#### Overview

The Faculty Fund for Advanced Studies began in 1981 as a program to encourage and support faculty research and study away from campus.

We do this by providing financial support for a variety of endeavors that may extend beyond activities supported by existing college budgets. During good budget times and bad - this money belongs to the Faculty!

Some examples of projects that have been supported are:

- Research
- Advanced Studies
- Technical and Vocational pursuits
- Cultural and artistic pursuits
- Specific projects
- Conferences
- Political involvement
- Leadership training

### History

Since 1969, the SRJC Foundation has provided grants, scholarships and other financial assistance to qualified and deserving students of the college. In 1981, the Foundation joined the SRJC Academic Senate to develop FFAS, thereby expanding its role in promoting education excellence within the academic community. An advisory committee composed of faculty and Foundation members oversees and administers the Faculty Fund.

In 1999, thanks to the generous memorial donation by former SRJC President and FFAS supporter, Dr. Randolph Newman, the Faculty Fund began the first annual award in his name.

#### **Application Procedures**

### Each applicant is asked to provide the following information:

• A general plan of the proposed project, including a summary of the project, and the proposed benefits expected from the project as they apply to the individual and the instructional program at Santa Rosa Junior College.

 An itemized budget, including categories such as travel, supplies, and living expenses. If travel by automobile is planned, calculate costs based on the current per mile rate allowed for use for personal vehicle when District vehicle is unavailable. Funds requested from the Faculty Fund for Advanced Studies may not be applied to cover salaries or to purchase permanent equipment.

# **Review and Ranking Process**

Proposals will be reviewed by the Faculty Fund for Advanced Studies Committee. Recommendations for awards will be announced to the Academic Senate and forwarded to the Foundation by the committee. While there is no limit to the number of times a faculty member may apply or to the number of awards a faculty member may receive, preference will be given to those individuals who have not received recent support through this fellowship program.

The Committee will rank proposals according to the following criteria:

- 1. The application includes a clear general description of the proposed project, with adequate explanation of the use of fellowship funds to cover all or part of the expenses of the project.
- 2. The project will enhance the faculty member's effectiveness as a professional person, instructor, counselor, or librarian in this District.
- 3. The educational program at Santa Rosa Junior College will benefit from this project.
- 4. The project will contribute to the profession, discipline, area or occupation in which it is carried out.

When projects are given equal rank according to the above criteria, preference will be given to the faculty member who has:

- 1. Not previously had FFAS fellowship
- 2. Not received recent FFAS fellowship
- 3. Not previously had a Sabbatical Leave
- Has no other source of traditional funding in the District The Committee will not consider proposals turned in after the deadline of Friday, March-1st, 2017<sup>5</sup>

## **Selection Procedures**

Once the applications are received by the committee, each member will read and rank the applications according the criteria stated in the application process. Each of the four criteria will be ranked from  $0_{1}^{-5}$ . In the event of ties, the tie-breaking criteria will be used.

**Event Procedures** 

**Soliciting Donations**