

2021 FACULTY & STAFF ADVANCEMENT AWARDS

1 - Purpose

These awards support the faculty and staff who help make the experience of students at Monterey Peninsula College both meaningful and rewarding. To this end, FASA awards promote professional and personal growth, advancement in one's field, and the application of new skills, knowledge, and resources.

2 - Process

Beginning in January 2021, FASA Applications will be accepted throughout the calendar year. Funds are budgeted quarterly to help ensure availability of funding on an ongoing basis.

Applications will be reviewed by the FASA Advisory Group, composed of community volunteers and Foundation Board Members. The FASA Advisory Group makes its recommendations for grant awards to the Foundation Board of Directors which approves the awards.

Timeline for Ongoing Application Cycle

- Final applications, signed by your Dean/Manager, can be submitted as one single PDF by email at any time throughout the year to gbianchi@mpc.edu.
- The FASA Advisory Group will review applications approximately 1-2 weeks prior to each Foundation Board Meeting and will bring funding recommendations to the Board for approval.
- Applicants will be notified of the status of their request within one week after each MPCF Board Meeting. *(Dates of MPCF Board Meetings for 2021 are Jan. 13, Feb 17, March 17, April 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, Aug. 11, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, and Dec. 1)*
- Award/Project Period: Projects commence the day that applicants are notified of the award via email. Awardees have 9 months from this date to complete their project unless otherwise specific in their award letter. *Events, conferences, and project activities must take place during this time period. Expenses incurred prior to approval are at the risk of the applicant as there is no guarantee of funding. Expenses incurred after the project period are not reimbursable without an approved extension.*
- Grant reports due no later than: *30 days after completion of the project.*

3 – Application Content

To apply for a grant, please include the following:

1. **Cover Sheet** - Download on <http://www.mpcfoundation.org/faculty-and-staff>
2. **Proposal Letter** - Please address the following criteria by which your application will be scored.
 - **Your explanation of the importance of your project for the work you do at MPC**

- Your explanation of how the project will benefit students and their learning experience
 - Your sense of how the project will benefit the college, advance **current strategic priorities**, and help enhance the college's reputation and visibility. If your project directly relates to your department/division's Program Review, please explain.
 - Other positive impacts your project may have
3. **Project Budget** - Attach a budget that explains anticipated costs of your project. It is also helpful if supporting documentation is attached.

Please email your signed cover sheet, proposal letter and project budget as **one single PDF file** to gbianchi@mpc.edu. **NO HARD COPIES, PLEASE.**

4 - Post Award Process

1. **Acceptance Letter**

Recipients will receive an award letter that must be signed and returned to the Foundation office within 30 days of receipt to confirm acceptance of the award.

2. **Check Request Form**

- a. Please download a check request form from <http://www.mpcfoundation.org/faculty-and-staff>
- b. All receipts must be attached to your check request form.
- c. Payment of the grant will be made upon submission of the **Check Request Form** and **Final Report** (except for equipment/supplies purchases that need to be obtained at the beginning of the grant period - those can be reimbursed upon submission of the **Check Request Form** only).
- d. To reduce impact on Foundation staff and to ensure efficiency, it is preferred that grants be paid one-time in full. However, recipients may request one additional check payment during the project period to prevent incurring a financial burden for the grantee.
- e. Check requests require a minimum of one week to process. Check request forms should be scanned and emailed to gbianchi@mpc.edu
- f. Fiscal Services will honor charges to Cal-Cards only with prior special authorization. It is preferred that Cal-Cards not be used.

3. **Final Report**

Please write a one page review after the completion of your project and address how it has achieved the **criteria** you addressed in your **Proposal Letter**. Please include photographs wherever possible.

Note to awardees: Please acknowledge the support of the MPC Foundation in any materials or communication related to your project. For example, any press release, written communication regarding your project, verbal acknowledgement at events, etc.