

## Limited-duration Grant-funded Special Assignments

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Department/Office: Academic Affairs/ STEAM C Grant Duration: From Summer 2026 To Spring 2029

Project Title Puente MaS - Math Faculty Advocate

Project Description (Add pages, if needed)

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- Increase Puente student success in STATS C1000 by 10% in the first year.
- Strengthen academic transfer pathways for all majors through math completion and interventions that support success (e.g., math jams, tutoring, study sessions, mentorship, peer support activities)
- Provide culturally affirming STEM experiences that inspire persistence and belonging (e.g., career panels, summer jams, internship opportunities, etc.)
- Dedicated outreach and advising for STEM course planning for all majors and career guidance.

This project will fund a Mathematics faculty member (“Math Faculty Advocate”) to support the goals of Puente MaS by completing the following tasks:

- Attend training and Puente MaS professional learning opportunities, including a mandatory conference scheduled in Santa Cruz, CA from June 8-10, 2026.
- Undergo mandatory onboarding and training with statewide Puente staff (scheduled for June 2026).
- Collaborate with the rest of the SRJC Puente Team (English and Counseling faculty and administrators) and other campus groups to implement culturally affirming STEM experiences.
- Collaborate with the rest of the SRJC Puente Team to implement supportive interventions for students.
- Work with IERP, as needed, for reporting and data collection.
- Complete any preparatory or curricular work, if needed, during Summer and Fall 2026 in anticipation for offering Puente-focused STAT C1000 sections in Spring 2027.

[See attachment for more information].

Compensation Structure (Add pages, if needed)

The Mathematics faculty member serving as the Puente Math Faculty Advocate will be compensated up to 125 hours at base hourly rate (to be spread over Summer and Fall 2026, and Spring 2027). [See attachment for more information].

Selection Process (Add pages, if needed)

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- In Spring 2027, minimally teach two dedicated STAT C1000 sections for Puente students (which may also include the co-requisite course) -- one in Santa Rosa and one in Petaluma. Every subsequent Spring semester, based on program renewal, will teach two sections of Puente-focused STAT C1000 (one in SR and one in PET). Additional sections may be possible based on program growth.

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The Mathematics faculty member serving as the Puente Math Faculty Advocate will be compensated up to 125 **hours at base hourly rate** (to be spread over Summer and Fall 2026, and Spring 2027). Note: Load for teaching STAT C1000 sections is addressed separately as teaching load, per usual.

The faculty member will be required to complete timesheets and time and effort forms for their hourly work for Payroll and grant tracking purposes.

If additional hours for work are needed, this change will be brought forward to be discussed between the District and AFA.

### **Selection Process**

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### **Termination Clause**

The Puente Math Faculty Advocate is to serve in this role for 3 years, contingent on meeting Puente program goals and renewal of funding from the statewide Puente program. If funding is rescinded or the program is terminated for whatever reason, the special assignment can also be terminated, at the discretion of the District. If the District determines that the faculty member is not meeting the expectations and duties of the role, the District reserves the right to terminate the special assignment at its discretion, with the instructor paid pro rata for hours worked on authorized duties.