

2017 Innovation Mini-Grant Application



Shasta College is committed to supporting innovation ideas that enhance student learning and success. As a result of the 2015 Governor’s Innovation Award, there is now a designated fund (up to \$100,000 per year for the next four to six years) to support faculty and staff projects that ultimately result in increased goal attainment for students. In accordance with the criteria for the Innovation Award, practices that enhance transfer and four-year degree completion while reducing time to degree are the highest priorities.

Please complete this application and submit it to the Innovation Office by February 28, 2017. For questions, please contact Theresa Markword, Director of Innovation and Special Projects, at tmarkword@shastacollege.edu or 242-7699.

Submitted by:	Christopher Rodriguez, History Instructor
Division/Dept. Name:	ACSS
Project Name:	North State Campus Camp 2017 (NSCC)
Project Overview	
Please provide a brief overview of the project.	
<p>North State Campus Camp provides training for community college students and faculty to organize in a manner which promotes advocacy and understanding with the goal of empowering students to become positive agents of change in their own lives, on their campuses, and in their communities. Our objective is to hold a retreat and training designed to develop self-empowerment, critical thinking, effective communication, and leadership and community-organization skills that contribute to decreasing the achievement gaps among select equity populations of our students and to increase the social, intellectual, and economic development of our campuses, and communities. The retreat will take place at Whiskeytown Environmental Camp Sept 21-23, 2017 and include about 60 faculty and students from Shasta, Butte, College of the Redwoods, Lassen, Siskiyou, Mendocino, and Feather River.</p>	
Student Impact	
<p>The main focus of the Innovation Award funds is to positively impact student learning and success. Please describe how your project will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve one or more Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) • Increase student engagement and/or success • Reduce the amount of time for a student to complete a Certificate, Associates Degree or Bachelor’s Degree • Document measurable results (consult with the Research Office) 	
<p>NSCC prioritizes the development of student relationships with each other, faculty, and the broader community by teaching skills in one-on-one communication, leadership, critical thinking, and collaboration. As I’ve experienced after the last two De Anza Campus Camps, students came away empowered to affect positive change in their academic, campus and community success. Indeed, the idea for this retreat was hatched by the students as we drove home from the De Anza Campus Camp earlier this month. To this end, we are hiring two experienced trainers: Leila McCabe, Community Engagement Organizing Manager at Sacred Heart</p>	

Community Service based in San Jose; and Calvin Williams, Senior Associate at Movement Strategy Center based in Oakland. With over fifteen years experience between them, they will develop an energetic and engaging curriculum and co-facilitate the retreat geared toward the specific issues we face in the north state. Student Learning Outcome will be measured with pre- and post-participation surveys developed by the co-facilitators in conjunction with the Office of Access and Equity, and the Organizing Committee.

Collaboration

Mini-grant projects often involve collaboration between multiple divisions/departments and/or outside entities (K-12, CSU/UC, or community partnerships). Please:

- List any internal and/or external collaborative partners
- Confirm that the partners are aware of the project

Internal collaborative partners: Currently the NSCC Organizing Committee consists of one student intern, four student volunteers, counselor Robert De Paul, Robert Bowman from EWD, and myself. The Shasta College Foundation, The Office of Access and Equity, and The Office of Economic and Workforce Development all are aware of the project and are giving it their full support. External collaborative partners include Whiskeytown Environmental Camp and Monday, March 6, we will begin announcing the event and reaching out to the other colleges, so there promises to be more external collaborative partners!

Future Possibilities

The Shasta College mini-grants initiative provides the testing ground for innovative ideas to determine successful outcomes that may be used on a broader scale. Please discuss if the project is:

- Replicable (easily shared with other campus programs)
- Scalable
- Cost-Effective (e.g., through number of students served; through District efficiencies increasing service to students; or if scaling up will prove cost-effective)

The inspiration for NSCC was De Anza's Campus Camp which I, Chris Rodriguez, have attended with students the last two years. This year's De Anza retreat was very informative and inspirational for myself, counselor Robert De Paul, and students alike. Upon our return we decided to organize a similar retreat and to invite our six sister north state community colleges in order to: get to know each other, better focus on the specific issues we face in our more rural regions and which may differ from the more urban colleges represented at the De Anza Campus Camp; ensure the participation of students not always included in larger scale change efforts; and train others by providing recommendations to various committees on campus, thereby increasing student engagement, input, and voice in institutional planning. Our organizing committee thinks this may be the first of many annual NSCC retreats and we hope to scale up in the future. With the support of the Shasta Foundation, The Office of Access and Equity, EWD, and, hopefully, an Innovation Mini-Grant, we hope not to charge participants.

Logistics

The mini-grant cycle—to include planning, implementation, and evaluation—is a maximum of 18 months (Fall-Spring-Fall), and all funding sources should be considered. Please confirm that:

- The project phases can be completed within an 18-month cycle
- No other funding sources are available for the project
- A Budget Proposal form has been completed and is attached.

The project will take place September 21-23, 2017 at Whiskeytown Environmental Camp and student SLO surveys will be measured and evaluated by October 1. The working budget is based on 60 participants: WES Camp, \$2,500; co-facilitators, \$1,500; caterer, \$2,500; materials & copies, \$400; T-shirts, \$500. We're asking the Innovation Mini-Grant to cover the cost of the materials, a one-time Faculty Stipend, and the trainers for a total of \$3,672 as outlined in the Budget Proposal. We will welcome any support you can give us. The students on the Organizing Committee are pursuing innovative ways to fundraise for the retreat: for example, reaching out to local businesses and utilizing a fundraising website. We are also grateful for the support of the Shasta Foundation, The Office of Access and Equity, and the EWD.
