

# Developing Hispanic Serving Institutions: Strengthening Library-Based Learning

## Project Personnel

Total Award Amount \$ 110,000

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## Project Description

The U.S. Department of Education has invested 2.1 million dollars into the Cal Poly Pomona Library to strengthen library-based learning. Three areas of specialty have been supported: information literacy, strengthening our print and electronic collections with a focus on the Hispanic cultures, and the creation of learning center classrooms and production centers.

The need – a requirement of receiving this Hispanic Serving Institution Grant is to create a \$135,000 endowment to sustain these resources. To date \$25,000 has been secured. \$110,000 is needed to fulfill our obligation. Once funds are secured these dollars will be matched by the U.S. Department of Education, resulting in a \$270,000 endowment.

### Information Literacy

The information literacy tutorials advance the institution's mission to prepare students for lifelong learning by teaching them how to find, evaluate, and use information effectively and ethically to solve problems and make decisions. Information literacy is also cited as a core competency by WASC. The information literacy tutorials are thus concrete examples of the Library's efforts to prepare students for "work, citizenship, and a fulfilling life" (WASC Standards for Accreditation, Standard 2.2). Second-language learners and first generation college students will find these tutorials particularly useful, as they are available at the point of need, allowing students to learn at their own speed and to integrate that knowledge in to their academic, professional, and personal lives as they deem appropriate and useful.

Hispanic Studies Print and Media Collection The collection provides materials that discuss the history, culture, literature, and social conditions of 20 Latin American countries. These materials enable Hispanic students to learn about their heritage, and it allows non-Hispanic students to gain insights into different cultures. In this spirit, the collection serves the mission of Cal Poly Pomona to advance learning and knowledge by linking theory and practice in all disciplines, and to prepare students for lifelong learning, leadership, and careers in a changing, multicultural world.

### Learning Center Production Centers

The 114 scholar workstations are in two configurations. In the Learning Commons a student can research their topic via the Library's online databases and immediately generate a paper, spreadsheet, or presentation for their class. In the Productivity Center, students have access to more specialized software in addition to Microsoft Office, including the Adobe Creative Suite 3 Design Premium applications such as Photoshop, Flash, and Dreamweaver, as well as business software SPSS and SAS, and mathematics courseware Mathematica and MyMathLab, that enables them to create work and presentations that go beyond the traditional to the dynamic. Additional software available at these stations includes Fireworks, Illustrator, InDesign, and Acrobat Pro.