

PROPOSAL TITLE:

Primary Research on the Effects of Social Media Use on the Academic Achievement, Affective Wellbeing, and Leadership Development of Our Foreign-Born College Students

ABSTRACT:

Once you have finished answering the questions within the following application, please provide an abstract below summarizing the description of your sabbatical leave proposal in a paragraph of between 100-150 words. This abstract will become part of the Board Docket. Please include the following information as part of the abstract:

- **Need for the Professional Growth** - describe the purpose of the sabbatical leave.
- **Sabbatical Leave Activities** - describe what you plan to do.
- **Anticipated Outcomes** - describe the primary outcome; instructor and classroom teaching outcomes; professional/faculty relationship outcome; student outcomes.
- **Means of Measurement** - describe what evidence you will submit to demonstrate achievement of your outcomes.
- **Expected benefit to the students, department, college, district, and/or community**

I will be conducting primary quantitative research to investigate the effect of social media use for diverse purposes on the academic achievement, affective wellbeing, and leadership development of foreign-born students at our college. Working on this project will fill a gap in the existing academic research regarding social media use by college students. It will also grow my understanding of this student population and my skills in conducting primary research. This project will also help meet requirements for a Doctorate in Education, which I have been working towards for the past two years. The research findings will inform recommendations for instructional, student services, and student leadership initiatives that may optimize the use of social media for the academic success, personal wellbeing, and positive leadership development of our students.