

Technology Fee Full Proposal Template

Title: iPad Circulation across the Smathers Libraries

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Purpose and Specific Objectives:

The circulation of iPads provided through this funding will provide access throughout the Smathers Libraries to students needing to use iPad applications for class projects. In the fall of 2012 UFIT identified the need and funding was provided from the technology fee for the first set of iPads for circulation to students at Library West. While the implementation of this project is eminent the excitement around it extends to students all over campus and we are already being asked about providing this service across campus. Through this proposal we are requesting that two additional charging carts along with the 30 iPads they each hold be purchased, one for the Marston Science Library and one for the Health Sciences Center Library. In addition, we propose that two smaller carts along with the 8 iPads they each hold be purchased, one for the Architecture and Fine Arts Library and one for the Education Library. This distribution of iPads would serve all students of the University outside of the Legal Information Center.

As at Library West students would log onto each iPad using their existing gatorlink credentials. They could then log onto iTunes with their own account and install anything they like. Once they have returned the iPad the circulation staff would plug it into the cart and the Mac Mini would see the device and sync it back to our predefined settings, completely erasing any changes the student made to the iPad. AirWatch is the management system we would use to connect the devices to Active Directory. It will also allow us to actively manage the devices over the air. This will allow us to push applications, files, or setting changes to the devices remotely. In case of theft or loss we could use AirWatch to activate the iPad's GPS and locate the device in real time for retrieval or perform a disk wipe on the device. This funding request includes one year of AirWatch licenses, but the Libraries would carry these charges in the future.

Specific objectives:

- Provide access to tablet technology for all students
- Provide support for class and group projects
- Broaden provision of technology services beyond Library West and Marston
- Respond to student requests for tablet technology
- Provide the Apps requested by students in support of their coursework

Impact/Benefit:

With the rapid pace of technological change there are many options available to those who have the resources to stay current. Tablets and their attendant apps provide a wealth of learning opportunities and ways to work with data and information that are not available elsewhere. While the apps may be inexpensive, the tablets themselves are still a considerable investment for a college student who also needs a laptop or computer for classwork. With the circulation of iPads to students across the campus all are given access to this technology. A large number of apps would be preloaded onto the iPads (see list below) and students needing other applications would be able to purchase them through their own account and access them anytime they use an iPad.

The provision of circulating technology such as laptops and netbooks is often limited to Library West and Marston Science Library. This project will provide tablets at the Health Sciences Center Libraries, Architecture and Fine Arts, and the Education library. The availability of various science charging carts allows us to scale this up or down as needed for the size of the library.

Sustainability:

The Libraries are committed to providing the technology needed by students in support of their coursework. Each set of tablets ordered will have one or two extra to replace breakage or loss, and all will be under a three year warranty. With the rapidly changing technology today, it is unrealistic to commit to replacing the iPads with the same technology in three years, but the commitment to finding the right devices and services for students will remain. A possible source of funding for replacement devices is the Fines and Fees fund that generates approximately \$110,000 a year and is used for equipment and services which directly benefit students.

Timeline:

August, 2013	Funding awarded
August, 2013	iPads and charging stations ordered
September, 2013	Library IT dept. receives and configures iPads
October, 2013*	Public services units receive and begin to circulate iPads
February, 2013	Obtain IRB approval to survey users
March, 2013	Survey users
April, 2013	Report on viability of the service for 2013-2014.

*This is an ambitious schedule, but feasible since the first set has already been set up for Library West.

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BUDGET

The below costs are assuming iPad distribution of:

30 iPads at HSCL, 2 in reserve

30 iPads at MSL, 2 in reserve

8 iPads at AFA, 1 in reserve

8 iPads at Education, 1 in reserve

Mac Minis and MacBook Pros are used to manage the system. The orange and blue cases provide protection for these heavily used materials and would be branded with the Library's name and the following phrase: iPad Funding Provided by UFIT Tech Free Program.

Item	Number	Cost
iPads	82	\$41,000.00
AirWatch License	1	\$738.00
30 iPad charging cart	2	\$5137.00
8 iPad charging cart	2	\$3424.00
Mac Mini	2	\$1158.00
MacBook Pro	2	\$2200.00
Cases	82	\$3280.00
Apps*	Set	\$984.00
		Total: \$57,921.00

***Apps to be preloaded:**

Wolfram Alpha

Pages

Instapaper

Notability

gFlash Pro

Dictionary.com

Kindle

SlideShark

Free Spreadsheets

TMS

UF Mobile app

Whiteboard Lite: Collaborative Drawing

Nook

Stanza

Pandora

Evernote

Facebook

Google Search

YouTube