SANTA ANA COLLEGE FOUNDATION

The Innovation & Student Success Grant Program

Supporting student and program innovation initiatives throughout the Academic Year

The Santa Ana College Foundation is committed to ensuring that no student is denied educational opportunities due to financial constraint. Therefore, the Foundation's mission is to maintain, expand and enhance the educational opportunities at Santa Ana College by linking community organizations, businesses, alumni, faculty, staff and funding sources, thus preserving our near century legacy of *"A History of Success, A Future of Promise."*

In an effort to support the Santa Ana College's Vision for Success Goals, the Advancement Office & SAC Foundation's raising the game campaign goals and the President's goals focused on student success and completion, the Santa Ana College Foundation's Innovation and Student Success Grant program is focused on supporting projects that support these goals. This support comes from the Foundation's unrestricted and annual fund dollars which includes but is not limited to our President's Circle program funds. We are excited to provide college leaders with the opportunity to seek grants up to $10,000 (per grant/per fiscal year).

Who is eligible to apply?

Any member of the SAC community (faculty, staff, and students) is eligible to apply, but the area dean or immediate manager's signature is required because they will partner with grantees to help manage funds that are awarded through this program. All aspects of the application will be considered, so please be as detailed as possible in explaining the previous success achieved and the impact of this proposed project on student success, as outlined in the requirements below.

What are the program requirements?

- *Student-Centeredness:* The purpose of the program is to expand and sustain student success and persistence where possible. Therefore, <u>students</u> should be the direct beneficiaries of the projects proposed.
- *Evidence of Effectiveness:* Applicants must submit a proposal with evidence that it works. The project may be an innovation grant, another student-centered initiative that has previously proven effective outcomes and is ready for expansion, or another effort that has proven its value and should be continued.
- *Impact:* This project should impact a significant population of the college. It needs to be a valid and meaningful expenditure of Foundation funds.
- *Timeframe:* Projects may be up to one year in duration.
- *Funding Amount:* A maximum of $10,000 may be requested for one fiscal year period.
- *Leverage:* Are the funds requested from the Foundation to be used together with other funds to support a larger project? *Special consideration will be given to projects that include "matching" funds. If other internal and or external funds are being requested and are part of the budget for a project, that information and data is considering to maximize funding across the campus.*

What are the goals of the Santa Ana College Advancement & Foundation Office's for the Innovation & Student Success grant program?

As part of a large college wide effort, The Office of College Advancement, Foundation and SAC Foundation Board of Directors in conjunction with the President's Office is aimed to achieve the following goals:
Chancellor's Office & Santa Ana College Vision for Success goals
Vision Goal #1: Completion
•   Strategic Goal #1: Santa Ana College will provide support services that remove barriers for timely completion of educational goals of students.

- Strategic Goal #2: Santa Ana College will provide Career and Academic Pathways (CAPs) to all students together with academic and student support services they need to complete their educational goals in a timely manner.

Vision Goal #2: Transfer

- Strategic Goal #3: Santa Ana College will increase the number of students transferring annually to 4-year institutions.

Vision Goal #3: Unit Accumulation

- Strategic Goal #4: Santa Ana College will provide services that support student integration into college life, retention, and persistence and the accumulation of fewer units that will result in the efficient achievement of a chosen educational goal by 50% of our students within 5 years.

Vision Goal #4: Workforce

- Strategic Goal #5: Santa Ana College will prepare students for successful, livable-wage employment closely related to their field of study.
- Strategic Goal #6: Santa Ana College will develop a comprehensive career education marketing, outreach and recruitment plan.
- Strategic Goal #7: Santa Ana College will develop and offer innovative, high quality, workforce-ready, industry-driven career and technical programs.

Vision Goal #5: Equity

- Strategic Goal #8 In order to reduce achievement gaps in all areas by 40% by 2022, Santa Ana College, within the context of its diverse community, will systematically equitize its practices leading to culturally responsive programs and services

In addition, the Office of College Advancement & Foundation are focused on the following program goals to achieve student and program success across the campus:

- Program and student funding that aims to increase overall engagement, completion and retention.
- Community involvement that leads to an increase in resource development and community awareness of our academic programs and services.
- Industry partnerships and activities that link college & foundation goals with student outcomes that increase public/private partnerships.
- Supporting scholarships and any direct resources for students.
- Experiential learning for students.
- Support Program growth and innovation across the campus.
- Support of learning community projects that complement in classroom academic work.

When and exactly how can I apply?

- Student Success grant applications can be submitted anytime.
- Individual consultation is also available through the SAC Foundation to support your proposal development.
- Applications should be submitted via email to romero_christina@sac.edu.

IF I AM FUNDED, when will the money be available?

Please allow 2-4 weeks for the review of your application, vetting by the Student Success Committee and the SAC Foundation Board of Directors. Funds can usually be accessed within 2-4 weeks based on the type of expenditures, please allow extra time for any personnel and equipment requests.

SAC STUDENT SUCCESS GRANT APPLICATION

Please respond to the items outlined below. Attach additional pages if needed.

1. **Title of Specific Area/Program/Project requesting funding for:**

2. **Please describe the program and activities proposed, including a start and end date.**

3. **Please provide evidence supporting the validity of your proposal. How do we know it will have a positive impact on students and support student persistence and student success?**

4. **Are students the main/direct beneficiaries of this project/program? Yes or No? Please explain further if needed.**

5. **What are the specific benefits that you are anticipating for students and how many students will be served each year or during the project/program timeline?**

6. **Does this project utilize new and innovative strategies for student and program outcomes? If yes, please provide more details?**

7. **Does this project/program funding request assist with building an already existing project/program or build a new project/program?**

8. If this is an outward facing event/activity with a community relations or internal relations activity focus, please describe how the event will create outcomes to support the goals of the innovation & student success grant program?

    a. How will this funding/program/project contribute to college's goals of building community awareness but also increase enrollment, community/industry partnerships and resource development?

    b. Will student be participating in this event and its activities? If yes, how so? Be specific.

9. Please review Santa Ana College's Vision for Success Goals and how it supports the SAC Visions for Success goals. Provide quantitative and qualitative examples related to your request.

10. How will the benefits mentioned above be measured and how will these outcomes be shared?

11. Are you asking for other funding from another internal or external department and or funding source?

Yes or No?

12. If yes, please provide who you are requesting funding from and if you have received confirmation of this funding.

13. Do you have your own funding that will be provided as part of the budget for this program? Yes or No

14. If yes, what is the amount and what is specific source of your own funding?

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Budget Detail: Please identify exactly where the requested funding will be spent.

AREA	DESCRIPTION OF FUNDING USE	AMOUNT OF FUNDING REQUESTED	PURPOSE OF FUNDING	SOURCE OF FUNDING
Supplies				
Equipment				
Faculty & Staff Stipends				
Student Stipends				
Other Personnel				
Outside Contractors				
Other Program Costs				
Conference/Travel				
Other Funds Requested/Approved from other Sources (Matching)				
Funding from your department (Matching)				
TOTAL				

Requesting Faculty or Staff Member
Name: _____ Title: _____

Department: _____

Campus Phone: _____ Campus E-mail: _____

Concurrence of the Management Partners: The signature of your area manager and vice president below signifies their support for the proposal and is required.

Dean or Director Approval:_____Date_____

Vice President Approval:_____Date_____

Note: Applications are to be submitted to the Foundation Office via e-mail attachment to romero_christina@sac.edu. Contact Christina Romero, Executive Director of the Foundation at 714-564-6091 or the e-mail address above if you have any further questions.