Why is this equipment necessary?

_____ Immediate health, safety, or security issues

____ X ____ Replaces deteriorated equipment or facilities

X Increases enrollment

_____ Prevents further deterioration of facilities

_____ Shows cost advantage due to rising prices

_____ Provides visibility for the Bond Program

Briefly describe how the above criteria are satisfied:

Enrollment would be increased by encouraging and providing the means for more effective and innovative teaching and assessment. Increased productivity in research and sharing of information will strengthen the department and build its reputation as a leader in classroom teaching and academic skills. Portability of the computers will allow the instructors to use standard software and information when teaching off-site or leading study trips. These computers would standardize the variety of computers used by the history faculty at work and at home, making collaboration and integration of effort much easier and efficient.

What is the consequence of not funding the equipment?

Decreased productivity and less flexible and innovative teaching techniques.

What alternative approaches have been considered to meet programmatic demands for this equipment?

Due to the nature of the equipment, an alternative approach is to simply continue on with current desktop equipment. The key is to provide standardization and integration within the discipline, whether it be in the office, the classroom, home, research institutions, professional meetings, and study trips. The requested equipment provides these needs.

How many students will be impacted by the purchase of this equipment? ________

Do students use this equipment? _____ yes _____ X no

Is this equipment a replacement? _____ yes _____ X no

Staffing requirements for new equipment (number of staff, are they available, training, etc.):