



## **BEAUMONT SCHOLARSHIP RESEARCH AWARD PROGRAM**

**Deadline: January 15, 2021 5:00 P.M. CST**

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## SUMMARY OF KEY FEATURES

- The scope of eligible projects includes projects in arts, humanities, and social sciences
- Applications will be due January 15 in alignment with all other SLU internal project-based awards such as the President's Research Fund (PRF) and the Applied Health Research Grant (AHRG).
- Applicants will be notified of awards by March 15, allowing for appropriate planning for the performance period, including advance travel arrangements, as needed.
- Project-based eligibility: there is no restriction on the department, school, or college of appointment; any faculty member's project disciplinarily aligned with the units represented by the Scholarship Research Council (SRC) in the arts, humanities, and social sciences is eligible.
- The maximum award amount is \$10,000.
- To allow for maximum flexibility and sustained support of research projects, awards can start in the summer and last through the academic year, up to 13 months.
- The materials have been designed in length and type to correspond to the requirements for NEH Fellowships; the new format positions applicants to pursue competitive outside funding.
- Eligible expenses: a summer stipend or a one-course release, budgeted according to the norms for a faculty member's department, school, or college is an eligible expense. Research and conference travel, student workers - graduate and undergraduate, and appropriate materials and supplies are also eligible expenses. Other than a limit on the amount of an award that can be budgeted as a stipend or course release, which is consistent with other similar SLU programs, faculty have considerable latitude to budget for their project's needs.
- The SRC will conduct the reviews and use a flexible scoring system aligned with other project-based awards. Final funding decisions are made by faculty peers on the SRC.

## PURPOSE, GOALS, AND OBJECTIVES OF THE FUND

This grant program is intended to encourage faculty researchers working in the arts, humanities, and social sciences to further and complete scholarly research projects as well as to conceptualize and prepare for applications for external funding.

We encourage faculty to connect with their respective Associate Deans for Research, members of the [Scholarship Research Council](#) (SRC), or staff from the Office of the Vice President for Research for any specific questions about this funding opportunity.

## DEADLINE

**Applications must be received by January 15, 2021, at 5:00 P.M. CST, via the Openwater portal. Log in to [myslu.slu.edu](http://myslu.slu.edu) and click on the Openwater icon in the 'Tools' tab. Log-in with your current SLU email address (i.e., [first.last@slu.edu](mailto:first.last@slu.edu)) and your password. The first time you log in, you will be asked to set up your profile.**

## AWARD DETAILS

### Eligibility

Eligibility is based on the disciplinary content of the project, rather than the appointment of the scholar or researcher(s). Research projects in all disciplines represented by the SRC will be considered for funding, including the arts, humanities, and social sciences. Scholars must also meet the following criteria:

- Full-time SLU faculty members (Madrid faculty should consult with their program director)
- Individual or collaborative proposals are allowed
- One application per lead scholar is allowed for this opportunity

### Award Amounts

Up to \$10,000

Awards are based on a competitive review considering the merits of the specific activities proposed and relative ranking among other applications. The SRC can make modifications to proposals, including budgets as part of the review process.

### Performance Period

Applicants will be notified of awards by March 15. Support will be for the period from May 1, 2021, through May 31, 2022.

## APPLICATION FORMAT

Applications should be submitted via the Openwater portal. Log in to [myslu.slu.edu](http://myslu.slu.edu) and click on the Openwater icon in the 'Tools' tab. You can log in using your current SLU email address (i.e., [first.last@slu.edu](mailto:first.last@slu.edu)) and your password. The first time you log in, you will be asked to set up your profile.

- 1. APPLICATION ABSTRACT – 1 page**
- 2. NARRATIVE – 3 pages**

The narrative should provide an intellectual justification for your project, addressing these four areas: research and contribution; methods and work plan; competencies, skills, and access; and final product and dissemination.

### **3. BIBLIOGRAPHY – 1 page**

The bibliography should consist of primary and secondary sources that relate directly to the project. Include works that pertain to both the project's substance and its theoretical or methodological approaches.

### **3. CV OR RESUME – 2 pages (per person)**

Provide a current curriculum vita or resume for all key personnel that includes current and past positions, education, awards and honors, publications and presentations, other relevant professional activities, and accomplishments. Include your level of competence in any relevant foreign languages.

### **4. BUDGET AND JUSTIFICATION – 1 page**

Include a detailed, itemized budget. Provide a clear, narrative description of how funds in each category will be used.

**Eligible Expenses.** Expenses must be essential to the proposed project. A maximum of one course release or summer-only stipends can be budgeted up to a maximum of 50% of the award budget. The balance must be budgeted for research-related expenses – such as materials or supplies, graduate or student labor, and/or research related travel. Course releases should be budgeted according to the policies of the applicant's college or school and be accompanied by a letter of support for the release from the chair or dean, as appropriate. Conference travel is only eligible if the applicant is presenting research or has a major organizational role. Materials, supplies, and other expenses requested should directly relate to the proposed project.

#### **Ineligible Expenses.**

- Conference travel without presenting or organizing
- Student worker tuition or fees
- Non-research expenses

## **APPLICATION SUBMISSION**

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You will receive an email confirming receipt. Late applications will not be considered.

## INSTITUTIONAL COMPLIANCE

Projects including human subjects etc., must have appropriate approval(s), such as Institutional Review Board (IRB), prior to the start of the project.

## REVIEW PROCESS

Awards are based on a competitive review. Reviewers will consider the merits of the specific activities proposed, relative ranking among other applications, and availability of funds. Proposals must demonstrate exceptional merit and value for the field of study, the individual, the department, the college or school, and the research mission of the university.

Applications will undergo peer review by the Scholarship Research Council. Proposals will be scored ranging from 1 (exceptional) to 9 (poor), based on the following criteria.

1. The intellectual significance of the proposed project, including its value to scholars in its field, general audiences, or both.
2. The quality or promise of quality of the applicant's work.
3. The quality of the conception, definition, organization, and description of the project and the applicant's clarity of expression.
4. The feasibility and appropriateness of the proposed plan of work, including, when relevant, the soundness of the dissemination and access plans.
5. The likelihood that the applicant will complete the project (not necessarily during the period of performance).

Impact Score	Rating	Guidance on Strengths/Weaknesses
<b>High</b>		
1	Exceptional	Exceptionally strong, essentially no weaknesses
2	Outstanding	Extremely strong, negligible weaknesses
3	Excellent	Very strong, only some minor weaknesses
<b>Medium</b>		
4	Very Good	Strong but with numerous minor weaknesses
5	Good	Strong but with at least one moderate weakness
6	Satisfactory	Some strengths but also moderate weaknesses
<b>Low</b>		
7	Fair	Some strengths but at least one major weakness
8	Marginal	A few strengths and a few major weaknesses
9	Poor	Very few strengths, numerous major weaknesses

**Minor Weakness:** an easily addressable weakness that does not substantially lessen impact

**Moderate Weakness:** a weakness that lessens impact

**Major Weakness:** a weakness that severely limits impact

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AWARDS

The award will be administered with assistance from the Office of the Vice President for Research. Researchers should oversee and approve all expenditures according to the approved budget. Funds not used by the end of the award period funds will revert to the SRC for allocation for future projects.

A research report and a summary of expenditures must be submitted to the Scholarship Research Council by August 31, 2022. In addition, recipients of the support are required to complete very brief annual reports that document any external funding, publications, or presentations directly related to this support for three (3) years following the project end date.