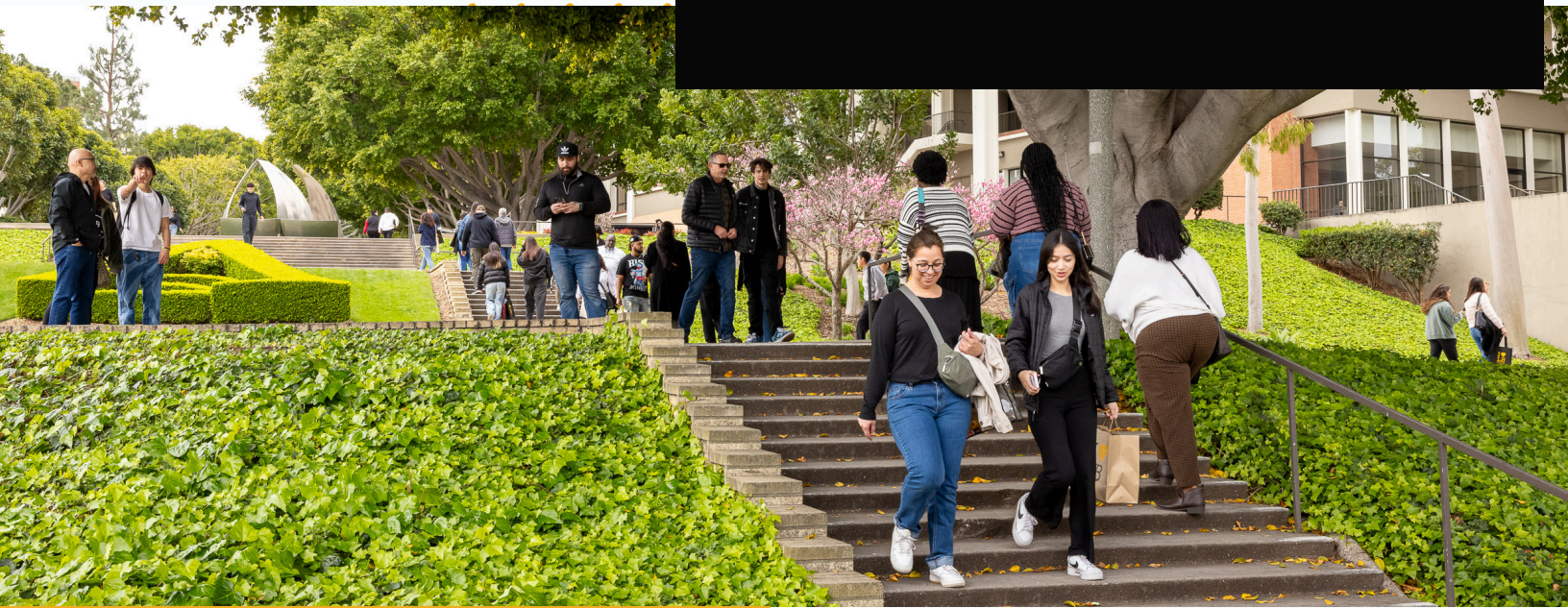


The SPARK Program



Student Participatory Action Research & Knowledge (SPARK)

The SPARK Program **catalyzes student-led participatory action research (PAR) to address college student basic needs across California.** Through hands-on research and collaboration, students help shape advocacy and improve policies and practices that support basic needs, ensuring all California college students have the resources to succeed.

SPARK teams are student researchers working alongside campus faculty leads or community-based organization (CBO) staff, with support and guidance from CEHE.

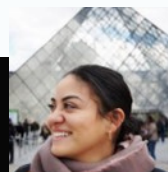
SPARK is entering year two of implementation in fall 2025.

➞ Why support SPARK?

- **Student-Driven Research:** Empowers students to lead research shaped by their lived experiences and needs.
- **Skill Development:** Builds professional, leadership, and research skills to strengthen career readiness and foster civic impact.
- **From Research to Action:** Translates findings into advocacy and policy recommendations to improve programs and practices.

➞ Get in Touch

If you are interested in learning more about this program please contact our team and we will be happy to schedule a briefing call.



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