

**Attachment A**  
**Project Abstract**  
**American History and Civics Academies**

**REACHABLE (Reimagine Educating: American Civics and History Academies for Better Learning and Engagement)**

**PR Award #:** U422A170005

**Organization:** California State University, Fresno Foundation

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**CPP 1 Component:** Serving high need students

**CPP2 Component:** Using the Resources of the National Parks

**Total Projected Award Amount:** 1,704,047

**Project Description:** California State University, Fresno's project, REACHABLE fuses a rigorous program of professional development and university level course work focused on the study of major themes in U.S. history based on the California History Frameworks and Common Core. Partners assist with teaching the participants research, literacy, and archival skills, as well as civic education. The Presidential Academy offers a 2-week spring/summer seminar for teachers of U.S. history and civics that provides intensive professional development opportunities that strengthen subject area knowledge. A team of primary scholars and master teachers delivers it. The Presidential Academy will improve academic outcomes for high-need students by strengthening teachers' capacity to offer pedagogy that has proven effectiveness with them. The Congressional Academy offers a 2-week spring/summer seminar for students that broadens and deepens understanding of U.S. history and civics, also led by a team of primary scholars and master teachers. The Congressional Academy will improve academic outcomes for high-need students by offering them advanced content knowledge and improving college-going skills such as critical thinking, reading, and writing.

**Special Project Feature:** Both Academies include a 3-day immersion learning experience in Yosemite National Park as well as visits to multiple National Park Service sites.

**Project Expected Outcomes:** The project will to serve 250 teachers (50 teachers each year over five years) and 500 students (100 students each year over five years). The expected outcomes are:

1. Average 20% gain on assessment after participation in Presidential Academy; and
2. Average 20% gain on assessment after participation in Congressional Academy

**Project Partners:** Fresno Unified School District, California History-Social Science Project, Fresno Historical Society