



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Date: October 21, 2008

To: All Faculty and Staff

From: Thomas Mohr, President

I would like to announce the Cañada College President's Innovation Fund which is designed to strengthen the College's education and vocational programs by encouraging innovation and creativity among faculty and staff.

The fund will provide seed money for faculty and staff ideas related to new programs reflecting business and industry needs, revitalization of current programs, and the creation of programs that support innovative pedagogies and learning styles. The fund includes \$30,000 from the San Mateo County Community College Foundation.

A Selection Committee formed by the President and representatives of the Academic Senate, Classified Senate, and California State Employees Association will evaluate the proposals and award the grants. The grants will be typically one-year grants that may be renewable for up to two additional years.

I will be giving priority to ideas that address the strategic goals of the college and revitalize current programs; develop programs that support student success and retention; introduce new teaching methods and create distance learning options; and support the needs of business and industry in San Mateo County.

Please take a minute to review the attached guidelines for the fund. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call me at Extension 3238.

Thank you and I look forward to helping grow your ideas.



**President's Innovation Fund**  
**Proposal Guidelines for Academic Year 08-09**

The President's Innovation Fund provides seed money that encourages Cañada College's faculty and staff to *dream out loud*.

The Cañada College President's Innovation Fund has three areas of concentration:

1. New programs reflecting Strategic goals and associated acting plans of the College. Some ideas are:
  - Projects to improve success, retention and persistence of students who are in basic skills classes, including English as a Second Language.
  - Projects that increase the vitality of student life on campus
  - Projects that increase, develop, and enhance the understanding and appreciation of diversity throughout the campus.
  - Projects that develop campus life and student learning beyond the classroom
  - Addresses emerging work force issues in the Bay Area.
  - Brings underrepresented populations (the majority of our students) into the technological work force.
  - Increases career opportunities and skills development
2. Program Revitalization
  - Adds new components to existing programs
  - Creates partnerships with business to expand program offerings
  - Creates partnerships with other educational institutions
3. Innovative pedagogies and learning styles
  - Supports goals for student success and retention
  - Introduces new teaching methods, such as utilizing technology
  - Implements faculty development of educational web sites
  - Creates distance learning options

The proposal should include the following information:

Completed application along with a brief proposal (no more than 5 pages in length) using the following headings:

1. One-paragraph "proposal summary" of the project
2. Introduction/Need for Project/Relationship to College or District Goals
3. Project Goals/Objectives
4. Proposed Activities
5. Description/Qualifications for Project Coordinators and Others Involved
6. Statement of Potential for Future Project Development/Sustainability.
7. Identify student learning outcomes.
8. Proposed Budget

Prospective applicants should discuss their proposals with their colleagues and obtain the approval with their division dean/classified supervisor prior to submission to the President for consideration. Interdisciplinary proposals are encouraged.

***Your application and proposal should be turned in to Maggie Souza in the President's Office (Building 9, Room 209) no later than November 21, 2008.***