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Application Information

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Project Proposal

8. Name of Project/Program: *

Senate Innovation Grant (SIG)

9. Please select which category best describes your project: *

- Arts & Culture
- Athletics & Fitness
- Career & Work Training
- College Operations & Facilities
- Humanities/Social Sciences
- Science & Technology

10. Amount requested: *

\$7500

11. What do you propose to do? *

The Academic Senate would like to continue its Senate Innovation Grant (SIG), a competitive award to innovative faculty-driven projects that fulfill the mission of both the Academic Senate and Glendale Community College. SIG has funded a variety of exciting projects in the past, including the Linguistic Equity in the California Community Colleges conference, the play "Paradise Blue," an important work spotlighting BIPOC stories, and printers and technology for the Sandbox laboratory in the San Rafael building. SIG provides funding of up to \$2500 per project, and a \$7500 funding amount from the Foundation would allow us to fully fund three or more faculty projects in the 2026-27 school year.

12. Who will be involved in the project/program? *

The Senate Innovation Grant (SIG) would be administered by the Academic Senate Executive Committee. A member of this committee, the Senate Budget Representative, would be in charge of publicizing the grant, fielding questions, forming a committee to select winners, and announcing winners. Another member of this committee, the Treasurer, would be in charge of releasing the funds and ensuring that the funds are being used appropriately

13. What are the benefits of this project/program to the students, college, and the community? *

You can find evidence of the Foundation's past generosity to this project across Glendale's campus and beyond it: You can find it in The Sandbox lab, located on the third floor of the San Rafael Building, which used SIG moneys to purchase touch monitors, 3-D printers, Raspberry Pi Kits, and other technologies so that Glendale's students can experiment and learn in a comfortable, welcoming environment. And you can find it in the Math department workshops for adjunct faculty that allowed Math to embrace a new curriculum and pedagogy to better serve our students. With your support, the Senate can continue to partner with creative faculty to deliver innovative, equity-minded projects to GCC and its staff, students, and neighbors.

14. How does this project/program support the College's Institutional Strategic Plan? *

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The Senate Innovation Grant would support many parts of GCC's Institutional Strategic Plan, especially goals A. and E. The application for SIG was revised and expanded in 22-23 to include a question about the proposed project's impact on DEIA, and this correlates with the goal to promote and protect anti-racism, diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility throughout the district. One of the factors weighed in determining SIG awardees is the impact of a proposed project on students including student learning, which correlates with goal E. Innovation is at the heart of SIG, and by investing in SIG, the foundation would be furthering this goal of "invest[ing] in innovation and professional development".

According to Glendale's Mission Statement, "Glendale Community College exists to ensure students identify their educational goals and needs and successfully accomplish student learning." The Foundation will be hard-pressed to find another applicant that so consistently and effectively addresses that institutional purpose. SIG moves GCC towards its vision as "the Greater Los Angeles Region's premier learning community" offering "educational opportunities found in few community colleges."

15. Timeline for the project/program. *

We are revising our timeline for the 26-27 year to allow awardees more time to complete their projects. The Senate Innovation Grant will be announced at the faculty meeting in September of fall 2026, applications will be due in October, and the faculty winners will be selected and awarded by November The faculty then have the spring semester to use SIG funds to complete their project. Additionally, the awardees will be asked to present their work to their colleagues at the September 2027 faculty meeting.

16. How do you propose to use the funds requested? Please include specific budget information. *

The funds requested would be awarded to select faculty after being reviewed by a Senate committee. For the 25-26 school year, there were 13 applicants, and 3 were able to be funded or partially funded by the Senate Innovation Grant. \$2500 went to Rosemarie Shamieh who will create the first comprehensive onboarding system for Continuing Education students through collaboration between Continuing Education departments and Career Education. \$2500 went to Ebenezer Kofi Peprah who plans to expand the Housing Support for Student Success workshops that connect students facing housing insecurity with local resources and on-campus support. Finally, \$2500 was awarded to Aisha Conner-Gaten and David Crawford who would host the first inaugural Black Student Success Week with the theme of "Revolution:(Re)Defining Black Student Success". This would include a series of programs and events centering Black students with unique lived experiences at GCC.

17. Please list any other sources of funding you have applied for and include dollar amounts if already awarded. *

none

18. How will the Foundation's support be recognized? *

The Foundation has been and will continue to be recognized whenever the SIG is publicized and awarded.
GCC's Academic Senate thanks the Foundation for its consistent and unwavering support in the past. Years ago, the Foundation stepped in when the state of California withdrew funding for faculty projects, and the Foundation's annual \$7500 gift to the Senate has ensured that SIG's important and creative projects continue through today. SIG receives no other funding to keep this important GCC tradition alive.

19. How do you plan to evaluate this project's success? *

There are several metrics by which we evaluate the success of the Senate Innovation Grant and revise it for the future. We continue to receive a large number of applications, with 13 in the fall of 2025. The most important metric is the return on investment, and evidence of this can be clearly seen on Glendale's campus: from plays, lecture series, and conferences, to 3-D printers, inclusive art models, and world musical instruments. Each of these projects only went forward because of SIG.

20. If your project/program is successful, how will it inform your practice moving forward? *

The Senate Innovation Grant has become an eagerly anticipated tradition at GCC, and moving forward, we'd like to expand the reach of this award by choosing backup winners in case an idea is too innovative to make it to fruition.

21. Please provide a 2 – 3 sentence summary of your project proposal. *

The Senate Innovation Grant is an award for faculty (adjunct or full-time, Verdugo and Garfield campuses) to carry out an innovative idea that benefits the students, institution, and community at Glendale Community College. The award money can be spent on student trips, exhibitions, guest speakers, classroom materials, workshops or other purposes that fuel an inventive concept.

Signature and Acknowledgments

22. I hereby acknowledge/certify: *

- My Dean or department head is aware of this application and has authorized its submission.
- If my proposal involves the hiring of temporary/contracted professionals, I will obtain approval from Human Resources before proceeding and will provide documentation to the Foundation that the hiring/contracting has been reviewed and approved.
- If my proposal involves conference and/or other travel, I will complete the GCC travel approval process and adhere to GCC travel guidelines.