MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY
COMPUTER FEE ALLOCATION
COMMITTEE PROPOSAL
Request for FY17 Funds

Instructions: Please submit a cover memo with a prioritized ranking of your CFAC proposals with the CFAC form(s) to cfac@montana.edu by February 1, 2016 at 5:00pm. Proposals must be prioritized within their respective areas (e.g., deans/department heads within colleges/departments) before forwarding them to the committee.

1. Please select the option below that most accurately characterizes this proposal. Please note that a portion of CFAC funds are set aside on an on-going basis to maintain existing campus-wide computing resources and to support new campus-wide technology initiatives. All campus stakeholders are encouraged to identify campus-wide needs, and to submit campus-wide proposals that address these needs. The remaining CFAC funds are used to support departmental proposals. CIRCLE one of the following.

   a. Existing College/Departmental Proposal: Supports the maintenance and enhancement of existing departmental computing labs, infrastructure, software and/or other computing resources.

   b. Existing Campus-Wide Proposal: Supports the maintenance and enhancement of existing campus-wide computing labs, infrastructure, software and/or other computing resources.

   c. New College/Departmental Proposal: Proposes the creation or expansion of departmental computing labs, infrastructure, software and/or other computing resources.

   d. New Campus-Wide Proposal: Proposes the creation or expansion of campus-wide computing labs, infrastructure, software and/or other computing resources.

2. Provide a single paragraph overview of the project. For proposals to support existing facilities, respond to question 3; for proposals to develop new facilities, respond to question 4.

FOR MAINTENANCE OR ENHANCEMENT OF EXISTING FACILITIES

3. Provide a brief history of the facility and an overview of its current status with attention to the following issues:
   • What hardware is in the facility? Please report numbers of machines, approximate ages, and condition.
   • What hardware will be replaced if the proposal is funded? Please note that any hardware that was originally purchased using CFAC funds will be considered for reallocation through the secondary CFAC process.
   • What specialized software, if any, is used in the facility? Provide an overview and indicate the approximate yearly costs.
   • What specific student needs does the facility support? Please be specific with regards to numbers of students, courses supported, and overall usage.
FOR NEW FACILITIES

4. Provide an overview of the project with attention to the following issues:
   • What specific student needs does the facility support? Please be specific with regards to numbers of students, courses supported, and overall usage. How was this need assessed?
   • How does the proposal address this need? (Note: during the review process, you may be contacted to consider alternatives to your proposed solution.)
   • What space, if any, will be needed in support of this project? Has the use of this space been secured?

FOR ALL PROPOSALS

5. Explain why the existing global computing labs cannot be used to satisfy the needs in this request.

6. Proposals with a time horizon of up to three years will be given consideration. Please indicate the time horizon for this proposal. If requesting funding for more than one year, provide a yearly budget as appropriate. Note: Funded multi-year proposals will be expected to provide an annual progress report as well as an end-of-project assessment.

7. Provide a prioritized list of HARDWARE/EQUIPMENT and the estimated cost for each item. Can this request be satisfied by existing systems that would be reallocated from the global computing labs (normally 3-4 years old)?

8. What is the appropriate replacement cycle for this hardware? How will hardware replacement be funded? If the expectation is that CFAC funds will be sought to fund hardware replacement, please be specific about the ongoing needs. Where appropriate, CFAC decisions will include commitments to fund the next replacement cycle, which will be made explicit in the award announcements. However, proposals that include plans to cover these costs without additional CFAC funding may be more competitive.

9. List requested SOFTWARE with estimates of initial costs and the continuing yearly costs of maintenance and upgrades. How will annual costs of software be funded? If the expectation is that CFAC funds will be sought on a regular basis, please be specific about the ongoing needs. Where appropriate, CFAC decisions will include commitments to these ongoing costs, which will be made explicit in the award announcements. However, proposals that include plans to cover these annual costs without additional CFAC funding may be more competitive.