

## INNOVATION AWARDS

### *IDEA TO INNOVATION: Bringing Creative Concepts to Life*

#### Call for Proposals – An Open Invitation to All LMC Innovators

**INNOVATION** adds value by bringing to life creative, “outside-the box” ideas. **INNOVATION** is that magic combination of information, imagination, and initiative. We turn to **INNOVATION** when opportunities or challenges arise, and we take risks to find solutions. **INNOVATION** is doing what has never been done before!

**INNOVATORS** persevere, are willing to fail, ignore the nay-sayers, remain optimistic, and maintain their sense of wonder. We encounter **INNOVATORS** at LMC every day and in every corner of our College community.

#### **This is a call to all of our in-house INNOVATORS!**

LMC’s new Strategic Directions are visionary and ambitious, and your **INNOVATIONS** can help advance our goals and our institution. We invite you to share your **INNOVATIONS** – no matter how big or how small – and our College will transform, one **INNOVATION** at a time!

#### **President Kratochvil has set aside up to \$100,000 to fund LMC’s Innovation Awards.**

This “innovation account” will serve as the funding source for Innovation Proposals, which may request resources for a period of 1-3 years.

#### **LMC Innovation Proposals should:**

- **Focus on new projects that have never before been implemented at Los Medanos College.**
- **Demonstrate the potential for expanding our institutional capacity by: improving student success; addressing the achievement gap; or increasing enrollment, retention, equitable practices, efficiencies, and/or cost-savings.**

#### **Proposal/Selection Process:**

- Completed proposal forms are **DUE by 5:00 p.m. on TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2015 and must be submitted electronically to the President’s Office;** please email all materials to [jadams@losmedanos.edu](mailto:jadams@losmedanos.edu).
- An “Innovations Selection Team” – comprised of President’s Cabinet and the presidents of the Academic, Classified, and Student Senates – will review all of the proposals and identify those to be put forward to the next phase of the process.
- The innovators of the selected proposals will be invited to meet with the Selection Team to provide additional information about their project. Discussion questions will be provided in advance.
- Based on recommendations from the Selection Team, President Kratochvil will make the final decision regarding recipients of the Innovation Awards.
- The Innovation Awards will be announced at Opening Day: August 14, 2015.
  - **All those who participate in the preparation of an Innovation Proposal will be eligible for a prize drawing to be conducted during the All-College Meeting on Opening Day.**

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