

END OF FUNDING PERIOD REPORT
LAUC Statewide Grants, Research & Professional Development Committee

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TITLE OF PROJECT:

Time Period of Grant: January 9, 2017 to October 31, 2017

Amount of Award Received: \$3500

Original Abstract as Submitted:

The UCLA Library's Core DResSUP team (Borovsky, Broadwell, Childress, Horning, and Rutkowski) proposes to teach a continuing education program for librarians that gradually integrates them into a program we developed for UCLA graduate students. DResSUP stands for Digital Research StartUp Partnerships. Our proposal is designed to prepare librarians as active partners in the digital research process by introducing them to tools and methods that are increasingly important to advanced research. Our proposal builds capacity in the library for supporting digital research in a way that is sustainable over the long term. We envision that librarians we train will become members of our dynamic, cross-unit team, working with us to support digital research. The training program will take a project-based approach, building skills while working on a digital research project related to the LA Times Photographic Archive. The research for this proposal tests whether this approach is an effective way for librarians to develop the skills that allow them to effectively engage with digital researchers. In addition, librarian partners will assist with teaching workshops, thus gaining pedagogical skills they can immediately put to use in their work. Finally, these librarians will be working on a team-based digital research project that they can publish online and present to their colleagues. Based on the assessments that we will conduct as part of this proposal, we plan to submit an IMLS grant proposal to further expand the project to more graduate students as well as librarians.

I. ACCOMPLISHMENTS and EVALUATION

- Describe what was achieved during the time period of the grant.

We have recruited 8 library staff to participate in DResSUP4Lib; we received IRB exemption for our study, created an online survey and have data for all participants. We launched the program last week, have hired 2 graduate student assistants, and have workshops planned through the Spring Quarter.

- What aspects were completed as proposed? If your study could not be completed as proposed, explain how your plans were altered.

We started DResSUP4Lib later than we had proposed in order to accommodate more participants in the training program. We planned for 3 and received 8 applications. We completed our IRB exemption certification. We had four applicants who could only participate during the Spring, and four who could continue through the Summer, so we decided it would make for a good

comparison of the length and type of training/continuing education needed for librarians and library staff to actively participate in research support.

- Did the project accomplish what it intended? Did it make a difference?
 - Include any relevant quantitative data, if applicable (e.g. How many individuals have benefited from this project? In what way? This may include various output measures such as circulation, reference transactions, program attendance, survey responses, etc. as appropriate.)
 - Include any anecdotes, if applicable.

We presented the project and our plans to the Academic Senate Committee for Faculty Grants and received an additional \$30,000 for the program from the Vice Chancellor for Research. We believe that the commitment from LAUC has made a difference. We also presented the project to the Data-Librarians conference at UC Santa Barbara and received very positive and enthusiastic feedback.

- What would you do differently next time, if anything?
- What advice do you have for others applying for LAUC research grants?

We will put a copy of our IRB exemption application on our Confluence site (UCLA Library-wide wiki). I think you would get more applications for research grants if the IRB process were made more transparent for librarians. The significant things we said were: "This study is mainly about improving library services." I think a few examples of library studies that were considered exempt and how specific questions were addressed would be incredibly helpful. I do not know how widely IRB applications can be shared, but if LAUC could provide applicants with a few examples, it would, I think, be helpful.

II. IS YOUR PROJECT COMPLETED? Yes__ No_X

If No, what is needed to complete the project? Is more time needed? Or more funds?

With funding from Academic Senate, we will launch continue the training during the summer and repeat our program for graduate students. Our plans for next year are to launch a research assistant training program for graduate students during the academic year – taught by library staff we are currently training. Whether we can launch that program as planned will be the real test of the efficacy of the training.

III. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Please explain how the funds received were spent. Attach your original budget and indicate how well your estimates matched with actual expenditures. Receipts are not necessary.

We asked for \$5k to hire graduate student assistants. Since we received \$3500, we hired 2 graduate student assistants for 10 weeks this Spring. Each will work ~10 hrs per week and are paid \$17.07/hour. I will attach a spreadsheet for graduate student salaries. All else is cost share from UCLA.

Item	Calculation	Total amount	LAUC portion	UCLA portion
1 graduate student assistant II, 20 hrs. per week, 2 quarters: Winter and Spring.	20 hours x 20 weeks at \$17.07 per hour	\$6,828	\$5,000	\$1,828
Benefits for grad student assistant (2 quarters)	5% of \$6,828	\$342		\$342
3-15" MacBook Pro w/1TB SSD and warranty	3 x \$3,260	\$9,780		\$9,780
Software: Adobe Creative Cloud (\$140 per year), Parallel Desktop (\$45 per year to run Windows)	3 x \$185	\$555		\$555
Totals		\$17,505	\$5,000	\$12,505

IV. SHARING YOUR PRODUCT/RESULTS

What are your plans for disseminating the results of your work? If it will be a web page or product, or published article or book, when will it be available to the public? Include citations/URLs if known.

The Open Science Framework site for the course is located here. <https://osf.io/mpe9b/#> This should, I believe, help document our process and the program itself. After the study is completed (Fall 2017), we will present our findings and publish results.

V. NOTE

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