

# **Academic Affairs**

STUDENT SUCCESS FEE (SSF) FUNDING PROPOSAL SUMMARY

Fiscal Year: 2014-15

Division: Academic Affairs

FUNDING

New	Activity	Proposer Last Name	Perm		One-Time	Total (A+B)	RAAC Recommend
			A	B			
	ACADEMIC ADVISEMENT: All Colleges (\$1,659,347)	VAIDYA					
	A&L		\$ 290,565	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 290,565	
	B&E		319,609	-	-	319,609	
	CCOE		62,875	-	-	62,875	
	ECST		132,750	-	-	132,750	
	HHS		285,179	-	-	285,179	
	NSS		382,309	-	-	382,309	
	Advisement Center		186,060	-	-	186,060	
	Graduate Student Completion Support	FRITZ	81,125	-	-	81,125	
	Engagement of Students in RSCA	FRITZ	-	80,000	80,000	80,000	
	Mentoring, Tutoring, and Writing Support - Tutorial Center	JONES	-	180,975	180,975	180,975	
	Mentoring, Tutoring, and Writing Support - Writing Center	JONES	73,500	182,000	182,000	255,500	
	Student Scholarship Coordinator	HAWLEY	81,125	-	-	81,125	
	College of HHS Academic Advisement	YORKER	66,375	-	-	66,375	
	Community Based Learning/Service Learning	NEY	-	75,000	75,000	75,000	
	Student/Parent Academy for First Generation College Students	VAIDYA/ ROSS	-	187,240	187,240	187,240	
X	Peer Mentors for International Students		-	25,000	25,000	25,000	
X	Technology Enhancements to the Graduate Student Resource Center		-	5,000	5,000	5,000	
X	Professional Development Fund for Graduate Students		-	10,000	10,000	10,000	
X	Extended Library Hours		-	20,193	20,193	20,193	
X	Additional Writing Center Tutoring		-	50,000	50,000	50,000	
X	Additional Peer Tutors for the Tutorial Center		-	50,000	50,000	50,000	
	<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,961,472</b>	<b>\$ 865,408</b>	<b>\$ 865,408</b>	<b>\$ 2,826,880</b>	

**STUDENT SUCCESS FEE (SSF) FUNDING REQUEST****FISCAL YEAR 2014 - 2015***(Responses Limited to Space Provided)*NEW   X  FUND #           DIV RANK           COLLEGE/UNIT:           Academic Affairs                ACTIVITY:           Peer Mentor program for International Students          DEPARTMENT:           Graduate Studies and Research          PREPARED BY:                           K. Elliott Brown                          **1. Description of activity, including specific program objectives:**

The Office of Graduate Studies and Research seeks funding to support a peer mentoring program for international students. Domestic students will be matched with international students seeking a peer mentor. A networking and peer support event will be planned for each quarter at the Graduate Student Research Center to bring together international students and their peer mentors. Peer mentors will help international students navigate the campus and community to support their transition to the United States and the CSULA campus. the goal is to connect international students with campus resources and student activities to support their retention and graduation.

**2. How many matriculated students will be served by this activity?**

All international students will be invited to participate. participants will be identified through outreach to graduate programs and collaboration with The College of Extended Studies and International Programs.

**3. To which SSF program activity is this proposal related, and how will this activity further student success?**

#2: The proposed activity improves academic advisement, timely completion of degree and increases the retention and graduation rate of graduate students and undergraduate students involved in RSCA activities.

**4. What assessment tools will be used to determine whether the activity will meet the objectives outlined in #1 above?**

1. Increased retention of participating international students
2. Increased graduation of participating International Students
3. Increased involvement of International students in campus activities
4. Utilization survey or focus groups to evaluate access and utilization of campus services among participants

**5. If this activity has been previously funded, detail how the program objectives were met.**

Not previously funded

**6. If this activity has been previously funded, provide justification for increased funding.**

Not previously funded



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The Office of Graduate Studies and Research seeks funding to support Technology Enhancements to the Graduate Student Resource Center (GSRC). The funds will be used to purchase computers for student use in the GSRC. Graduate students use the center to meet with thesis reviewers and to study. We have repeated requests for access to computers by students. We believe that computer access will increase utilization of the space and enhance support to students,

**2. How many matriculated students will be served by this activity?**

The entire graduate student body (over 4,000) will be invited to make use of the tutorial/writing consultation services. At minimum we expect to have direct contact with candidates completing their culminating project (approximately 420 graduate students). Undergraduate

**3. To which SSF program activity is this proposal related, and how will this activity further student success?**

#2: The proposed activity improves academic advisement, timely completion of degree and increases the retention and graduation rate of graduate students and undergraduate students involved in RSCA activities.

**4. What assessment tools will be used to determine whether the activity will meet the objectives outlined in #1 above?**

1. maintain record of computer usage
2. Student utilization and satisfaction survey to determine how access to computers in the GSRC has contributed to completion of classroom assignments and RSCA activities
3. Track graduation rates of participants (will collect CIN #s for analysis of graduation completion rates and utilization data)

**5. If this activity has been previously funded, detail how the program objectives were met.**

Not previously funded

**6. If this activity has been previously funded, provide justification for increased funding.**

Not previously funded



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Fiscal Year 2014-2015

(Responses Limited to Space Provided)

NEW

FUND # \_\_\_\_\_

DIV RANK \_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGE/UNIT: Academic Affairs

ACTIVITY: Professional Development fund for Graduate Students

DEPARTMENT: Academic Affairs

PREPARED BY: Cheryl Ney

1. Description of activity, including specific program objectives:

The requested funding will provide a pool of support for professional development opportunities such as attending conferences and seminars for graduate students related to their field of study.

2. How many matriculated students will be served by this activity?

The pool of funding will be available for application by all graduate students.

3. To which SSF program activity is this proposal related, and how will this activity further student success?

The funding will provide increased personal professional development opportunities and enrich real-life and out-of the classroom learning experience for graduate students. Increase learning experience, graduation, and eligibility for admission to a doctoral programs.

4. What assessment tools will be used to determine whether the activity will meet the objectives outlined in #1 above?

Evidence of increased participation in professional activities within the discipline. Increased application by our students to doctoral programs by participating students.

5. If this activity has been previously funded, detail how the program objectives were met.

This activity has not been previously funded.

6. If this activity has been previously funded, provide justification for increased funding.

Not applicable.





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**Fiscal Year**

*(Responses Limited to Space Provided)*

**NEW** X

**FUND #** \_\_\_\_\_

**DIV RANK** \_\_\_\_\_

**COLLEGE/UNIT:** University Library

**ACTIVITY:** Extended Library Hours

**DEPARTMENT:** University Library

**PREPARED BY:** Jane Sindayen

**1. Description of activity, including specific program objectives:**

The Library will be open on Sundays, 12 noon to 8 pm, during the Fall, Winter and Spring Quarters to provide students with expanded access to vital infrastructure and technologies. As the Library is open to the public, students and others in the campus community will have a study space, access to research materials in Cal State LA and to computers and software applications.

**2. How many matriculated students will be served by this activity?**

The Library will be open to the entire Cal State LA student population and off-campus community.

**3. To which SSF program activity is this proposal related, and how will this activity further student success?**

With the Library open on Sundays, students will have additional weekend access not previously available: access to library materials (books, periodicals, audiovisual, electronic databases, etc.) and equipment (computers, scanners), quiet study space, and a place to meet for group study and/or work on class projects.

**4. What assessment tools will be used to determine whether the activity will meet the objectives outlined in #1 above?**

Statistics will be gathered using the library entrance gate counters and computer login and logoff counts. Students will be surveyed regarding the value and usage of the library's extended hours.

**5. If this activity has been previously funded, detail how the program objectives were met.**

This activity has not been previously funded.

**6. If this activity has been previously funded, provide justification for increased funding.**

Not applicable.



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The Office of Graduate Studies and Research seeks funding to support the hiring of three Graduate Assistants who would provide writing support for graduate students in the Graduate Resource Center. Specifically, the GAs will assist graduate students in tackling the many unique challenges of researching, organizing, and writing and submitting papers, articles, and culminating projects, such as the thesis and dissertation. This would include one-on-one appointments with students, as well as the development and delivery of workshops and seminars.

The aim of the proposal is to provide a much needed and requested service to graduate students, wherein the unique needs of this population can be met and continuously supported through a dedicated writing tutor/consultant. This service will better support graduate students in preparing their reports, articles, papers, and manuscripts for publication or other public consumption, which will reflect on CSULA's growing stature as a respected research institution.

**2. How many matriculated students will be served by this activity?**

The entire graduate student body (over 4,000) will be invited to make use of the tutorial/writing consultation services. At minimum we expect to have direct contact with candidates completing their culminating project (approximately 420 graduate students). Undergraduate

**3. To which SSF program activity is this proposal related, and how will this activity further student success?**

#2: The proposed activity improves academic advisement, timely completion of degree and increases the retention and graduation rate of graduate students and undergraduate students involved in RSCA activities.

**4. What assessment tools will be used to determine whether the activity will meet the objectives outlined in #1 above?**

1. maintain record of number of students served
2. number of papers submitted for publication among students receiving services
3. number of papers and presentations accepted for publication or conference presentation

**5. If this activity has been previously funded, detail how the program objectives were met.**

Not previously funded

**6. If this activity has been previously funded, provide justification for increased funding.**

Not previously funded



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FISCAL YEAR 2014 - 2015

(Responses Limited to Space Provided)

NEW \_\_\_\_\_

FUND # \_\_\_\_\_

DIV RANK \_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGE/UNIT: Academic Affairs/UGS

ACTIVITY:

Peer TutoringDEPARTMENT: University Tutorial CenterPREPARED BY: Howard Masuda**1. Description of activity, including specific program objectives:**

To help CSULA students better prepare, improve their knowledge and understanding, and develop skills required for a successful college career. **Services:** (1) Tutoring by College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA)-certified tutors in mathematics, the natural sciences, business, the social sciences, and the humanities; (2) Evening online math tutoring; (3) In-Center and classroom presentations on time management, note-taking, and test-taking; (4) In-Center and online collection of printed study skills materials and website links. **Primary Program Objective:** To improve student course grades and thereby increase student retention through effective peer tutoring. **Student Learning Outcomes:** Based upon written evaluations, students will indicate that being tutored and participating in presentations helped them to (1) better prepare for completing course assignments and taking quizzes and exams; (2) Improve their knowledge and understanding of course material; and (3) Develop their study, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. At least 90% of the students will rate as excellent, the tutoring services received. In addition, based upon course grades, at least 70% of the students will pass their classes as a result of effective peer tutoring.

**2. How many matriculated students will be served by this activity?**

For three quarters of the 2013-2014 academic year, we have so far seen 3,658 students during 9,243 visits. During the previous five years, we averaged 3,000 students and 5,500 visits. With one more quarter to go, we have already surpassed our previous five-year average. In addition, 16,164 service contacts (students provided assistance or information separate from tutoring) were also recorded.

**3. To which SSF program activity is this proposal related, and how will this activity further student success?**

Retention and graduation of undergraduate and graduate students. The Center's programs will directly support any students who require assistance with increasing their knowledge, understanding, and skills for the courses they are taking, complementing the instruction they are receiving in class. Currently, instructors are faced with providing this support for their students during office hours. This is problematic when a student needs help and the instructor is not available. For mathematics, 24/7 online tutoring assistance is available. Besides course content, students also face issues with managing time, taking and using lecture notes, and preparing for and taking exams. For the most part, faculty may not be prepared to address these issues. Our trained Student Assistants can attend to these student needs and provide students with the tools to become better prepared and more successful students.

**4. What assessment tools will be used to determine whether the activity will meet the objectives outlined in #1 above?**

The student learning assessment tools used to determine whether the Center's funding activity has met its objectives are number of students served, student satisfaction evaluations, determination of immediate effects of tutoring on student learning, and academic performance indicators such as course grades, completion rates, pass rates and retention rates through subsequent quarters.

**5. If this activity has been previously funded, detail how the program objectives were met.**

The program objective "to improve student course grades and thereby increase student retention through effective peer tutoring" was assessed using course grades (to measure class performance) and written evaluations (to measure tutor performance). An examination of course grades of students who were tutored indicated that at least 75% (and up to 85%) of the students tutored earned passing grades (A, B, C, CR) in their tutored courses. An examination of written student evaluations for walk-in tutoring indicated an excellent rating of 93.2% or 4.9 on a 1-5 scale (5 = Excellent) based on over 5,500 evaluations so far this year. Our program objective was met.

**6. If this activity has been previously funded, provide justification for increased funding.**

With the increase from last year and the anticipated increase in enrollment for 2014-2015, this request for 7 to 8 additional tutors will address the increasing demand for peer tutoring in the University Tutorial Center to meet the University's and the Center's goals to improve student retention and graduation rates. With the additional tutors, we will supplement our current tutoring staff in providing face-to-face tutoring, online tutoring, and study skills instruction. We may also be able to pilot Supplemental Instruction and Academic Coaching based upon recognized best retention practices.

