

# Student Success in the Majors Initiative 2019

## Focus on Creating Multidisciplinary Certificates or Minors

The goal of the Student Success in the Majors (SSM) initiative is to involve faculty in the design and redesign of courses or curricular paths to deliver a coherent curriculum that can facilitate student success and timely graduation. SSM funding has been awarded through a competitive process since 2016. Because a theme that emerged from the Academic Master Planning Process was that there was interest in creating innovative multidisciplinary programs, the focus of the SSM awards this year is on the creation of certificates or minors that are multidisciplinary. Some possible programs might include Gaming or Data Analytics.

### Requirements Include:

- A minimum of two faculty members from two different departments need to work together on the proposal.
- Department and college support for the proposal
- Willingness to work with additional faculty who may want to develop related curricula; Engagement at the January retreat with interested faculty

Projects can be funded for up to \$10,000 to be used to support the development of the curriculum. The funds can be used to support additional compensation for faculty members, retreats, reference materials, travel to other universities, or other acceptable general fund expenditures. The result of the grant should be a **proposed certificate or minor** that will be submitted to the relevant colleges and Academic Planning along with a final report summarizing the work done on the project in early June 2020.

Grant proposals, completed using the provided proposal template, will need the College Dean(s) or designee's endorsement and be submitted by **Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to your College Offices.**

## Student Success in the Majors Proposal Cover Sheet and Proposal Information

Due **October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019** to your College Office

Programs or Departments: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person's name and email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Please address the following 5 items in a 3 to 5 page proposal.

1. What is the general theme/topic/idea of the certificate or minor?
2. What need would this curriculum serve (e.g. community, workforce)? How would the program be innovative and relevant for today's students? How would this curriculum be different from anything currently offered at SF State?
3. Who will be involved in drafting the curriculum? Has any preliminary work been done among the proposers?
4. How do you envision working together to building the curriculum and then what are your preliminary ideas about how to support continued collaboration to ensure the success of a program that crosses departments or even colleges?
5. Prepare a brief budget request for the project and the name and email address of the budget person in your college who should be contacted about the fund transfers. *The request should indicate the items requested, amounts, and totals. Half of the funded amount will be transferred to the college when the grant is approved, and half will be transferred after the final report and draft curriculum has been received by the Academic Planning Office. These funds will be in the form of general funds and all spending restrictions on the use of these funds must be followed. Please work with college budget specialists to spend these funds.*

Please submit the proposal to relevant Department Chairs or Directors and College Deans for endorsement of the project by October 8<sup>th</sup> and **attach a signature page** that includes signatures of all relevant department chairs/directors and college deans/designees.

Please contact Associate Dean of Academic Planning Jane DeWitt ([dewitt@sfsu.edu](mailto:dewitt@sfsu.edu), 5-4151) with any questions.