

CUNY 2025-2026 Student Technology Fee Plan

LEHMAN COLLEGE

Date Submitted May 2025

Academic Year: 2025-2026

PROJECT: Staffing

Person Responsible for Project: Ediltrudys Ruiz

Telephone number: 718-960-8421

Description of Project

Department	<u>All Academic Departments</u>
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Project #1

Description:

This request seeks continued funding for full-time and part-time staff positions that provide critical technology support to Lehman College students, faculty, and staff. These positions ensure the reliable operation of campus technology resources, applications, and services that enable teaching, learning, and student success.

Full-time positions (IT Assistants) deliver front-line technical assistance and maintain essential infrastructure that supports classroom instruction, computing environments, and digital learning platforms. Part-time positions, including College Assistants, IT Support Assistants, and hourly employees, extend service availability and responsiveness across campus technology centers and online support channels.

In addition to supporting the college community, the part-time college assistant positions provide **experiential learning opportunities for Lehman students**, allowing them to gain hands-on experience in information technology, customer service, and problem-solving while contributing to campus operations.

These staff collectively support:

- Student and faculty use of academic technology applications and digital tools;
- Technology help desk and on-site assistance in key locations such as the IT Center and Library as well as classroom technology;
- Workshops and training sessions that promote digital literacy and effective use of college systems.

This request includes funding for salaries and associated fringe benefits.

Full-time salaries - \$443,598.63

Part-time salaries - \$574,182.32

Full-time Fringe - \$ 219,137.72

Part-time Fringe - \$ 78,088.80

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PROJECT: Library Database Subscriptions

Person Responsible for Project: Kenneth Schlesinger

Telephone number: 718-960-8577

Description of Project

Department Library

Project #2

Description:

Library online database subscriptions:

The Library currently subscribes to many online databases and journals. The Technology Fee funds many of these subscriptions. The proposed funds will continue to support subscriptions with the addition of the Web of Science subscription.

Project cost: \$240,000.

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PROJECT: Student Printing Services

Person Responsible for Project: Ediltrudys Ruiz

Telephone number: 718-960-8421

Description of Project

Department All Academic Departments

Project #3

Description:

This request is for Student Printing Services in the Academic IT Center, the Library, and student labs. The request includes supplies for paper, consumables, and device maintenance. This request also provides funding for printing in student facilities not covered by the Lehman Print System and for specialized printing needs (e.g., graphics labs). Note this cost is reduced from prior years due to the Pandemic.

Project cost: \$45,000.

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PROJECT: Print Management System. Maintenance and Enhancement

Person Responsible for Project: Ediltrudys Ruiz

Telephone number: 718-960-8421

Description of Project

Department

Information Technology/Library

Project #4

Description:

This request is to maintain a print management system (Blackboard Transaction System, with Pharos Uniprint, and Off-the-Glass software). This includes a remote/mobile print capability for students. Spaces include the Library and the Academic IT Center as well as other student labs on the campus.

Project cost: \$53,000.

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PROJECT: Contingency Fund/Time and Materials Maintenance

Person Responsible for Project: Ediltrudys Ruiz

Telephone number: 718-960-8421

Description of Project

Department

All Academic Departments

Project #5

Description:

This request is for a contingency fund used for unanticipated and emergency costs and repair of student-facing infrastructure, equipment, and software, as well as time and materials maintenance for remote systems and classrooms and labs.

This proposal funds the maintenance of technologies to keep the IT environment, classrooms and instructional labs functioning. This includes the replacement of projectors, bulbs, screens, computers, and similar technology equipment and maintenance. It establishes a contingency fund for unexpected, but necessary, expenditures (e.g., replace failed servers and mandatory upgrade of software because old software will no longer function). Networked printers used in student-related facilities not covered in the earlier proposals may be covered here to ensure they remain operational.

Project cost: \$70,000

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PROJECT: Yuja

Person Responsible for Project: Brendan McGibney

Telephone number: 718-960-1964

Description of Project

Department All Departments

Project #6

Description:

This request funds and annual subscription for the video platform that allows the College to manage, publish and syndicate video content, lecture capture and other teaching and learning media assets within the college and on Blackboard.

Project cost: \$33,020

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PROJECT: Ellucian – Degree Works

Person Responsible for Project: Ediltrudys Ruiz/Yvette Rosario

Telephone number: 718-960-8421

Description of Project

Department

All Academic Departments

Project #7

Description:

This request is to fund Degree Works, which is comprehensive academic advising, transfer articulation, and degree audit solution that provides students and advisors with the information needed to ensure progression to achieve general education and major/minor requirements. A recent addition is the student “what-if” transfer analysis. This will contribute to the maintenance that the College pays for annual updates and maintenance of the system.

Project cost: \$13,530

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PROJECT: Mobile App for Students

Person Responsible for Project: Ediltrudys Ruiz/Deira Pereyra

Telephone number: 718-960-8421

Description of Project

Department

All students and campus community

Project #8

Description:

The Lehman mobile app has assisted Lehman's transformation into a more mobile campus. The app can be downloaded on the App Store or on Google Play. Benefits include:

- Integration to display course schedules, grades, etc., via Lehman 360
- Display campus events, calendar, news, sports, maps, notifications, and directory and more
- Access, news, campus life and related information

This mobile application brings Lehman to students via a user-friendly app that students can be download on any device. The app facilitates a one-stop mobile app for all things Lehman.

Project cost: \$10,000

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PROJECT: EdReady

Person Responsible for Project: Ediltrudys Ruiz / Rene Parmar

Telephone number: 718-960-8421

Description of Project

Department

School of Education

Project #9

Description:

This request, from the IT Division and School of Education, is to continue to fund EdReady. EdReady is a part of the NROC Project, a non-profit funded by the Gates Foundation that provides a research-based approach to enhancing student success through online prep courses in Math, English and more. The EdReady tool uses a personalized learning approach to accelerate skills and can be customized for a variety of needs within the college. It can be used to assist students in math and science gateway courses and can be customized for accreditation exams. EdReady can be a resource that improve readiness, retention, and college completion.

This license is for all Education students and can be used as part of a course or for self-study, on or off campus. EdReady tailors learning to the specific needs of the individual, in combination with the requirements of the department. The tool also provides feedback to students about their progress towards a goal and provides reporting capabilities for instructors.

Project cost: \$3,000.

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PROJECT: Digital Badging System

Person Responsible for Project: Ediltrudys Ruiz/Jermaine Wright/Richard Fingers

Telephone number: 718-960-8421

Description of Project

Department IT, Student Affairs, and Enrollment Management

Project #10

Description:

This request is to continue the Lehman digital micro-credentials/badge platform. As a credit issuer, Lehman departments can distribute digital credentials to verify skills, competencies, experiential learning, professional certifications, involvement in clubs, events, programs, and activities, and more. Students can manage and share achievements on LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, or websites. Badges have been issued to more than 45,000 students since 2021 and the platform is expected to expand.

Project cost: \$5,950.

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PROJECT: Conversational Chatbot for Lehman College

Person Responsible for Project: Ediltrudys Ruiz/Jermaine Wright/Richard Fingers

Telephone number: 718-960- 8421

Description of Project

Department: IT, Student Affairs, and Enrollment Management

Project #11

Description:

This request is for Lehman College to continue the use of conversational Chatbots for students. As a result of advances in natural language processing, machine learning and improved data management, conversational chatbots have evolved from the “FAQ” platforms of the past. This technology can improve the student experience by providing focused 24/7 information in response to student needs.

Students often prefer text to obtain a fast response compared to having to wait on a phone or stand in line. As such, organizations in almost every industry have been expanding their capability to handle digital inquiries via chatbots. It is estimated that over 80% of customer service interactions will be managed by chatbots in the future. A new feature is escalating a chat to a live agent during business hours – this has been highly successful and used in a variety of areas.

Our goal is to provide increased convenience to resources and information. At times, it can be difficult to obtain information due to hours of operation. A chatbot can provide direct information in response to student questions in a conversational manner on a mobile device.

Project cost: \$20,000

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PROJECT: Quantitative Analysis Support

Person Responsible for Project: Ediltrudys Ruiz/Sociology

Telephone number: 718-960-8421

Description of Project

Department

IT Division

Project #12

Description:

This is a request for quantitative analysis resources to support teaching and learning across campus programs, including the Data Science minor and the Lab for Social Analysis, and student success analytics, among other areas. This presents an opportunity for interdisciplinary teaching and learning concerning contemporary issues as well as enhanced IT analytic tools for student success. The proposal requests funding for RStudio license.

Project cost: \$6,000

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PROJECT: Final Phase of Creative Technology Suite: "It always seems impossible until it is done." - Nelson Mandela

Person Responsible for Project: Monica Duncan and Jennifer McCabe

Telephone number: 718-960-7838

Description of Project

Department

Music, Multimedia, Theatre and Dance

Project #13

Description:

This proposal requests final funding to complete the Creative Technology Studio (SP235–241) in the Department of Music, Multimedia, Theatre, and Dance. The project, developed through prior Student Technology Fee allocations, has transformed underutilized rooms in the Speech and Theatre Building into a cutting-edge multimedia production and post-production studio that integrates sound, video, and performance technologies.

The final phase will complete the Computer Lab (SP238) and Audio Production Room (SP235) to make both fully functional learning environments. Specifically, this request covers the purchase and installation of:

- One Mac Studio computer (for the Audio Production Room)
- One MacBook Pro laptop (for the Production Studio and student projects)
- One Da-Lite Idea 53" × 94.25" panoramic smart board
- Two 65" Sony flat-screen monitors
- Wiring and installation of a video presentation and teaching system (short-throw projector, video matrix switch, control panel, room speakers, and wireless collaboration system)
- One Yamaha audio mixer and speakers
- Two Sennheiser wireless microphone systems
- Ten pairs of Sony headphones

These final investments will allow the department to deliver a seamless digital workflow—from performance capture to editing and post-production—preparing students to enter today's rapidly evolving creative industries. The Studio will directly support over 1,000 students annually across multimedia, theatre, and dance courses and provide experiential learning that aligns with Lehman College's 2025 Strategic Plan goals on digital equity, experiential education, and creative collaboration.

This is the final request needed to complete the Creative Technology Studio, ensuring it becomes a fully operational hub for interdisciplinary learning, student innovation, and professional preparation in the performing and multimedia arts.

Project cost: \$25,727

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PROJECT: Demonstration Studio- Art Technology Improvements

Person Responsible for Project: Nicole Barreras

Telephone number: 718-960-7366

Description of Project

Department Art

Project #14

Description:

This proposal requests funding to purchase a mobile presentation station for the Art Department to support digital instruction across the studio classrooms on the first floor of the Fine Arts Building.

Currently, only the lower-level digital labs have the proper equipment for displaying digital content. Faculty teaching in upper-level studios must either move classes downstairs or rely on an outdated portable projector with poor image quality. This proposal aims to eliminate that inefficiency and ensure all art studio classes—serving nearly 1,000 students per semester—can easily access digital content such as slideshows, images, and video presentations directly in their classrooms.

The presentation station will consist of the following:

- Rolling cart – Mobile base allowing the station to be shared across multiple studio classrooms.
- TV screen – Provides sharp, clear visuals even in bright studio spaces where projectors are ineffective.
- MacBook Air (16GB RAM) – Allows faculty to access and display digital resources, design software, and virtual guest lectures.
- HDMI cable – Connects the laptop to the TV for audio/video transmission.
- Multiport adapter – Provides additional ports for USB and HDMI connections.
- MacBook lock – Security measure to deter theft.
- Surge protector and extension cord – Ensures safe and flexible power access in classroom environments.

This shared, mobile system will enhance instructional quality, increase classroom flexibility, and improve student access to digital teaching materials across the Art Department's studio courses.

Project cost: \$2,438

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PROJECT: Wide-Format Inkjet Printer and Visualization Studio

Person Responsible for Project: Nicole Barreras

Telephone number: 718-960-7366

Description of Project

Department Art

Project #15

Description:

This proposal seeks funding for the purchase of an Epson SureColor P9570 44-inch wide-format inkjet printer to replace the Art Department's aging and unreliable large-format printer, which is over ten years old. The new printer will serve as the foundation for a Visualization Studio that supports students across multiple disciplines—Art, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Earth and Environmental Sciences, Anthropology, and more.

The printer is essential for students in photography, printmaking, graphic design, animation, and digital media, allowing them to produce large-scale professional-quality prints, portfolios, and exhibition materials. It also supports traditional media students who integrate digital components into their creative process and graduate and undergraduate thesis students preparing final exhibition work.

By providing access to professional-grade printing, students will gain hands-on experience with the same technology used in creative industries, enhancing their technical skills, artistic development, and career readiness. The printer will also be available for cross-disciplinary use, enabling departments across campus to create posters, research visualizations, and presentation materials.

Items requested:

- Epson SureColor P9570 44" Wide-Format Inkjet Printer
- Printer stand, setup, and connectivity accessories
- Initial set of inks and professional-grade paper supplies

Recurring costs for paper and ink are already part of the department's existing Tech Fee budget and will continue to be covered through those allocations.

Project cost: \$14,147

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PROJECT: HyFlex Computer System upgrade

Person Responsible for Project: David Schwittek

Telephone number: 718-960-8344

Description of Project

Department Art

Project #16

Description:

This proposal requests funding to purchase two Apple Mac Studio (M4 Max, 1TB SSD) computers to upgrade the HyFlex classrooms used for Art History instruction in the Art Department. These computers will replace temporary Mac Mini units currently on loan from the Multimedia Center, which are unable to meet the Classroom Technology Support Services (CTSS) specifications required for full HyFlex operation.

The upgrade will ensure compatibility with the three-display HyFlex setup, improve instructional delivery, and provide the processing power needed for high-resolution visual content, digital archives, and museum-based resources central to Art and Art History courses.

The Art Department requires Mac-based systems to maintain consistency with industry-standard creative software, including Adobe Creative Cloud and other digital imaging tools used in art education. Purchasing new Mac Studios will also allow the department to return loaned equipment and preserve existing Mac systems for student use in studio spaces.

Items to be purchased:

- 2 Apple Mac Studio computers (M4 Max, 1TB SSD)

This investment will ensure reliable, high-performance HyFlex classrooms that meet CTSS standards while supporting the specialized instructional needs of Art and Art History students and faculty.

Project Cost: \$4,398

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PROJECT: Animation Program Initiative Support #2-3D Animation Curriculum Support

Person Responsible for Project: David Schwittek

Telephone number: 718-960-8344

Description of Project

Department Art

Project #17

Description:

This proposal requests funding to purchase Maxon Cinema 4D (Maxon One) software licenses to support the 3D animation, modeling, and motion graphics curriculum in the Department of Art. The software will be installed in departmental computer labs to serve approximately 200 students annually enrolled in courses such as ART 202, 302, 321, 322, 421, 422, and CGI courses in the BS in Computer Graphics and Imaging (CGI) program.

Cinema 4D is an industry-standard tool used in film, television, motion graphics, and game development. Access to this software is essential for students pursuing careers in animation, visual effects, and digital design, ensuring they gain professional experience with the same tools used in creative studios.

The purchase will enhance digital equity by providing all students—regardless of financial background—with access to high-end 3D software critical for coursework and portfolio development.

Items to be purchased:

- Annual subscription for Maxon One (Cinema 4D) software licenses

This investment will strengthen Lehman College's animation and CGI programs, expand experiential learning opportunities, and align the curriculum with current industry standards in 3D design and production.

Project Cost: \$3,000.00

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PROJECT: Digital Inclusion for Students with Autonomous Production Capability

Person Responsible for Project: Tom O'Hanlon and Yves Dossous

Telephone number: 718-960-5110

Description of Project

Department Journalism and Media Studies

Project #18

Description:

This proposal requests funding to acquire new portable video and audio production equipment to support the growing Journalism and Media Studies (JMS) program, including the newly launched Multimedia Journalism major and minor and the forthcoming updates to the Film and Television Studies curriculum. The goal is to enhance digital inclusion and experiential learning by giving students access to modern, industry-standard tools for news gathering, field reporting, documentary production, and digital storytelling.

The proposed equipment will allow students to work more independently, producing professional-quality audio and video content while developing essential skills in camera operation, sound recording, and editing. It will also strengthen Lehman's alignment with current industry standards and provide hands-on training that prepares students for media careers.

Items to be purchased include:

- 3 Canon Vixia HF G70 UHD 4K Camcorders
- 3 Panasonic HC-VX981K 4K Camcorders
- 8 RODE Wireless Go II Microphone/Recorder Kits
- 6 Tripods with padded cases
- Camera accessories (filters, batteries, chargers, travel packs, surge protectors)
- Protective warranties for all cameras

This investment will provide students with lightweight, high-quality equipment that supports both team-based and solo production work, enabling them to create content for coursework, campus media, and professional portfolios.

Project cost: \$8,568

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PROJECT: Innovative Solutions for Student Success in Language Courses

Person Responsible for Project: Marjolaine Auclair-Davreux

Telephone number: 718-960-8277

Description of Project

Department Languages and Literatures

Project #19

Description:

This proposal from the Department of Languages and Literatures seeks funding to enhance student placement and engagement in Lehman College's language courses, which serve approximately 1,400 students annually across multiple languages (Arabic, Chinese, French, Italian, Japanese, and Spanish).

The project has two main goals:

1. Accurate Course Placement – Ensuring students begin at the appropriate proficiency level through customized placement exams.
2. Engaging, Technology-Enhanced Learning – Expanding the use of innovative digital tools that make language learning more interactive, accessible, and effective.

To achieve these goals, the department requests funding for software licenses and digital subscriptions that directly support instruction and assessment:

- Rosetta Stone WebCAPE Test – Placement exam for second-language learners.
- Vega Labs Heritage Spanish Exam – Placement test designed for heritage Spanish speakers.
- Padlet – Collaborative platform that allows students to share and create digital content in real time.
- Kahoot – Game-based learning tool that promotes active participation and comprehension.
- Antidote Software – Advanced French and English grammar and writing assistance tool used in French courses.

These tools will improve student placement accuracy, strengthen engagement through technology-based instruction, and enhance success across all language courses.

Project cost: \$5,640

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PROJECT: Education Workshops and TaskStream

Person Responsible for Project: Naliza Sadik

Telephone number: 718-960-8477

Description of Project

Department

School of Education

Project #20

Description:

1) College Assistants for edTPA Lab

College Assistants are critical in helping our teachers meet the technology requirements for the high stakes Teacher Performance Assessments (edTPA) exam needed to receive NYS teaching certification. The training for these positions is extensive. This exam has “condition codes,” that prevent candidates from getting a passing score if they do not submit their work properly (i.e., correct file sizes, formats, etc.) and data shows that students who use the lab are significantly less likely to receive a condition code.

2) Taskstream Accounts

To meet national accreditation standards (CAEP), the School of Education is required to track student data from the point of admissions through New York State Teacher Certification through to graduation and finally to alumni data. Our data collection requires tracking of more variables than what is available from the college and requires students to upload key assignments and assessments. Additionally, we use Taskstream as an integrated system for candidates to collect evidence of their work in student teaching to prepare for the edTPA.

Project cost:34,148 Personnel: \$23,888; Fringe: \$3,760; OTPS: \$6,500

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PROJECT: Onboarding Advisement Office Technical Student-Support Specialists, GPS Technical Student-Support Specialists

Person Responsible for Project: Gina Immucci, Zenaida Bough

Telephone number: 718-960-7788

Description of Project

Department

Academic Advisement

Project #21

Description:

Continued support for the GPS Technological Student- Support Specialists. This position will enhance the current GPS technological infrastructure and will allow the GPS Academic Advisors to provide a more focused inclusive and holistic approach to advising, while supporting students toward degree attainment.

These specialists will allow GPS Advisors to do what they do best- ADVISE, while the Specialist will lay the innovative technological groundwork to support the advising process. In addition, in collaboration with the GPS Academic Advising Unit and the GPS Technological Student-Support Specialists will collaboratively implement and provide a new Hyflex approach to Workshops and Programming.

Project cost:\$27,532 Personnel: \$ 23,972 Fringe: \$3,560

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PROJECT: Science Learning Center (SLC) Technology Access

Person Responsible for Project: Ainsley Parkinson and Marisol Jimenez

Telephone number: 718-960-8231

Description of Project

Department

Instructional Support Services Program

Project #22

Description:

This proposal from the Instructional Support Services Program (ISSP) seeks funding to enhance the Science Learning Center (SLC), which provides critical academic support for over 3,000 students annually in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. The goal is to ensure students—especially those in STEM “gateway” courses—have continuous access to digital learning tools that reinforce classroom instruction both in person and online.

To improve student learning and retention, the SLC integrates online companion platforms such as Pearson Mastering and TopHat, which allow students to review lessons, complete interactive exercises, and strengthen conceptual understanding outside of scheduled class hours. These platforms are essential for supporting hybrid and self-paced learning environments, particularly for courses that use digital assignments and assessments.

Items to be purchased:

- TopHat – General Chemistry (114/166/168) – 6 licenses @ \$160 = \$960
- TopHat – Organic Chemistry (120/232/234) – 6 licenses @ \$160 = \$960
- Mastering Physics (166-7/168-9) – 6 licenses @ \$70 = \$420
- Mastering Biology (BIO 181/182) – 4 licenses @ \$237 = \$948
- Mastering Biology (BIO 230) – 3 licenses @ \$100 = \$300

This investment will strengthen academic support for STEM students, expand access to interactive learning resources, and help improve student success and retention in science courses central to Lehman College’s mission.

Project cost: \$3,588

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PROJECT: Library General Tech Fee Request

Person Responsible for Project: Kenneth Schlesinger

Telephone number: 718-960-7776

Description of Project

Department Library

Project #23

Description:

Request to renew subscriptions to the LibAnswers software, as well as maintenance for ScannX Software.

Project cost: \$11,143

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PROJECT: Computer Replacement for the Library

Person Responsible for Project: Kenneth Schlesinger

Telephone number: 718-960-7776

Description of Project

Department

Library

Project #24

Description:

This proposal requests funding to replace outdated student computers in the Library with modern, high-performance systems that support academic success. Access to reliable, state-of-the-art technology is essential for students to navigate the digital learning environment, conduct research, complete coursework, and engage with online academic resources efficiently. The upgrade will ensure that the Library remains a central hub for student learning and digital access, supporting equitable opportunities for all students.

Items to be purchased:

- 15 Desktop Computers with Monitors – \$28,635
- 25 SSD Drives with Adhesive Tape and Wheel Tool Kits – \$1,387
- 15 Dell Laptops with Wired Mouse – \$17,048
- 15 Premium – 5-Year Term Unite Volume Licenses – \$1,180

This investment will modernize the Library's computing infrastructure, enhance system reliability and speed, and ensure students have access to current technology that supports their academic and research needs.

Project cost: \$48,250

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PROJECT: Implementation of a Mac Classroom Lab in DA-225

Person Responsible for Project: Kasielis Molina Velez

Telephone number: 718-960-7277

Description of Project

Department

Biology

Description:

This proposal requests funding to replace outdated laboratory laptops used in the large-enrollment Biology courses BIO 181 and BIO 182, which together serve over 600 students each semester and are prerequisites for all Nursing programs. These courses rely heavily on technology for lab instruction, data collection, simulations, and online assessments.

The existing MacBook Air laptops (2014–2017 models) are over 11 years old, no longer supported by Apple, and unable to run required software or security updates. Their obsolescence hinders students' ability to complete lab assignments and access secure online exams administered through LockDown Browser in Blackboard.

Upgrading to new, high-performance laptops will ensure students can access the Pearson digital lab bundle, interactive simulations, and data analysis tools such as Graphical Analysis used for physiology experiments. The laptops will also support hybrid instruction and secure online testing environments.

Items to be purchased:

- 25 Apple MacBook Air (13", M3, 8-Core CPU, 10-Core GPU, 16 GB RAM, 512 GB SSD)

This investment will modernize the lab infrastructure for Lehman's largest science courses, enhance digital learning, and support equitable access to technology for Biology and Nursing students.

Project Cost: \$29,075

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PROJECT: Gen AI Interactive Computer Science Learning & Tutoring

Person Responsible for Project: Loric Madramootoo, Brian Murphy

Telephone number: 718-960-8851

Description of Project

Department Computer Science

Description:

The proposal aims to integrate generative AI technology into the computer science curriculum at Lehman College to better prepare students for the rapidly evolving job market. Specifically, the proposal seeks funding to purchase a license for Tutorly, an AI chatbot powered by ChatGPT, to be used as a tutoring tool in introductory computer science courses (CMP 128, CMP 157, CMP 167). By incorporating this AI-driven tool, the project intends to enhance students' learning experiences, foster critical thinking and creativity, and provide practical experience with AI technologies.

The broader goals of the proposal include supporting student success through personalized learning experiences, promoting digital inclusion, and contributing to the college's strategic objectives, such as improving retention and graduation rates in computer science. The project is aligned with the college's strategic plan to advance student engagement, faculty development, and the integration of digital experiences into teaching, learning, and research.

The funding request is for \$5,000 to cover the annual cost of 500 Tutorly licenses, ensuring that students have access to adaptive learning systems that tailor educational content to individual needs. This personalized approach is expected to improve student outcomes by providing a more engaging and effective learning environment. Ultimately, the proposal aims to equip students with the skills necessary to thrive in a technology-driven world, making them more competitive in the workforce and better prepared for future challenges in the field of computer science.

Project cost: \$5,000

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PROJECT: Bringing MS3C Computers to the current decade

Person Responsible for Project: Rafael Gonzalez

Telephone number: 718-960-7371

Description of Project

Department Math

Project #27

Description

This proposal requests funding to replace obsolete computers at the Mathematics & Statistics Student Success Center (MS3C) with new, high-performance Apple iMacs to better support students' academic success.

The MS3C, established in 2022, has served over 7,500 student visits across a wide range of mathematics courses—from College Algebra and Calculus to Data Science and Statistics—as well as related disciplines such as Psychology, Economics, and Biology. Students rely on the center's computers daily to complete coursework, access tutoring resources, and use specialized software including Mylab, Excel, StatCrunch, MAPLE, Mathematica, R, GeoGebra, Python, and TeX.

The six iMacs currently in use are 2011–2013 models that no longer receive security updates or support for required applications, posing performance and cybersecurity risks. Replacing these machines will ensure students have reliable and secure access to the tools necessary for success in quantitative and data-driven courses.

Items to be purchased:

- 6 Apple iMac 24" (M4, 10-Core CPU/GPU, 512 GB SSD, Blue) – \$10,470.18
- 6 AppleCare+ for Schools (3-Year Coverage) – \$692.58

This upgrade will modernize the MS3C's computing environment, enhance digital equity, and provide students and staff with secure, updated technology that supports advanced math, statistics, and data science instruction.

Project Cost: \$11,162.76

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PROJECT: Online Peer Mentoring

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Description of Project

Department

Center for Teaching and Learning

Project #28

Description:

The proposal aims to enhance student and faculty support at Lehman College by funding an Instructional Learning Technologist and a Student Peer Mentor through the Center for Teaching and Learning. These roles are critical in supporting students across all learning modalities—whether in-person, blended, or online—and assisting faculty with the development of instructional materials. A key focus of the proposal is aiding the college's transition from Blackboard to the new CUNY Learning Management System (Brightspace), by providing technical assistance, conducting training sessions, and helping faculty and students adopt new tools and features effectively.

The proposal emphasizes several objectives: enhancing student engagement by offering personalized support, promoting innovative teaching methods among faculty, and fostering the effective integration of educational technology in teaching practices. By doing so, the initiative seeks to contribute to student success by providing proactive support, guidance, and resources to help students overcome academic challenges and achieve their goals in various learning environments.

However, despite the initial request to hire four individuals for these roles, the proposal was approved for only one Student Peer Mentor. This approval highlights the importance of focusing resources on the most impactful areas, ensuring that the available support can still significantly benefit both students and faculty during the ongoing transition to Brightspace and beyond. The single peer mentor will be tasked with maximizing student engagement and aiding in the smooth integration of new technologies into the academic experience at Lehman College.

Project cost: \$30,284 Personnel: \$26,658; Fringe: \$3,626

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PROJECT: Navigating OPA's Transition to a Primarily Hybrid Learning Environment

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Description of Project

Department

Prestigious Awards Program

Project #29

Description:

The purpose of this proposal is to secure funding to expand and sustain access to digital scholar development tools and services across the entire Lehman College campus. This initiative, led by the Honors College Program, seeks to centralize all information related to co-curricular scholar development in a user-friendly, interactive digital space. The proposal emphasizes the importance of using existing digital tools, particularly SharePoint and other Microsoft platforms, to provide immediate access to services and resources that support students in their academic and career advancement.

The proposal aims to enhance student engagement by creating a comprehensive digital hub where students can explore honors programs, prestigious awards, advanced studies preparation, and student research opportunities. It also supports faculty and staff in guiding students through these academic pathways. The project requires the continued employment of two college assistants who are essential in developing digital content, maintaining and updating online platforms, and training students to use these tools effectively.

By achieving these goals, the proposal seeks to foster a culture of academic excellence and scholarly engagement at Lehman College, ultimately helping students navigate and succeed in both their curricular and co-curricular endeavors. The funding requested through the tech fee grant will allow the program to continue providing these vital services in the upcoming academic year, ensuring that students have the resources they need to thrive in a competitive academic environment.

Project cost: \$31,274 Personnel: \$27,526 ; Fringe: \$ 3,748

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PROJECT: Centralizing Community Engagement with GivePulse Anthology Tier

Person Responsible for Project: Teresita Levy

Telephone number: 718-960-1165

Description of Project

Department International Programs & Community Engagement

Project #30

Description

This proposal requests funding for an institutional subscription to the GivePulse Anthology Tier, a cloud-based platform designed to centralize, manage, and track community engagement and service-learning activities across Lehman College.

Currently, Lehman lacks a unified system to coordinate and record student and faculty engagement with community partners. GivePulse will address this gap by integrating directly with Lehman Lightning Connections, enabling students to register for volunteer opportunities, log service hours, and connect these experiences to their co-curricular transcripts. The platform will streamline communication between Lehman and community organizations, provide real-time reporting and analytics on engagement activities, and strengthen documentation needed for the Carnegie Community Engagement designation. This system will significantly enhance the visibility and coordination of Lehman's civic and experiential learning initiatives.

Item to be purchased:

- GivePulse Anthology Tier (Annual Institutional Subscription) – includes setup, onboarding, and integration with Lehman Lightning Connections

This investment will modernize and centralize Lehman's community engagement infrastructure, support student success through experiential learning, and elevate the college's profile as a leader in civic responsibility and community partnership.

Project Cost: \$7,500

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PROJECT: Using Technology to Increase Access for Students with Disabilities

Person Responsible for Project: Gabriella Kohler

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Description of Project

Department

Student Disability Services

Project #31

Description:

This proposal requests funding to replace outdated computers and monitors in the Services for Students with Disabilities offices located in Shuster Hall (Rooms 181 and 238) and the Access and Technology Center (Library Room 146). These upgrades are essential to ensure that students with disabilities have reliable access to academic materials, online coursework, and assistive technology applications that support their learning.

The new computers will significantly improve performance and compatibility with assistive software such as screen readers and screen magnification tools, which require high processing power and updated operating systems to function effectively. Modernizing this equipment will also enhance accessibility for students who need to manage multiple applications simultaneously, participate in virtual classes, and complete assignments independently.

Items to be purchased:

- 17 Dell CTO 3460 Desktop Computers (i7-14700, 512GB SSD, 32GB RAM, Windows 11 Pro) – \$1,699 each
- 17 Dell 27-inch Monitors – \$156.01 each
- 17 HDMI Monitor Cables – \$4.49 each

This investment will modernize critical assistive technology infrastructure, improving access, performance, and equity for more than 500 students with disabilities across the Lehman College community.

Project Cost: \$31,612

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PROJECT: Practice Management Software Annual Subscription to Medicat

Person Responsible for Project: Ashmini Hiralall

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Description of Project

Department

Student Health Center

Project #32

Description:

This request is for continued support for the Student Health Center Student Patient Portal. The student patient portal will allow students to have automated access for easier submission of immunization records for registration, easier access to make appointments, be able to print out immunization records, print out lab work results and office visits, state mandated e-prescribing, and email communications to providers.

Project cost: \$9,556

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PRO JECT: Engage Support

Person Responsible for Project: David Charcape

Telephone number: 718-960-8535

Description of Project

Department

Campus Life / Student Activities

Project #33

Description:

Student clubs and organizations use Campus Labs' Engage software to register their organizations, keep their membership rosters, create events, and keep files of their organizations. Engage provides a platform for student clubs to engage other students, while also allowing the administration to communicate better with clubs.

Project cost: \$32,000

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PROJECT: Comevo Online Orientation Maintenance

Person Responsible for Project: Denny Santos

Telephone number: 718-960-5936

Description of Project

Department

Campus Life / Student Activities

Project #34

Description:

Remote online orientation software allows incoming students to have access to typical orientation programs and services whenever is convenient for them. It allows incoming students to have a base of knowledge of Lehman College programs and services before they even set foot on the campus. It also informs students about how to access said services and prepare students for in-person orientations. It is a medium by which the Community Engagement Office can address student requests for additional information.

Project cost: \$7,514

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PROJECT: Athletics/APEX Website Provider

Person Responsible for Project: Ryan McCarthy

Telephone number: 718-960-

Description of Project

Department

APEX

Project #35

Description

The proposal is requesting funding to cover the annual costs of maintaining Lehman College's Athletics website, LehmanAthletics.com, which is hosted by Sidearm Sports. The website plays a crucial role in promoting the achievements of the college's 18 varsity NCAA/CUNYAC programs and over 200 student-athletes. By enhancing the dissemination of media, including videos and photos, the website supports the visibility and success of student-athletes, contributing to their engagement and retention.

The proposal highlights the importance of the website in fostering a sense of community and connection among students, faculty, staff, and alumni. It aligns with several strategic goals of the college, including enhancing student success, increasing digital equity, and optimizing campus technologies and infrastructure. The website also serves as a platform to highlight the accomplishments of the Athletics department, thereby enhancing the overall image of the college.

The requested funding of \$9,497 will be used to pay for the annual dues to Sidearm Sports, ensuring the continued operation and maintenance of the Athletics website. The proposal does not require any additional equipment, as the Athletics department already possesses the necessary tools for website maintenance. The proposal also notes that the department may seek alternative funding for the website in future years but currently seeks support through the Tech Fee grant to cover the upcoming year's costs.

Project Cost: \$9,497

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PROJECT: Apple Security Suite(JAMF)

Person Responsible for Project: Jose Torres

Telephone number: 718-960- 7477

Description of Project

Department

IT/Campus Support Services

Project #36

Description:

This proposal is for the purchase of licenses for continued use of the JAMF software across the college. JAMF allows the IT department to remotely support Mac computers and tablets and includes the ability to push software updates, patches, and deployments. This ensures that devices remain secure and up to date.

Project cost: \$14,499

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PROJECT: Student Email Protection

Person Responsible for Project: Edi Ruiz

Telephone number: 718-960- 8421

Description of Project

Department

IT Division

Project #37

Description:

The student email system needs additional protections to mitigate the increasing number of email threats that students have experienced over recent years. These include increased phishing attacks, email messages with malicious links or attachments, and fake work-from-home job offers.

These have resulted in increased spam, the loss of productivity when students cannot access email accounts, and in some cases, the loss of personal, private information or funds. As a result of this initiative an additional spam filter will be leveraged to help detect and block advanced threats containing malicious attachments and URLs and removes malicious delivered email.

To address this, the college implemented ProofPoint for the student email tenant several years ago. This proposal is to continue this effort.

Project cost: \$38,805 Personnel:15,898 Fringe: 2,502

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PROJECT: Campus Software Support

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Telephone number: 718-960-8421

Description of Project

Department

IT Infrastructure Services

Project #38

Description:

This request is to fund continued support of software used across campus. This includes Class Climate Software, which is used for the student evaluation of teaching and learning, and Snap software, which is used to create surveys.

Project cost: \$19,157

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PROJECT : VoiceThread Renewal

Person Responsible for Project: Stephen Castellano

Telephone number: 347-417-3010

Description of Project

Department

Information Technology

Project #39

Description:

Institutional investment in Voice Thread will enable the college to support technology-infused classroom instruction and increase the quality of teaching and learning. Lehman faculty use Voice Thread to extend student learning beyond the classroom walls in all modes of instruction from in-person to hybrid and online. Voice Thread has been used successfully since 2012 and we currently have 528 active faculty accounts and 14,448 student accounts. 6 other CUNY schools use Voice Thread. We propose to continue subscribing to the service. VoiceThread's accessible features include two features: unlimited and automatic captioning of everything created in VoiceThread. and an editor interface for correcting any inaccuracies in the machine-generated captions.

Voice Thread can be used in many ways: recording an introduction to a course or to a project; extending and documenting classroom conversations; digital student-portfolios; language practice; creating online lectures, and tutoring modules; and virtual classroom spaces. The combination of increased interaction and time to reflect helps to create an engaged learning environment.

Project cost: \$6,800

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PROJECT : Queue Management

Person Responsible for Project: Renan Ovalles

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Description of Project

Department

IT Infrastructure Services

Project #40

Description:

The Lehman scheduling and queue management system provides students with the ability to use their mobile device or a kiosk to schedule appointments at a growing number of campus offices. Students are also notified by text message of their status in the queue. The system has been very successful, and students have expressed satisfaction with the implementation at Financial Aid the Carman IT help desk, Admissions, the Bursar's Office, the Registrar, and Health Sciences.

Project cost: \$10,000

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PROJECT: iMac Lab Performance Storage Upgrade

Person Responsible for Project: Jose Torres

Telephone number: 718-960- 7477

Description of Project

Department

IT/Campus Support Services

Project #41

Description

This proposal requests funding to upgrade the performance of 50 iMac computers currently located in the Science Hall and IT Center in Carman Hall. The upgrade will replace the existing hard drives with Solid State Drives (SSD) to significantly improve speed, reliability, and overall system performance, thereby enhancing the computing experience for hundreds of students who rely on these labs for coursework and research.

Items to be Purchased:

- 50 Solid State Drives (SSD) for iMac performance upgrades
- Adhesive Glue Kits for reattaching iMac screens after installation

The installation will be performed by Lehman College IT staff. This upgrade will not only improve efficiency and user experience but also extend the lifespan of the devices by an additional 2–3 years, ensuring continued access to high-performance technology across the campus.

Project Cost: \$2,674

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PROJECT: Carman Hall Computer Lab CA-120 Upgrade

Person Responsible for Project: Jose Torres

Telephone number: 718-960- 7477

Description of Project

Department

IT/Campus Support Services

Project #42

Description

This proposal requests funding to replace 20 outdated iMac computers in Carman Hall, Room CA-120, which currently houses 2013 models that are no longer supported by Apple and pose cybersecurity risks. The new devices will ensure that students have access to reliable, high-performance technology for academic and research activities, supporting teaching, learning, and digital literacy across disciplines.

Items to be Purchased:

- 20 Apple 24-inch M4 iMac computers with 16GB RAM and 512GB SSD storage
- AppleCare+ extended warranty coverage for all new systems

This replacement will modernize the lab's computing environment, enhance system security, and provide students with faster, more efficient tools to complete coursework and access online learning resources.

Project Cost: \$33,329

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PROJECT: Upgrading Technology in the Testing Center and Speech Lab (SB 232A)

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Description of Project

Department

IT/Campus Support Services

Project #43

Description

This proposal requests funding to replace outdated and unreliable computers and monitors in two essential academic support spaces — the Testing Center (Apex 238) and the Speech Lab (SB 232A). Both facilities serve a large number of students who depend on consistent, high-performance technology for testing, speech instruction, and digital learning activities. The current equipment frequently experiences performance issues and system failures, disrupting testing operations and instructional delivery. Upgrading to modern Dell Precision desktops and high-resolution monitors will improve reliability, speed, and functionality while supporting accessible, technology-enhanced learning environments.

Items to be Purchased:

Testing Center (Apex 238):

- (15) Dell Precision 3460 Desktops – \$25,484.70
- (15) 24-inch Monitors – \$1,845.00

Speech Lab (SB 232A):

- (24) Dell Precision 3460 Desktops – \$40,775.52
- (24) 24-inch Monitors – \$2,952.00

This investment will modernize two key learning spaces, ensuring reliable, high-quality technology that supports student testing, communication skills development, and overall academic success.

Project Cost: \$71,057

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PROJECT: East West Library License

Person Responsible for Project: Brendan McGibney

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Description of Project

Department

Multimedia Center

Project #44

Description:

This request is the renewal of our East West sound library for use in music and video production classes. Audio libraries are used for scoring and creating music with the existing software used at the MMC. The library has been very successful for our current classes and the number of music classes have continued to increase.

The proposal is to request the purchase of 10 seats at \$180 per seat totaling \$1,800.

Project cost: \$1,800

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PROJECT: Perusall

Person Responsible for Project: Karin Beck and Steve Castellano

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Description of Project

Department

IT/Office of the Provost

Project #45

Description

This proposal is to fund a basic license for Perusall, an annotation tool designed to enhance student engagement and learning. The proposal aims to cover 700 licenses for one year to pilot the platform's usage across various courses. Perusall, which can be integrated into the new LMS (Brightspace) expected in Fall 2025, offers AI-powered functions like automated grading and an analytics dashboard for monitoring usage. The tool has already shown positive results in improving student engagement, writing, and comprehension in pilot implementations by the Associate Dean of Arts and Humanities and other faculty members using the free version. The proposal highlights that Perusall supports digital inclusion, instructional support, and enhanced collaboration, particularly benefiting historically minoritized students.

Project Cost: \$3,000