

The Academic Senate is pleased to announce the call for nominations for the Exemplary Program Award. Sponsored annually by the Foundation for California Community Colleges, the Board of Governors established the Exemplary Program Award in 1991 to recognize outstanding community college programs.

The Academic Senate selects annual themes related to the award's traditions and statewide trends. The California Community Colleges system is the largest public higher education system in the country, enrolling over 2.4 million students. California community colleges have had to adapt to a changing landscape, including fire, pandemic, social injustice, and civil unrest, in order to best serve their students. In light of the work that colleges and faculty have done to maintain the focus on student success, the Academic Senate selected the theme of **Addressing Inequity in a Time of Crisis** for this year's 2021-22 Exemplary Program Award. Excellence in this area can be demonstrated in programs by faculty and for faculty to aid in transitioning to and from virtual environments, engaging in transformative curriculum design, supporting colleagues through professional development, mental health support, and other services, and promoting efforts to advance social justice and establish equity-driven practices.

**Basic Information**

- The 2021-2022 award is focused on **Addressing Inequity in a Time of Crisis**
- Each college may nominate one program.
- Up to two California community college programs will receive cash awards of \$4,000
- Up to four California community college programs will receive honorable mention plaques.
- **Completed applications must be received by the Academic Senate Office by 5:00 p.m. on November 8, 2021.**

**Applications must be submitted via the [online portal](#) along with a copy of the signatures page and supporting letter.** You will receive a notification via the online portal once your application has been received.

Online Portal: <https://www.judgify.me/exemplaryprogramaward21>

Exemplary Program Award recipients are selected from throughout the state with no more than two from any single Academic Senate area. Recipients will be notified when the selection process is completed. A minimum of three nominations statewide must be received for the selection process to proceed. The selection committee will complete the review process by early December. Winners of this prestigious award will be honored at the January 2022 Board of Governors' meeting. Please contact the Academic Senate Office with any questions.

Sincerely,  
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