Supporting student persistence and success 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 President’s goals focused on student success and completion, the Santa Ana College Foundation’s Student Success Grant program is focused on supporting projects that increase completion rates. This support comes from the Foundation’s annual fund dollars which include our President’s Circle program funds. We are excited to provide college leaders with the opportunity to seek grants up to $2,500 (per grant).

Who is eligible to apply?

Any member of the SAC community (faculty, staff, and students) is eligible to submit an application, 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, students 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 $2,500 may be requested.
- **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.**

When and exactly how can I apply?

- Student Success grant applications will be accepted from October 23rd through December 4th, 2013.
- 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 before the close of business on December 4th.

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

It could be as early as January 2014 pending review by Student Success Committee and the SAC Foundation Board of Directors.
Please respond to the items outlined below in a proposal that is 3 to 5 pages in overall length.

1. Title of Specific Area/Program in Need:

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. What are the specific benefits that you are anticipating for students and how many students will be served each year?

5. How will the benefits mentioned above be measured?

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

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Requesting Faculty or Staff Member
Name: ____________________________ Title: ____________________________

Department: __________________________________________________________

Campus Phone: ___________________ Campus E-mail: ___________________

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

Dean or Director: ____________________________ Date ____________________

Note: Applications are due to the Foundation Office by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4, 2013 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.