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Math, Engineering, Science Achievement: MESA

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Types of MESA Programs

- College Prep: K-12 academic enrichment and college preparation STEM program
 offered in nine states. The program provides academic tutoring, hands-on
 engineering competitions, field trips, and STEM career pathways as well as teacher
 training.
- Transfer Prep: provides community college students the resources they need to successfully transfer to a four-year institution in a STEM field. Transfer prep students receive leadership training, tutoring, mentoring, academic counseling, dedicated study space and recognition events to inspire success.
- University Program: retention support for undergraduate students in 4-year engineering programs. Students receive mentoring, academic tutoring, work study, professional and leadership development, career pathways education, a dedicated study space and a community environment to ensure successful degree FOOTHIL completion.

About MESA

 Program serves financially and educationally disadvantaged students pursue STEM majors

 Primary objective of the program is to increase transfer to STEM majors



How are the program objectives achieved?

- Student clustering: students enroll in math, science classes as a cohort
- Academic Excellence Workshop (AEW): students working together in a facilitated environment to master course material
- Counseling: dedicated counseling for students in the program
- Early alert system
- MESA staff works closely with the transfer center

- Student orientation
- Dedicated STEM tutoring services for students in the program
- Outreach to students that would qualify for the program
- Maintain a MESA campus council
- Professional development for staff members in the program



What must Foothill provide to become a MESA campus?

- Full-time MESA program director
- Faculty sponsor/ administrator from STEM will work in collaboration with the director to identify and meet student needs.
- Other staffing: tutors, facilitators, coordinator
- Student center: dedicated multipurpose space with at least 500 sq. ft. per student served (need at least 125 students).

- Designated MESA counselor
- Data management system
- Creation of a MESA campus council with reps that are involved in increasing the success if MESA students – counselors, tutorial services, EOPS, admissions, transfer



What is the ask from R&R?

 Support for STEM division and SLI to apply to become a MESA campus.

 Recommend to the president to allocate resources to meet the MESA program requirements.

