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## Application for CITD Grant Money for International Projects

Name Karen Hammer Dept Humanities/Spanish Ext 5271

Number of years of full time experience with SCCC 10<sup>th</sup> year Campus/Center Willow International Center

Subjects taught/Area(s) of responsibility Spanish Instructor/have served on International Education Committee since 2000, Humanities Division Representative North Centers (2005 – 2007), Reedley College Standard I Accreditation Co-chair (2004 – 2005)

Purpose I will be studying Italian during my sabbatical leave, and my project includes the following: using and evaluating online sources as an effective vehicle for foreign language instruction, travel to Italy and taking a one month immersion course at International House in Florence, comparing methods and strategies for foreign language instruction in Italy with current trends in the U.S. and bringing back useful ideas that can be used in the classroom and shared with foreign language colleagues.

Amount Requested - Budget: \$4687 Dates of travel March 28 – May 12, 2009 (estimate)  
(Any portion of the budget would be greatly appreciated.)

Has SCCC funded you for a similar project within the last 5 years? (If yes, please explain.) No. I believe the last time I requested CITD funds was in the summer of 2007 when I requested the cost of a domestic airfare in order to bring Argentine archeologist, Dr. Constanza Ceruti, to Fresno. I hosted her at my house and covered other costs incidental to her visit. Dr. Ceruti gave presentations at FCC, Reedley College, Willow International Center and Fresno State (Fresno Archeological Society.)

Each faculty member must fill out an individual application. Because funds are limited, it is not likely that two or more faculty members will be funded to do the same project unless special circumstances warrant it. Please note that CITD cannot pay tuition for programs used for salary advancement.

Directions: On a separate sheet of paper, please respond to the questions below. Attach your response to this application and submit completed application to:

Candy Hansen, Director  
Center for International Trade Development  
Clovis Center  
390 W. Fir Ave, Bldg. B, Ste. 303  
Clovis, CA 93611

1. Summarize your proposed activity. (Include brochures or printed materials, if appropriate.)
2. Indicate how your project fulfills the grant objectives.
3. Describe how your project improves service/instruction for students and how you will integrate your experiences into the classroom.
4. Provide a detailed budget. (If your project requires reimbursement for substitutes, include that amount in your budget.)
5. If funded, you need to do the following upon your return:
  - a. Within two weeks of your return, submit a one- to two-page report to CITD Director Candy Hansen in which you briefly explain ten things you learned or accomplished.

- b. Within a year of your return, make a presentation to colleagues and/or community groups. Report the date and activity to CITD Director Candy Hansen.
- c. Within a year of your return, write and submit a success story to CITD Director Candy Hansen. Your success story can be about how the project benefited the college, an individual, or other faculty members.

Karen Hammer  
Signature of Applicant

8/22/08  
date

Process

1. Submit completed application to Candy Hansen, CITD Director, Clovis Center, 390 W. Fir Ave, Bldg. B, Ste. 303, Clovis, CA 93611. Applicants can send applications electronically to Candy Hansen at [candy.hansen@sccd.edu](mailto:candy.hansen@sccd.edu) or through interdistrict mail.
2. Requests will be processed by a subcommittee of the SCCC International Education Committee. The subcommittee will review applications for overall quality, how the project relates to the grant objectives, how many grant objectives the proposal meets, and the degree to which the project improves service or instruction to students.
3. Applicants will be notified of funding within 30 days of submittal.

Kelly Fowler  
Signature of Supervisor

9-2-08  
date

[Signature]  
Signature of College President

9-5-08  
date

Action by SCCC-CITD Committee:

Priority No. \_\_\_\_\_

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Committee Chair's Signature

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date

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Vice Chancellor, Workforce Development and Educational Services

\_\_\_\_\_  
date

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1. Summarize your proposed activity. (Include brochures or printed materials, if appropriate.) **Please see attachments.**

I will spend 2.5 months at home doing intensive independent study in Italian using Rosetta Stone and exploring other online resources as well as researching the use of DL or hybrid classes for the instruction of Italian or other foreign languages.

I will take a 4 week intensive Italian course at Centro Fiorenza of International House in Florence, Italy. During that time I will live in a homestay situation arranged by the language center. My goal is that in this short period of time (Jan. – April 2009) I will be able to complete what would be equivalent to 3 semesters of Italian by community college standards. (I have never studied Italian before, and English and Spanish are the only languages I speak. I am not a native speaker of Spanish.)

I plan to spend an additional 2 weeks traveling in Italy after the course ends.

If I have the support of the department head, deans and curriculum committee members, upon return to the U.S. I plan to write the curriculum for Italian 1 and 2.\* Currently there exists no Italian curriculum anywhere in the district. According to the Modern Language Association of America (MLA) Italian is the 5<sup>th</sup> most popular language of study among American college students, and between 2002 and 2006 there was a 22% increase in enrollment.

\*My sabbatical leave proposal has been approved and supported by administrators at my work site.

2. Indicate how your project fulfills the grant objectives.

My project fulfills the grant objective of “internationalizing the curriculum” through preparing a faculty member with the necessary skills to help expand course offerings in the Foreign Language Program through writing the curriculum and learning objectives, including student learning outcomes, for Italian 1 and 2. In addition, through this study abroad experience I will gain new perspectives on foreign language instruction. Whatever methods, techniques and strategies used in Italy for Italian instruction should be easily transferable to the Spanish, French or German classroom. (These languages currently comprise the Foreign Language Program at Reedley College, of which Willow International Center is a part.)

3. Describe how your project improves service/instruction for students and how you will integrate your experiences into the classroom.

My project improves service for students because one of the ultimate goals is to expand course offerings to students and to increase language choices within the Foreign Language Program. Students with a keen interest in music or art may be particularly drawn to the study of Italian.

Studying under trained language teachers in Italy will give me the opportunity to refresh my teaching style and learn about teaching trends in foreign language instruction in Europe. My students will be direct beneficiaries of whatever activities and new approaches I bring back to the

Spanish classroom and use in instruction. I have chosen Centro Fiorenza of International House because in addition to offering basic Italian classes, I.H. provides teacher training to foreign language instructors and offers exams and certification to advanced students.

4. Provide a detailed budget. (If your project requires reimbursement for substitutes, include that amount in your budget.)

This budget excludes any costs associated with the two weeks of independent travel I propose to do during my trip. It does not include all the costs of food and other miscellaneous items during the homestay; it includes the main big ticket items.

Purchase of Rosetta Stone, Italian 1 – 3	\$549
Airfare Fresno – Florence – Fresno	\$719 - \$1221*
Tuition International House, Florence, 4 weeks** 610 Euros – exchange rate as of 8/22/08	\$902 + \$90
Homestay in Florence with half board** 37 Euros x 28 days = 1036 Euros	\$1533 + \$153
Airport transfer Florence** 55 Euros x 2 = 110 Euros	\$163 + \$16
Airport transfer Fresno \$30 x 2	\$60
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4687</b>

\*With such an advance purchase in off season, airfares are surprisingly reasonable. However, I am looking into using frequent flyer miles to defray the cost of this trip.

\*\*These are 2008 prices from International House. I have added an additional 10% as what is perhaps a conservative price increase estimate for 2009.

Thank you for consideration of this request.