1. Executive Summary

25 Word Project Description | One-time Costs | Ongoing Costs  
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To increase number of public workstations available for patron access to electronic and Internet resources in the Periodicals Service Center on Library North, 3 | $63,500 (FY 2001) | $ 7,500 (Future FY’s)

2. Project Description

The addition of 14 new workstations, clustered in a newly wired area of the PSC on LN3 would double the existing number of workstations available for client access to the growing array of electronic journals, citation/index and full-text periodicals databases, and to GIL, the online catalog, GALILEO, the statewide network, USG and GSU-licensed resources, web-based resources, etc. More and more, the journal literature is becoming available via a variety of electronic databases and web-based resources. The reliance of scholarly research on journal literature has logically escalated the patron demand for the access and enhanced searching capabilities inherent in the developing world of electronic journals and indices. An additional cluster of workstations would help alleviate the recurring problem of lines of patrons waiting for a vacant workstation. Each wired, double carrel w/pc will have seating to accommodate patrons working in pairs, such as faculty member w/librarian, patron w/librarian, two students working on shared project, disabled patron w/aide, etc; this is an escalating need of our patron audiences. It will also allow for Periodical Service Center staff to better provide individualized assistance to optimize patron research techniques and document delivery to disk, email, or printer. An additional networked printer w/PantherCard technology, will ensure sustained level of current printing capability at the new workstation cluster adjacent to the PSC Service Desk:

3. Relevance to Regents Guidelines

This proposal is consistent with the first guideline:

[1] Technology fee revenues should be used primarily for the direct benefit of students to assist them in meeting the educational objectives of their academic programs. The description of proposal clearly focuses on the improvements sought for student access to academic, scholarly journals and resources specifically selected by faculty and librarians, purchased, and made available in support of GSU academic programs. The increased electronic
access sought through this proposal will also help students, with on-site staff assistance, develop the searching skills they need to learn and practice in order to maximize the vast information available in the online environment now and in the future.

4. Justification of One-time Funding Requirements

14 PC Workstations @ $1,500 = $ 21,000
7 Wired Double Carrels @ $4,500 = $ 31,500
28 Chairs @ $275 = $ 7,700
1 Laser Printer @ $2,650 = $ 2,650
1 Uniprint Software @ $650 = $ 650

Total: = $63,500

5. Continuing Funding Requirements

Annual replacement of 1/3 of workstations and printer = $ 7,500

6. Accountability of Funds

One-time funds will be spent for specific, identifiable equipment and furniture routinely inventoried by the Library and University.

7. Additional Funding Required, Non-Technology Fee

n/a

8. Impact on Computing/Network Infrastructure

Increased traffic on the university/library network. The Library has recently had the Library North building electrical and network infrastructure greatly increased to accommodate the escalating demand for connections, both by university/library owned equipment and patron-owned laptops, etc.