

# The California Medicine Scholars Program

*The Foundation for California Community Colleges  
is the fiscal sponsor and Collaborative Impact  
Partner for the California Medicine Scholars  
Program (CMSP)*



# The California Medicine Scholars Program (CMSP)

- A system-wide, collaborative pathway to support and increase the numbers of underrepresented minority physicians, in efforts to address the physician shortage in under resourced and underserved communities. Increasing the numbers of URiM physicians also addresses inequities and disparities in the health and health outcomes of California's diverse communities.



# SB 40 (Hurtado): Addressing Need in the Valley

CA Senator Melissa Hurtado, D-14  
Author Senate Bill 40: *California Medicine*  
 *Scholars Program*



## SB 40: *At a Glance*

- 3-Year Program Implementation
- 4 Regional Hubs
- At least one Hub in the Central Valley
- Promote students giving back to their local communities
- Engage cross-sector institutions and agencies in a region
- Support & track institutional transfer rates for URiM students
- Passed Senate Health Committee with unanimous vote
- Heard in Senate Appropriations; no objections
- SB 40 was “parked” when the CA Med Scholars Program received the allocation from the Governor’s Budget, 2021

# The Governor's Budget 2021

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- proved pre-licensure programs, with priority to public programs.
4. Of the funds appropriated in this item, \$7,850,000 is available to support the Geriatric Care Workforce Programs.
  5. (a) Of the funds appropriated in this item, \$9,975,000 is available to support the California Medicine Scholars Program to establish a regional pipeline program for community college students to pursue premedical training and enter medical school, in an effort to address the shortage of primary care physicians in California and address widening disparities in access to care in underserved communities.
  - (b) The program shall establish four Regional Hubs of Healthcare Opportunity (RHHO), which shall consist of, at a minimum, three community colleges of which one is public or nonprofit, a four-year undergraduate institution of which one is public or nonprofit, one medical school, and three local community-based organizations. Each selected RHHO shall enter into a memorandum of understanding between the partnering entities, recruit and select a minimum of 50 individuals per applicable calendar year, and select individuals who have completed at least one semester of study in a California community college prior to selection. At least one RHHO shall be located in the Central Valley.



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- Working in partnership with and a fiscally sponsored program of the Foundation for the California Community Colleges.
- First convened in 2016 as volunteer group of leaders and professionals in higher education and medicine to look at how health disparities in California's communities could be addressed through diversifying the field of medicine.
- **Mission:** A statewide, structured partnership pathway to produce underrepresented minority physicians to reduce inequities and disparities in the health and health outcomes of California's diverse communities.

# The CMSP Pathway & Cross-Sector Collaboration

Community  
College

Undergraduate  
Institution

Medical  
School

Residency &  
Practice

A Coordinated  
Pathway of  
Regional &  
Systemic  
Changes  
to a Diverse  
CA Physician  
Workforce



**BOLD POLICY**



**EMBEDDED STUDENT SUPPORTS**



**RESPONSIVE DATA & ACCOUNTABILITY**



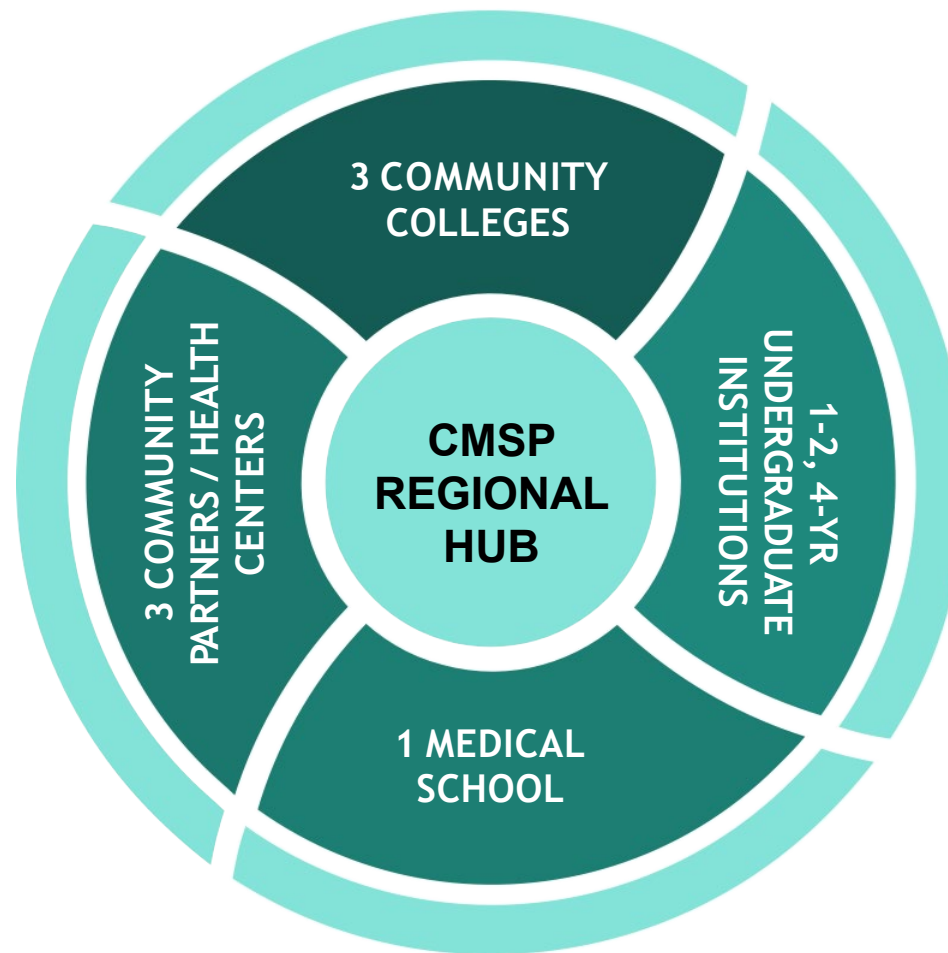
**SHIFT INSTITUTIONAL CULTURE & VALUES**



**CROSS SECTOR COLLABORATION**

# The CMSP Model: Regional Hubs of Healthcare Opportunity

- *Priority course enrollment*
- *Tailored advising*
- *Enhanced curriculum*
- *Medical school & clinical partnerships*
- *Portfolio development*
- *Networking & mentoring*



# The Request For Applications

- The California Medicine Coalition invites collaborations of California Community Colleges, California 4-Year baccalaureate degree granting institutions, California Medical Schools, and community organizations (including community clinics, health centers and non-profit organizations) to apply to be considered as a **Regional Hub of Healthcare Opportunity (RHHO)**
- To create a diversity pathway from community college to primary care physician program: the *California Medicine Scholars Program (CMSP)*.
- Supporting RHHOs incentivizes **regional partnerships** focused on implementing cross-sector and systemic interventions to implement programs and support for URiM students across the CCCs to medical school pathway.

**The goal of CMSP is to develop a more diverse and competitive pool of medical school applicants from the California community colleges who intend to join the primary care physician workforce.**



## To accomplish this goal, successful applicants will demonstrate how they will:

- **Establish or strengthen existing regional collaborative relationships** among 2-year and 4-year postsecondary educational agencies, schools of medicine, CBOs, community clinics and health centers and other local providers, K-12 school districts, local government entities, foundations and businesses.
- Develop a systematic approach to **preparing community college students in the region to increase transfer and degree completion rates**, and to be competitive applicants to medical school in California and nationally.
- **Engage in partnerships** in which one or more of the partners can provide direct services and track student admissions, enrollment, and academic progress.
- **Build a culture within the Regional Hub of Opportunity partnerships that promotes equity of opportunity in medicine and pre-medicine among eligible community college students** and supports continuous improvement through systemic monitoring, evaluation, and making related improvements to the institutional services offered to URM and/or transfer students in their preparation for medical school application.

## Funding Details

- Four (4) Regional Hubs of Healthcare Opportunity (RHHOs) will be funded
- \$540,000/year for 3 years
- Additional funds available for fiscal year 2025-2026 to each RHHO (approximately \$250,000 per RHHO) as bridge funding to ensure program sustainability.
- The contract will begin June 1, 2022, and end on June 30, 2026.
- Additional funding available for student mentors, direct student support, and RHHO capacity building among other items. Details to come.

## RFA Important Dates

March 1, 2022	RFA release date
April 15, 2022	Application submission deadline
May 15, 2022	Application review and scoring completed
May 17, 2022	Proposed RHHOs announced
May 18, 2022	Grant Award Notification letters sent
June 15, 2022	Contract Finalization
July 1, 2022	CMSP Program Implementation Period begins

Applications must be received by **Friday, April 15, 2022, at 5:00 PM PST.**

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# California Medicine Scholar Trajectory

A Road Map for Cohort 1 in 1 Regional Hub of Healthcare Opportunity Site

