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Technology Fee Application

**Edith Garland Dupré Library
Study Room Enhancements**

Title

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Edith Garland Dupré Library

Organization

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ABSTRACT (250 words or less):

To build a community of scholars, the library strives to provide an environment that fosters student collaboration. Dupré Library features nine group and four single-occupant study rooms that generate an average of 3,9000 annual checkouts. Library staff regularly receive student feedback regarding improving the study rooms' environment. This proposal seeks funding to improve the library's seven first-floor study spaces to help maximize study and collaborative spaces to address current needs and create inviting and engaging student spaces. The planned improvements will impact the entire student body as the library's study rooms are available to all students. This request is to fund the purchase of seven (7) glass whiteboards, twenty-two (22) task chairs, three (3) wall-mounted fans, one (1) large monitor with wall mount, and supplies to create study room kits for student use.

A proposal for improvements to the second-floor study spaces will be submitted during a future STEP cycle.

A. Purpose of the Grant and Impact to Student Body as a Whole:

To build a community of scholars, the library strives to provide an environment that fosters student collaboration and encourages them to gather throughout the building to access technology, share information, and work on class assignments. Among the most popular spaces are the library's study rooms located on the first and second floors of the library. To enhance its role as a vital and effective resource for students, this proposal seeks funding to improve the library's three group and four single occupant, first-floor study spaces. A proposal for improvements to the second-floor study spaces will be submitted during a future STEP cycle.

Dupré Library features nine group and four single-occupant study rooms for student use. The study rooms are heavily used, generating an average of 3,900 annual checkouts. Rooms are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis with a two-hour time limit enforced as demand requires. During busier times in the semester, including finals week, rooms go quickly, requiring students to wait near the Circulation Desk until a space becomes available.

Each group study room includes a table with seating for six and a wall-mounted whiteboard. Many of the study room whiteboards are stained from years of use, making it difficult for students to utilize them fully. Replacing these with glass whiteboards will eliminate this problem as they are less likely to stain or streak. Single-use rooms currently do not contain whiteboards, and this proposal seeks to remedy this by purchasing smaller glass whiteboards to be mounted in each room.

Mobile devices play an essential role in student collaboration activities. In a recent informal student survey, increasing access to electrical outlets in study rooms was highly requested. This proposal requests an additional power outlet for the three group study rooms dedicated to the presentation monitors and wall-mounted fans to maximize access to the existing electrical outlets.

Library staff regularly receive complaints from students regarding seating in the library. The chairs available are hard and uncomfortable, especially after sitting for extended periods. Replacing them with more ergonomic, high-quality chairs will ensure that students are comfortable and productive while studying.

Another frequent complaint about study room comfort is that many rooms are hot and have little air circulation. To remedy this, funding from this proposal would be used to purchase oscillating, wall-mounted fans. This will provide maximum comfort and decrease the risk of theft.

Two of the three first floor study rooms feature a large monitor that allows students to connect their own laptops for larger screen viewing of files and presentation practice. This proposal requests an additional monitor with wall mount so that all group study rooms on the first floor have this amenity.

This proposal also requests materials to create study room kits that feature dry erase markers and erasers. Currently, the library has seventeen kits that are heavily used causing the markers to wear out quickly because use is so high. This proposal would add 20 more kits to the rotation and help supply all kits for one year.

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B. Projected Lifetime of Enhancement:

3 to 5 years

C. Person(s) Responsible for:

I. Implementation:

Heather C. Plaisance, Dupré Library Circulation Services

II. Installation:

Office of Facility Management (Carpentry) to assist with removal and installation of whiteboards, and installation of monitor with mount and wall-mounted fans.

Office of Facility Management (Electrical) to assist with installation of electrical outlet for wall mounted monitor and fans.

III. Maintenance:

Provided by protection plan/warranty

IV. Operation:

Dupré Library Circulation Services Personnel

V. Training (with qualifications):

N/A

VI. STEP Plan Alignment:

Connections to the STEP Plan's service level objectives and service level expectations are outlined below.

SLO-3 – Create, deploy, and maintain effective learning environments that facilitate multiple instructional and learning styles.

The addition of the requested items align with this SLO by allowing the library to build upon dynamic, inclusive, and engaging learning environments that cater to diverse learning styles. Updating the library's group study spaces will help maximize study and collaborative spaces to address current needs and create inviting and engaging student spaces.

SLO – 4 Enhance open use labs with technology that allows students to fulfill coursework requirements.

The addition of the requested items align with this SLO through the provision of student's access to the necessary resources to complete their coursework requirements efficiently and effectively. This promotes a collaborative and inclusive learning environment where students can leverage technology to enhance their learning outcomes and showcase their skills.

D. Budget Items

Item	Qty	Price	Total
Glass Marker Board – National Business Furniture, Dallas Midwest; 36”W x 0.75”D x 24”H; Item # 80306; Includes shipping charge https://www.nationalbusinessfurniture.com/3-x-2-glass-marker-board-80306?option=80306_1	4 units	\$169.00	\$676.00
Glass Marker Board – National Business Furniture, Dallas Midwest; 72”W x 0.75”D x 48”H; Item # 80308; Includes shipping charge https://www.nationalbusinessfurniture.com/6-x-4-glass-marker-board-80308?option=80308_1	3 units	\$579.00	\$1737.00
Solve Task Mid Back Mesh Back Chair; Part Number HSLVTMM	22 units	\$292.81	\$6442.00
Electrical Installation – Facilities Management (estimated cost)	3 units	\$150.00	\$450.00
Carpentry for removal and installation of whiteboards – Facilities Management (estimated cost)	6 units	\$150.00	\$900.00
EXPO Low Odor Dry Erase Markers, Chisel Tip, Assorted Colors, 192 Count	2 units	\$180.00	\$360.00
EXPO Low Odor Dry Erase Markers, Chisel Tip, Black, (Pack of 6, 216 Count Total)	2 units	\$185.00	\$370.00
Shylizard 30 Pack Pencil Pouch Bulk	2 units	\$40.00	\$80.00
Eeoyu 18 Pack Magnetic Whiteboard Dry Erasers	2 units	\$11.00	\$22.00
Air King 9012 Commercial Grade Oscillating Wall Mount Fan, 12-Inch	3 units	\$80.00	\$240.00
43” Flat Screen Monitor	1 unit	\$300.00	\$300.00
Rocketfish- Full-Motion TV Wall Mount for Most 32”-55” TVs - Black	1 unit	\$150.00	\$150.00

1.	Equipment	\$9,545.00
2.	Software	\$0
3.	Supplies	\$832.00
4.	Maintenance	\$0
5.	Personnel	\$0
6.	Installation	\$1,350.00

TOTAL: **\$11,727.00**

Previously Funded STEP Grants

Edith Garland Dupré Library: Knowledge Imaging Centers for Digital Scanning. Fall 2019.

\$35,653.97

Blair Stapleton, Arthur Almazan, and Heather C. Plaisance

To purchase four Knowledge Imaging Centers for Digital Scanning

Bibliographic Instruction Lab Enhancement.

\$26,700

Jennifer Hamilton, Arthur Almazan, and Tiffany Ellis

To upgrade the computers used in the Bibliographic Instruction Lab

Edith Garland Dupré Library: Collaboration Stations. Fall 2016.

\$5,630.00

Heather C. Plaisance and Susan Richard

Purchased two Table-mounted outlets, eight task chairs, two large screen monitors, and five mobile whiteboards.

Edith Garland Dupré Library: Replacement for Digital Access to Microfilm Reader. Fall 2015.

\$17,878.00

Andrea Flockton and Heather C. Plaisance

Purchased digital microform reader.

Upgrades to Audiovisual Equipment in Dupré Library. Spring 2012.

\$2610.66

Andrea Flockton and Heather C. Plaisance

Purchased Blu-ray disc players, flat-screen televisions, headphones, CD/Cassette players, portable DVD players.

Security Cameras in Dupré Library. Spring 2011.

\$66,858.00

Susan Richard, Betsy Miguez, et. al.

Purchased security cameras throughout Edith Garland Dupré Library