

**ACADEMIC SENATE - FALL 2026
SABBATICAL LEAVE APPLICATION PROCEDURES
FOR 2027-2028 ACADEMIC YEAR**

Overview: The sabbatical leave program and procedure are a joint effort between the American Federation of Teachers and the Academic Senates of Cuyamaca and Grossmont Colleges. Applications for leave are submitted each fall to the respective senates at each college and forwarded to appropriate Department Chair, Dean/Director, and Vice President for information and comment.

Applications are then forwarded anonymously to the Sabbatical Leave Committee for evaluation, scoring, and ranking. The prioritized list will be presented to the Academic Senates for information. The approved leave abstracts will be forwarded to the Chancellor of the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District (GCCCD) for submission to the Governing Board. **Notification to the applicant of approved leave will take place after the February Governing Board Meeting.**

Purpose: The sabbatical leave is an important opportunity for continued professional growth and new, or renewed, intellectual achievement through advanced study, research, writing, and other special projects. Sabbatical leaves are intended for substantial projects beyond the scope of normal professional development activities. They are an important means of enhancing teaching effectiveness and strengthening an institution's academic program. Sabbatical leave projects are valued as distinct contributions to the cultural and intellectual lives of faculty members and as support of the mission and vision of departments, colleges, and the district.

Eligibility:

- Applicants (full-time unit members – **non-restricted**) must have six years of service in the district since any previous sabbatical leave.
- Applicants must agree to serve at least twice the time of the sabbatical leave after the completion of the leave. **Soft money funded positions of indeterminate nature are not eligible for sabbaticals.**
- The applicant shall furnish a bond in accord with the provisions of Education Code Section 87770.

Length of Leave: The sabbatical may be for one semester at full pay or one academic year at half pay.

Adjunct Faculty – AFT Side Letter from September 17, 2020 (Ratified in CBA in 2025)

Adjunct faculty who have maintained six continuous years of service in Priority of Assignment status shall also be eligible to apply for a sabbatical. The overall number of available sabbatical leaves shall not be increased (per section 14.3.1). Adjunct faculty who are approved for a sabbatical shall only have the option of a one semester leave. Compensation while on sabbatical shall be equal to their average assignment over the past two fall/spring or spring/fall semester.

Application Procedures and Timeline: Applicants are strongly encouraged to consult with their respective department chair/coordinator and dean prior to submission of an application.

Step	Action	Due Date
1	Individuals who are applying for their first sabbatical leave must attend one of the offered orientation workshops. Other sabbatical leave applicants may attend a workshop at their own discretion. All workshops will be held remotely.	Workshop 1: Thursday, 9/17 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Workshop 2: Friday, 9/18 11:00 am - 12:00 pm Workshop 3: Thursday, 9/24 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Workshop 4: Friday, 9/25 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm Here is the Zoom link for all the workshops: https://gcccd-edu.zoom.us/j/85989244823
2	Complete sabbatical leave application. Submit electronically to the respective Academic Senate president. Refer to application instructions below. Grossmont College - gcacademicsenate@gcccd.edu Cuyamaca College – karen.marrujo@gcccd.edu	Thursday, November 5, 2026, 5:00 pm
3	Applications are routed to Department Chair/Coordinator, Dean, and Vice President for information and comment.	November 9-13, 2026
4	Applications are reviewed and ranked by the Sabbatical Leave Committee.	November 16, 2026 - December 16, 2026
5	Sabbatical Leave selections submitted to the Chancellor.	End of January 2027
6	Governing Board ratification	February 2027
7	Written (email) notification of sabbatical leave awards to college President, Dean/Director, Chair/Coordinator, and applicants	February 2027 (after Board ratification)

Application Instructions:

- As you prepare your proposal, it is also **strongly recommended** that you consult with the Department Chair/Coordinator and Dean **prior to submittal** to address any issues or to provide additional information or clarification regarding the proposal.
- When emailing application, make subject line, "Sabbatical Leave Application."
- Your final application packet should include in the following order:
 - Workshop Attendance Confirmation Sheet or email from workshop facilitator
 - Application for Sabbatical Leave Form and Signature Page
 - Abstract
 - Proposal Form
- Verify receipt of application. If you have not received a response within a week, send a follow up email.
- Applicants, chairs, and deans should be careful not to list applicant's name anywhere on the application except on the cover page and the signature sheet.
- Please be advised that all units taken during a Sabbatical Leave may be used for salary advancement.
- **THE DUE DATE FOR ALL SABBATICAL LEAVE APPLICATIONS IS 5:00 pm on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2026** (Article XIV, Section 14.5.1 of the GCCCD Governing Board-American Federation of Teachers (AFT) Agreement).

Reporting:

- Within ninety (90) days after completion of the sabbatical leave, the individual must submit a final report to the respective Academic Senate office. The report must provide a description of the following:
 - What was accomplished
 - The implications for the individual
 - The implications for the discipline
 - The contribution to the educational goals of the department, college, and district.
- The report should include appropriate supporting or descriptive material and be summarized in an attached abstract of approximately 500 words.
- The Academic Senates will forward copies of the sabbatical leave reports to the Chancellor for transmittal to the Governing Board.
- Individuals shall present their sabbatical leave projects to the Sabbatical Leave Committee, during Professional Development Week, or to the Governing Board upon the invitation of the Chancellor. Individuals are also encouraged to share their project results, as appropriate, at their department and/or division meetings. (Section 14.8)