



Innovation Grant Application

Library: Tallahassee Community College Library

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Name of Project: Creating a Co-Lab: Collaboration Space in the Library

Grant Amount requested: \$3,725

Scope of the Project:

Install a large interactive wireless computer display in a newly created "Co-Lab" in the Library Reference Department.

What need in the library/community will this project address?

The TCC Library has a robust and highly successful information literacy instruction program. Librarians work with faculty across the college in a variety of disciplines to develop curricula and activities to engage students in becoming proficient researchers and critical thinkers. The library faculty also work with students in one-on-one and small group research consultations. Unfortunately, the Library has lacked a collaboration space for these activities given that librarians work in a shared and cramped cubicle "farm" which does not support collaborative activities with faculty and students.

The Library has now created an inviting collaboration space where librarians can easily hold consultations with faculty and students away from the busy reference desk and crowded librarian offices. What the space is lacking, however, is a large interactive touchscreen computer display that allows for sharing from personal devices. With the help of our Instructional Technology Department we have identified a state-of-the-art 65" display with touch interactivity (InFocus JTouch) that allows sharing from up to 4 separate devices including mobile phones, tablets and laptops.

Resources required:

Adequate funding to purchase and install the touchscreen and controls.

Activities/Timeline (include estimated completion date):

If funds are awarded and disbursed in January, the estimated completion date would be February 3rd, 2017.

How will the library sustain this project?

The Library will promote the use of the collaborative space and work with TCC IT staff to maintain the equipment in good working order. Our hope is to work through the TCC Foundation to expand the use of this interactive technology into our group study rooms throughout the Library.

Library Director's signature: *Richard Johnson* Date: 10/28/16
Signature of agent, office, or board to whom the Director reports *Richard Johnson* Date: 10/28/16

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