

March 26, 2019

LAUC Research & Professional Development Committee  
Librarians Association of the University of California

TO: Roger Smith, LAUC President

FROM: Heather Smedberg, Chair, LAUC Research and Professional Development Committee

RE: Mid-Year Report for 2018-2019 LAUC Research and Professional Development Committee

### **General Charge**

For 2018-2019, the Committee is charged with fulfilling its standing charge, Article VIII. Section 1.e.2:

1. Solicit and review research proposals submitted to the Universitywide Research Grants for Librarians Program by LAUC members and recommending funding of proposals to the Office of the President.
2. Develop, monitor, and revise, as needed, procedures for carrying out the review of research proposals.
3. Develop guidelines for application to the Universitywide Research Grants for Librarians Program and recommend revisions as needed.
4. Advise the President and the Executive Board on issues related to research and professional development for librarians and address other subjects at the request of the President.

### **Specific Charges for 2018-19**

1. Following the fall and winter/spring calls for proposals, review the effectiveness and usability of the newly-formatted grant guidelines and PDF forms.
2. Make recommendations for changes or other updates to the LAUC Executive Board. Continue to monitor its experience with the three different grant types, report any issues, concerns or problems, and recommend possible solutions.
3. Collect and post outstanding End of Funding reports from 2017 and 2018 grant recipients and post to the LAUC website.
4. Explore the possibility of an online submission form, making available sample proposals to the membership.

### **Committee Membership**

Heather Smedberg, Chair, UC San Diego

Anna Sackmann (fall) and Celia Emmelhainz (spring), Berkeley

Jennifer Harbster, Davis

Joshua Hutchinson, Irvine

Rachel Green, Los Angeles

Elizabeth Salmon, Merced

Dani Cook, Riverside

Penny Coppernoll-Blach, San Diego

Evans (Whit) Whitaker, San Francisco

Alex Regan, Santa Barbara

Katharin Peter, Santa Cruz

**Discussion on General Charge:**

This was a highly competitive year for LAUC Statewide Grants and the committee commends our colleagues on the variety of compelling research work that either is underway, has been proposed, or will be presented on this year. The total funding allocations remained unchanged again for the 2018-19 FY with \$24,300 available for represented librarians and \$8,100 for non-represented librarians. Applications from represented librarians well outpaced those of non-represented librarians in both the first and second calls, and the requests from represented librarians were well beyond the available funding, and so the committee had to be selective in distributing funds.

For the first call, the committee received 8 research grant applications, 1 mini-grant application, and 14 presentation grants. Of these the committee funded 3 research grants and partially funded all presentation grants, while leaving some funding for a second call.

Total funding given out for first call of 2018-19

	Research Grants	Presentation Grants
Represented	\$13,579	\$6,000
Non-Represented	\$0	\$1,200

The committee has completed our review of applications submitted during the second call, but have been working with Roger to see whether we can apply some funding from other sources to this fund, so that we might be able to support more applicants than the funding currently supports. We will have our final award announcements after Assembly, but by way of preview:

- The committee has \$4,721 in remaining funds for represented librarians, and \$6,900 for non-represented librarians to apply to the spring applications.
- The committee received 1 mini-grant application and 32 presentation grant requests, totalling \$16,512 from represented librarians, and \$2,400 from non-represented librarians.

**Discussion on Specific Charges for 2018-2019**

The recently updated guidelines pages on the LAUC website were acknowledged to be a great improvement, but we learned that confusion still exists, and so we will look for ways to further clarify the presentation of procedural and guidelines information on the website. We were not passed along any PDF forms for review from last year's committee, and so this part of our charge is unclear, however we will develop an online submission form that builds on the success of some division PDF application forms. The committee plans to share a draft of this work with the Executive Board for review this summer. Following the Assembly I will collect outstanding End of Funding reports from 2017 and 2018 grant recipients and work with the Webmasters to post to the LAUC website. With CPG drafting a position paper that will point to the grant awards table, I am motivated to update this area of the website prior to the position paper going live.

**Attachments: Fall Award Summary Report**

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Smedberg

Chair, LAUC Research and Professional Development Committee, 2018-19

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