UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON TACOMA

Student Technology Fee Committee (STFC)
Annual Allocation Request

Allocation Request Date Information

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Allocation Request Title/Description

Request Title: Replacement computers for Makerspace

Request Description: A request for two standard desktops for the Makerspace

Allocation Request Information

Department Name:	UW Tacoma Library	Request Code:	26A0532
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Title of Request:	Replacement computer for Makerspace	Type of Request:	One Time

Department Head Approval: ✔ Department Head: Kaijsa Calkins

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1. Background: Review and discuss the context of the proposed technology in detail. Explain how this proposal will be used in conjunction with an original proposal or existing technology. If applicable, how is the current technology disabled or inadequate?

Poster printing and sticker making are popular activities in the Makerspace. However, the way the system currently works is that we have one computer (and just one reservation available) for the poster printer, sticker maker, and vinyl cutter. So, there are often times when someone wants to print a poster but someone else has the computer reserved for making stickers and vice versa. In order to provide both services, we would need a second computer.

In addition, the computer that we are currently using for all of these activities will turn 10 in July! It's time to get a replacement for that older computer.

So, we are asking for two standard desktop computers for use in the Makerspace.

2. Benefit to Students: Discuss how students have (for returning applicants) or will (for new applicants) benefit from this technology. How will additional funding of the technology benefit students?

The benefit to students is fairly simple: we will be able to offer poster printing and sticker making at the same time. Something we are unable to do currently.

Additionally, we know that reservations for the poster printer and sticker maker aare up 105% over the same period last year. So, having extra capacity is going to be a benefit to users.

3. Access: Describe who will be using or will have access to the resources being proposed. In addition, all previous requestors, please provide historic data highlighting the usage and accessibility of technology. All new requestors, please provide user need data.

Only UW Tacoma students can use the Poster Printer and Sticker Maker.

Usage:

Fall 2024 had 64 users using the Poster Printer aand Sticker Maker.

Fall 2025 had 131 users using the Poster Printer and Sticker Maker!

4. Timeline: Provide a timeline showing how the proposed technology can be completed during the requested period. Describe when you would like to see this proposal initiated and completed, and why.

Once the proposal is funded, Library staff will work with Joshua Gibson (campus IT) to purchase the computers. Library IT will get them configured and installed during summer 2026.

5. Resources/Budget: Discuss available financial, personnel and space resources devoted to the proposed technology and level of support. Proposal must detail all the items/resources requested to be purchased. This includes filling out the Item Detail in next section.

The Library provides a head of Library IT and Makerspace and a Sr. Computer Specialist at the cost of 2 FTE permanent staff. The Head of Library IT oversees all IT duties for the Library while also providing training and support for the Makerspace. The Library also funds IT student employment to the tune of 39.5 hours of desk time per week. The Head of Library IT and Sr. Computer Specialist both oversee the work of the Library IT student employees and provide training and supervision for the STFC funded student employees in the Makerspace.

The campus also invested a great deal of money renovating the Tioga Library Building, creating a consolidated Makerspace. The Library invests money in purchasing certain supplies for these spaces and training materials for students (for example, fabric so student employees can learn how to make a pillow case). Campus is also investing money in safety and other infrastructure needs for the Makerspace.

In addition, the Library purchased a printer ($204) just for the sticker maker to cut costs on the Poster Printer which uses expensive inks.

Funding Request Items

Item	QTY	Cost Per Item	Shipping Fee	Tax Per Item	Subtotal
Campus standard desktop computer	2	$699.60	$0.00	$72.07	**$1,543.34**
				OVERALL TOTAL:	**$1,543.34**