

CDEP FAQ

Question 1

Is there a strict interpretation to the format of the required Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)? Would a Letter of Support suffice?

Answer 1

Yes, a Letter of Support is equally acceptable for showing partner commitment. The Letter of Support or MOU should demonstrate a clear commitment from the other partner(s) to the collaborative project by defining each partner's responsibilities.

Question 2

Last year's RFP had language specific to an expected average amount spent per student. I didn't see that language this year. Is this year's review going to consider per student costs?

Answer 2

No, that language has been removed from this year's RFP in order to align with other departmental initiatives and promote equitable access to campus programs. Please note however that evaluators will take a close look at the number of students served in a program. For example, if a program is asking for \$40,000 and only serving 40 students, that would be a point of concern.

Question 3

In aligning with other campus initiatives – especially Early College – we strive to have students graduate from high school with as close to 12 college credits as possible. Does this goal conflict with the CDEP grant given that last year's RFP only guaranteed one-free course?

Answer 3

In order to promote equitable access to programs and to better align with other departmental initiatives, we removed that limiting language from last year's proposal. We now allow CDEP funds for multiple courses per student.

Question 4

The embedded budget template, found on pages 10 and 11 of the RFP, is erroneously labeled FY19. Can applicants edit the embedded budget to read "FY20"??

Answer 4

Yes, you may edit the template to read FY20. If you find any other errors in any of the documentation, please contact Keith Connors at kconnors@dhe.mass.edu.