

Frequently asked questions

Can I apply for Small Claims if I have already received a PD grant this year?

You are still eligible for Small Claims even though you have received a large grant. However, please note that funding for small claims is based on the number of people who apply and monies available after large grant adjudications.

Can I receive professional development funds if I am not currently teaching a course?

As long as you are on the seniority list you are eligible to apply for PD Grants even if you are not currently teaching. You will remain on the seniority list for 32 months after teaching your last class. However, you must be teaching at least one term during the academic year to be eligible for Small Claims or have a CUPFA remission contact.

What type of training does PD pay for?

PD will cover the costs of workshops given by a recognized institution. Eligible workshops include those that enhance professional activities as well as course development.

Can I use a PD Grant or the Small Claims fund to buy a laptop or external hard drive?

The cost of a computer would not be covered however data keys and inexpensive hard drives are allowed. Antivirus software is acceptable but not computer repairs.

Once I'm awarded a PD Grant can I change my project?

Monies awarded for a project cannot be transferred without the written request to the committee.

Can I apply for a PD Grant retroactively?

The activity for which funds have been requested must take place after the deadline for which the application was made.

Can I apply for a PD Grant to publish a book?

PD grants do not provide money for the publishing or projects that go into the creation of money making property. You can apply for funding that offsets costs prior to printing.

Does PD provide a stipend for research and creation?

PD Grants will not pay for the applicant's time. However, they will cover the cost of a research assistant.

How many times can I apply for PD Grants?

In an effort to distribute monies equally, the committee give lower priority to, and may exclude altogether, applicants who have received full funding in the last academic year. In the past, applicants who have been funded for two consecutive years were unlikely to receive funding. However, if money is available, those projects will be considered as well.