, colleges will be responsible for their own travel. ZTC funds can be used for these professional development activities.

Question

The point Michelle is making about sustainability and updating of resources developed under these grants is so important. We are excited for all the good things being developed, but concerned that they may become dated and there won't be the funds as there are now to keep them updated. This is especially true in highly technical disciplines. Hopefully the OERI and CO will work on providing future funding to help with this.
Answer
Absolutely the hope. Thanks for that!

Question
Is there a list of colleges who are participating in equitable access programs (such as FOLLETT)?
Answer
A list of colleges is not available from the Chancellor's Office.

Question
To the former point, can funds be set aside to support OER improvement/updating efforts over time?
Answer
For the previous ZTC grant phases, we truly want colleges to have expended the funds by December 2026. For the ZTC 2025 Allocation, we do not have a set deadline yet; however, we expect that the deadline will be June

Question
Can we use the $320K new allocation for 2 additional pathways for new programs that do not have any previous ZTC grants?
Answer
Yes - this is most likely permissible. We will ask your college to submit these ZTC applications as either Acceleration II or Impact grants depending upon how they align with the collaboration cohort programs.

Question
When must the money be spent by (ZTC 2025)?
Answer
For the new ZTC 2025 Allocation, we do not yet have a firm deadline established. Most likely, the final deadline to expend these funds will be June 2028.

Question
Will there be collaboration cohorts for colleges that are applying for new pathways (not unique) under acceleration grant II grant
Answer
Most likely - no. The collaboration cohorts laid the foundation and provided information that other colleges will use to avoid duplication of effort. Now that the reports are available on the ASCC OERI Web site, there shouldn't be a need for new ZTC pathw

Question
Not a question but a request. Could follow up information (memo?) be put out to the field with what might need to be corrected or amended in NOVA with additional reporting information? I know that things have not been finalized but a follow up document would be helpful. Thanks!
Answer

We do not anticipate that colleges will need to correct or amend information in NOVA. Rather, colleges will need to submit either Acceleration II or Impact program plans in NOVA for new ZTC pathways that they determine to create using ZTC 2025 Allocation funds. If it becomes apparent that corrections or amendments will be required in NOVA, then we will provide guidance to the field.

Question

A significant hurdle in encouraging faculty to adopt (ZTC) initiatives is the varying funding models across different colleges. To address this, it would be beneficial for the ZTC office to establish a standardized recommendation or framework. This would help ensure that faculty members feel fairly compensated for their efforts, aligning their compensation with what their peers at other institutions receive. Such a measure could

Answer

It is challenging to develop this type of framework as collective bargaining agreements and business practices vary greatly across the 70+ districts in the state. The goal of the Chancellor's Office is to provide colleges with as much local authority as possible regarding the use of allocated funds. Frameworks can be interpreted as "desired practices" rather than simple models or examples, so the Chancellor's Office generally refrains from such

Question

Creating the pathways, with all that entails, and tracking the XB12 data has created a huge workload. This seems to be mostly impacting librarians, academic senate reps, and the deans/directors who supervise these folks. We need more advocacy at the VP/President level to generate more resources in the form of permanent staff to

Answer

You are encouraged to contact the ZTC technical assistance provider (TAP) at ztctap@canyons.edu to discuss engaging with administration to help understand and engage ZTC as a model for equity and inclusion. Also, there is a cohort that is underway at Cosumnes River College that is specifically for administrators and advancing ZTC/OER goals for institutions. I recommend that you reach out to Andi Adkins and Dana Wassmer at Cosumnes River College to obtain information about their administration-focused professional development program.

Question

What happens if you are using the new funds to backfill? How does this impact the deadline?

Answer

The deadline does not change for previously awarded programs. The courses in the ZTC pathway must be available to students by Fall 2026.