

The 2022-23 Innovation & Student Success Grant Program

Supporting student-centered success, equity, and 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 constraints. 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 legacy of ***"A History of Success, A Future of Promise."***

In an effort to reduce equity gaps and increase student success at Santa Ana College, the Foundation has created an Innovation and Student Success Grant program to catalyze innovation and increase the success that can be measured in student terms. Support for this program 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) for up to two years.**

*This funding is specifically related to three focus areas: **Equity, Innovation, and Student Success Initiatives***

Eligibility Details: 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. Please note that requests can be made for up to two years of funding, i.e. \$10,000 total, or \$5,000 each year for two years.

Program Requirements:

- **Student-Centeredness:** The purpose of the program is to expand and sustain student success and persistence where possible. Therefore, students should be the direct beneficiaries of the projects proposed. If they are the indirect beneficiaries, please explain further.
- **Impact:** This project should impact a significant population of the college. It needs to be a valid and meaningful expenditure of Foundation funds.
- **Evidence of Effectiveness:** Applicants must submit a proposal that is based on best practices or include data 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. If it is a new project, provide data that support the details of the project vision and outcome.
- **Must fall under one of the three focus areas:**
 - **Innovation:** Projects or programming that is creative, new, and address how the College can approach learning and student engagement as an institution. We would like to support pilot programs and brand-new ideas that have not yet been tested and can gain momentum. This can be new experiential learning opportunities and projects inside and outside of the classroom that have never been done before.
 - **Equity:** Projects that are focused on addressing and mitigating/redirecting specific equity gaps that are outlined by our current data provided by the Research department and other sources. These projects must truly effect system change. Examples of data that should be utilized are SEAP funding guidelines, data provided by the Research Office, and the CC Vision for Success Goals.

- **Student Success Initiatives:** Projects that address high-stakes milestones for students. Examples of this could be work experience opportunities, internships, stipends to support underserved students in high-demand industries.
- **Timeframe:** Projects may be funded for one to two years, but programming may continue beyond this period.
- **Funding Amount:** A maximum of \$10,000 may be requested for one fiscal year period.
- **Leveraging/sustainability:** Are the funds requested from the Foundation to be used together with other funds to support a larger project?
- **Will the innovative work be sustained beyond the specific period of funding?** Special consideration will be given to projects that address these areas, so please include relevant information below.

When and exactly how can I apply?

- The 2022-23 program is live now through June 6, 2022
- 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?

- All awardees will be selected by late summer and announced at Fall 2022 Convocation for funds to be expended during the 2022-23 Academic Year