

Scholarship Research Council

Scholarship Opportunity Fund

Request for Proposals

Program: The Scholarship Research Council (SRC) seeks to support small-budget research needs in the humanities, social sciences, and other fields represented in the SRC that are not readily funded by existing mechanisms, but that can pose a significant impediment to research productivity and advancement.

To address this area of funding need, the SRC has created the Scholarship Opportunity Fund (SOF) supported by the Research Growth Fund. This aligns effectively with the goals of the SLU Research Institute and the Research Growth Fund by leveraging small investments for high-return gains, and helping SLU researchers in the humanities, social sciences, and beyond to sustain and complete their research projects.

Eligibility/Application process: All SLU faculty (full-time and part-time) in units represented by the SRC are eligible. Applications will be received through the Openwater portal. Directions for accessing Openwater and a preview of requested application materials appear below. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis as long as funds are available, and decisions returned within approximately one month. Awards must be spent within one year and a report submitted on completion.

Expenses: Maximum award is \$5000. Only proposals with matching funds from another internal SLU source or external source are eligible; however, there is no required match proportion as long as there is another funding source. Research costs imagined as the target of the SOF include, but are not limited to:

- subsidies for hosting high-impact conferences/scholarly societies' meetings
- publication subventions, reproduction rights and fees
- indexing and editing services
- research-related travel costs
- research-related supplies and minor equipment
- minor digital humanities/technology consulting and services

Evaluation: The SRC will create a subcommittee of faculty to review applications and make recommendations to the council, which will review them at its monthly meeting. Proposals will be evaluated on three criteria:

- Scholarly merit
- Feasibility
- Return on Investment

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Application Sample

Please submit applications through Openwater at MySLU > Tools > Openwater > Scholarship Opportunity Fund. (Log in to Openwater using your SLUNet ID. At initial login, users will be asked to set up a profile.)

Name:

Rank:

Dept.:

Project title:

Funding requested:

Please attach a single application document in .docx or .pdf format of no more than five pages, including:

- Project description, including timeline (2 pages)
- Short CV (2 pages)
- Budget and budget justification, including required matching funds sources and amounts (1 page)