Professional Development Leave Application – Summer 2009
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Application overview.

I am applying for a Professional Development Leave for the Summer of 2009. If approved, I will use the leave to write major sections of my dissertation toward the completion of an Ed D. in the Learning and Instruction Department at the University of San Francisco. The areas of research I plan to pursue for my dissertation include information literacy and peer tutoring in academic libraries.

As part of this application, I am requesting two consecutive 7-week leaves (14 weeks total as per the collective bargaining agreement allowing librarians to take 2 leaves in a 5 year period).

How the leave will contribute to the professional development of the librarian and how it will increase the professional effectiveness of the librarian.

Completion of my doctoral studies will have a direct, positive influence on my ability to contribute to the library and the university. Specifically, the Learning and Instruction curricula in the School of Education will better prepare me to contribute to the educational mission of the University library. Examples of the additional contributions I will be able to provide as a librarian are directly related to my research interests and include: an enhanced theoretical background as preparation for bibliographic instruction (information literacy research); increased familiarity with the academic departments I liaison with (information literacy research); and, a broad understanding of graduate students requirements of an academic librarian (peer tutoring research). The completion of my dissertation will be a capstone project and as such will be a major professional achievement in addition to enhancing my ability to contribute to Gleeson Library and the University of San Francisco.

Goals and timetable during the leave.

Under the direction of my faculty advisor from the School of Education, during the 14-week leave I plan to:

Complete chapters 1-3 of my dissertation (Statement of the Problem, Review of the Literature and Methods) as well as the design and implementation of an instrument related to my doctoral studies. The first seven-week period will focus on writing chapters one and two, and the second seven-week period will focus on methods (e.g., instrument design and data collection).

A copy of the draft sections of the dissertation will be submitted to the University library Dean at the end of the 14-week period. There is no library requested funding associated with this request.