

California Student Aid Commission  
Data, Research and Strategic Planning Committee

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## Item 6

(Information Item)

### California Community College Cal Grant Study

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**SUMMARY:**

In this item, California Education Lab researchers at UC Davis will share some preliminary data from their project analyzing the financial aid processes and paid rates across CCC campuses.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This is an information item; no action is required.

**BACKGROUND:**

At the September meeting of the Data, Research and Strategic Planning Committee (DRSP) staff presented data on the first two years of the California Community College (CCC) Entitlement Cal Grant Program, including a brief update on a study currently being undertaken at UC Davis. Researchers at the California Education Lab there have partnered with the California Student Aid Commission and the California Community College Chancellor's Office to explore issues that students face when applying for and receiving financial aid.

Their most recent study focuses on unpacking the financial aid processes across California community college campuses through interviews and focus groups. They are also exploring student voices in navigating those financial aid processes, with a particular focus on students enrolled at community colleges through surveys and interviews.

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