



Campus Department Funding Request/Proposal - Spring 2018

Proposal Deadline:

- Final Deadline to submit a proposal/request October 20th at 5 pm.
- Please submit to ASI Administrative Office, U-SU Room 203 or e-mail Aaron Castaneda at asivpf@calstatela.edu and Intef W. Weser at iweser@calstatela.edu.

I. Summary

The Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD) provides educational and disability-related support services to students by ensuring seamless access to accommodations as mandated by the CSU Policy and Provision of Accommodations and Support Services to Students with Disabilities (EO 926); the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended 2008 (ADAA); and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 504 and 508. OSD currently funds activities directly supporting services to approximately 1,500 students with varied disability-related limitations and needs for accommodations. OSD currently funds the Accessible Technology Learning Center (ATLC) for students to use assistive technology on campus. OSD aims to utilize ASI funding to provide access to note-taking services to be used in class and mobile-technology to be used off campus that both support student academic success and student development.

II. Objective

Objective 1

Provide access to personal mobile devices for students that cannot afford them to be able to access E-texts and other course material using assistive technology when they are off campus.

Objective 2

Provide access to an audio notetaking application, Sonocent, for students that have a "Digital-Record Class Lecture" accommodation.

III. Mission

OSD commits to help provide access to services and technology that support student academic success and student development for students with disabilities regardless of the kind of access they may have to technology outside the campus. Assistive Technology solutions can sometimes provide the best solution.

IV. Description

The Office of Students with Disabilities wishes to improve student access to technology, off campus, by securing funding to purchase mobile devices for off campus use. The equipment will provide increased access to technology, specialized software programs, and applications for students with disabilities. Use of these items will increase students' ability to access curriculum and course material, as well as allow them a choice between working digitally on campus or at home.



Currently, students registered with OSD can exclusively use the Accessible Technology Learning Center while on campus, but many students with disabilities do not have access to computers nor mobile devices capable of running assistive technology once they leave the campus. This limited access to computers can hinder their ability to complete assignments, conduct research, access email, communicate with instructors/classmates, etc. Many students with disabilities also have great difficulty taking effective and efficient handwritten notes in class, especially when the instructors move through material quickly and without much review.

The proposed purchase of the laptops and mobile devices and accompanying software programs will allow students greater access to technology already available through OSD or ITS and other functionalities, all on computers/mobile devices that are equipped with the most up-to-date specialized software programs for individuals with low vision, no vision, mobility impairments, learning disabilities, etc.

Aside from the programs that are specifically designed to assist students with hearing/vision/mobility impairments, the Sonocent Audio Notetaker software program assists students in taking efficient and effective notes, recording lectures, adding pictorial/visual information to the lecture material, and otherwise engaging visually and aurally with lecture material.

V. **Management**

The laptops, mobile devices and Sonocent software will be administered by the Accessible Technology Learning Center (ATLC), which is coordinated by Jose Amenero. The ATLC would be responsible for checking out the equipment to students and the maintenance of the equipment. Training on the use of the hardware or software would be provided by either the coordinator or ATLC student lab assistants.

VI. **Marketing**

The OSD and the ATLC would be responsible for marketing the new devices as well as the new notetaking application through emails, its website and the Accessible Information Management system that is used to administer accommodations for students registered with OSD. We hope to be able to supplement our marketing with ASI marketing to be able to reach as many students as possible.

VII. **Budget** (All items are estimates)

Microsoft Surface Pro - 12.3" - Core i5 7300U - 8 GB RAM - 256 GB SSD \$1100 x 10 = 11,000

All-New Fire HD 8 Tablet with Alexa, 8" HD Display, 16 GB, Black \$90 x 20 = \$1800

Sonocent Audio Notetaker Software Licensing – (1300 seats) = \$6000

Total \$18,800

VIII. **Guidelines**

All ITS hardware and software guidelines will be followed.



IX. **Criteria**

Hardware will be available as a priority to students registered with the Office of Students with Disabilities that have an Accessible Technology related accommodation, but will be available for all students registered with the OSD office.

The Sonocent software will be available to students registered with the OSD office.

Students not registered with the OSD will have access to both hardware and software if available.

X. **Survey**

The OSD already conducts an annual survey of our students and this method can be used to assess the achievements of this funding.

XI. **Contact information**

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