

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE

STEP Committee

Technology Fee Application

Burk Hall: Room 177 Design Lab

Title

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College of the Arts

Organization

Title: Burk Hall: Room 177 Design Lab Upgrade **Date:** January 10, 2024

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Abstract

This proposal seeks funding for a Stage Design Lab in the school of Performing Arts. The envisioned lab will serve as a dynamic hub for exploration, experimentation, and innovation, aiming to redefine the boundaries of stage design and elevate the overall theatrical experience. This lab would align with the evolving landscape of contemporary performing arts, emphasizing the intersection of technology and audience engagement.

The technology in this grant would provide students in design classes and student designers with a technological platform to meet professional design standards for theatrical elements, sound, lighting, and scenic designs most prominently. It would not only enhance student learning within classes, but it will directly impact more than 75 students in the major for whom production work is critical to their learning and professional preparation, and in turn, will impact students across campus by exposing them to live theatre and dance with high artistic production values housed on the UL campus.

a. Purpose of grant and impact to the student body as a whole.

This grant aims to update the Stage Design Lab by replacing broken and dated computers and providing a space for students to work. This STEP application both describes the technology currently held and proposes the following acquisitions:

1. Currently, the Stage Design Lab (Burk 177) contains six Apple computers. Of the original six, only two are operational, and those two are too slow for the students to use for their design work. We will replace these with six Max Minis if this grant is funded.
2. The monitors are outdated and should be replaced with dual monitors.

These updates to the Lab will transform Burk 177 into an invaluable Lab and student workspace. It will allow student projects to be completed on industry-standard equipment, and faculty will teach knowing that the equipment in the room will work.

Impact on the student body: One of the most heavily used classrooms, up to 50 hours a week.

b. Projected lifetime of enhancement.

The computers should last four to five years, at which point replacement is recommended.

c. Person(s) responsible for.

- i. Implementation: Donny Broussard, Director, Digital Media Resource Center (College of the Arts)
- ii. Installation: Donny Broussard
- iii. Maintenance: Donny Broussard
- iv. Operation: Marty L. Aikens and Donny Broussard
- v. Training (with qualifications): Marty L. Aikens

d. Purpose and justification for each of the items listed in the Budget Proposal.

We are requesting six Mac Mini computers with Apple Care \$7,728.00 total, twelve Dell monitors from PC Depot \$250.00 each \$2,460 total, and computer mice, headphones, and adapters for \$298.02 total.

*Quote and breakdown on the following pages.

Budget Proposal

1. **Equipment** **\$ 10,439.02**

2. **Software**

3. **Supplies** **\$**

4. **Maintenance** **\$**


5. **Personnel** **\$**

6. **Other** **\$**

TOTAL: **\$ 10,483.02**

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