



BEAUMONT SCHOLARSHIP RESEARCH AWARD PROGRAM

Deadline: January 17, 2023 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 17 in alignment with all other SLU internal project-based awards such as the President's Research Fund (PRF) and the Health Research Grant (HRG).
- 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 15 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.
- Expenses must be essential to the proposed project. Summer-only stipends and course release time (if necessary based on workload) can be budgeted up to a maximum of 50% of the award budget. Stipends will be subject to tax and fringe adjustments. The balance must be budgeted for research-related expenses—such as materials or supplies, graduate or student labor, and/or research related travel.
- 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 17, 2023, at 5:00 P.M. CST, via the Openwater portal. Log in to 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) 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, 2023, through July 31, 2024.**

APPLICATION FORMAT

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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. Summer-only stipends or a maximum of one course release can be budgeted up to a maximum of 50% of the award budget. Stipends will be subject to tax and fringe adjustments. Course release time can be budgeted only in cases where the faculty workload allocation does not provide for sufficient research time; this must be budgeted according to the policies of the applicant's college or school. Proposals that include budgeted release time from a course must be accompanied by a letter of support from the chair or dean, as appropriate. The balance must be budgeted for research-related expenses—such as materials or supplies, graduate or student labor, and/or research related travel. 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
High		
1	Exceptional	Exceptionally strong, essentially no weaknesses
2	Outstanding	Extremely strong, negligible weaknesses
3	Excellent	Very strong, only some minor weaknesses
Medium		
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
Low		
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 placed in a designated fund in the administrative PI's name within the Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR). PIs are required to oversee and approve all expenditures according to the approved budget. No-cost extensions are not allowed under this funding opportunity and remaining funds will be retained by the committee for allocation for future projects.

At the end of performance (July 31, 2024), PIs must submit a report to the research council and OVPR detailing progress and research products related to the received funding. In addition, recipients are required to complete brief annual reports to the research council and OVPR that document any external funding, publications, or presentations directly related to the support received from this award for three (3) years following the project end date.