

VALENCIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION
Endowed Chairs for Learning Leadership
Description of Proposed Learning Experience

Please describe in one page with 12 pt. font how you will use the Learning Leadership Chair award. Please explain the following:

- 1). Your intended personal learning outcomes and their connection to student learning;
- 2). A budget that outlines how this money will support your endeavor in terms of the college's mission, vision, and values and connection to student learning;
- 3). The process for assessing your learning outcomes.

Please refer to the attached evaluation rubric which the selection committee will use to rate your proposal.

Personal Learning Outcome:

I want to become knowledgeable of three major ecosystems in Florida; hardwood hammocks, mangroves and freshwater swamps. I already am familiar with scrub and pinelands. I want to travel to the Everglades, the Loxahatchee River and the Okefenokee Swamp for this purpose.

Connection to Student Learning:

I teach Florida Environmental Systems regularly and I will be able to better serve students if I am more informed about these ecosystems

Financial Plan:

I plan to take three three-day trips to explore these ecosystems and purchase reference materials for the campus library. I will take my car and stay in hotels for two nights on each trip.

Hotels: 6 nights at \$70 per night	\$420
Mileage: 570 miles at \$.445 per mile	\$254
Meals: 6 breakfasts at \$6 each	\$36
9 lunches at \$11 each	\$99
6 dinners at \$19 each	\$114
Reference Materials:	\$727
Total	\$1650

If hotels or meals are any cheaper I will use the remaining funds on more reference materials.

Assessment:

Before travel I will make checklists for the major facts and ideas I would like to research on each trip. After the trip I will see if I have been successful in finding the information I wanted. In addition, I will summarize what I have learned about these ecosystems and make that information available on my faculty website as well as presenting my findings and the reference materials to faculty who might teach Florida Environmental systems.