

**SCWI RFP 2016-2017
Benchmarks for Activities and Forums**

Category	Interim Benchmark
<p>1. Activity/Forum for Teachers/Instructors/Staff</p> <p>Forum for Dual Credit Teachers, Instructors, Staff (Secondary and College)</p> <p>This category is for Dual Credit Teacher/Faculty forums. These typically follow a one-day workshop format. (College or Secondary School students may in some cases also be part of this kind of activity. In such cases, their participation would be funded according to the same benchmark amount.)</p>	\$50 / participant
<p>2. Activities/Forums for Students and Parents</p> <p>Hands-On Activities for Students and Parents</p> <p>This category encompasses activities that focus on students. (Teachers/instructors may also be part of this kind of activity. In such cases, their participation would be funded according to the same benchmark amount.)</p> <p><i>E.g. Hands-on experiences for Grade 7 – 12 students at a college; curriculum-related workshops delivered by college students to Grade 7 – 12 students at a school.</i></p>	\$50 / participant
<p>3. Other</p> <p>Please be sure to describe the Activity in detail and funding requested.</p> <p><i>E.g. Communicating innovative and effective approaches regarding dual credit programs through RPT websites.</i></p>	No benchmark - Please detail request for funds in the "Miscellaneous Funding" section of the application

These benchmarks were arrived at using a method similar to the development of the Dual Credit benchmarks. The actual amounts expended in each of the above categories in 2009-10 were arranged from lowest to highest, the most and least expensive programs were removed (20%), and the median of what remained became the benchmark.

Activity or Forum Planning

The following are the priorities for Activities for 2016-17:

- One day hands-on activities held during the regular school day
- Grade 7-8 students first priority, Grade 9-10 students second priority, Grade 11-12 students third priority
- Overnight only when necessary because of distance
- On campus or at a school; i.e., not in community halls, labour union halls
- For students who may not have other opportunities to participate in activities at college.

SHSM Reach Ahead Activities will not be approved, as these should be funded through the SHSM program.

RPTs are encouraged to use data from previous years to make decisions about activities and forums. Particular attention should be paid to the number of approved participants as compared to actual participants.

Teacher Release Time and Transportation

Teacher release time and transportation funding are not included in the benchmark calculations. Please record the costs you expect to incur in these categories in the “Additional Funding” section of the Activities/Forums online application. In the case of teacher release, RPTs should work with boards to minimize this expense by accessing board PD funds where possible. In 2014-15, transportation, which can be difficult to predict, was over-estimated.

Miscellaneous Funding

Any costs not captured by the benchmarks can be requested as a “miscellaneous” cost in the proposal. However, miscellaneous funding requests for the following will not be approved, as they are already included in the benchmark calculation:

- Facilities
- Planning, coordination or program development
- A/V tech
- Purchase of curriculum or resources
- Meetings or sessions
- Food and catering
- Special celebrations, award ceremonies
- Faculty and support staff, unless they are a focus of the activity, either as presenters or participants
- Teacher release time where teachers are accompanying students to the college
- Financial services institution administration fees

Transferring Funds Between Funding Categories or Activities/Forums

Please seek approval through contract change to move funds between categories (benchmarks, supply release, transportation, miscellaneous) or Activities/Forums.