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To the members of the LAUC Professional Development Committee:

Please consider my application for a LAUC Presentation Grant as described below.

**A. Summary and current status of the research project/activity**

Along with my UCI colleagues Kristine Ferry and Holly Tomren, I have been researching the implications of offering electronic resources on mobile devices. The issues we have identified thus far are in the fields of collections, acquisitions, licensing, cataloging, user behavior, web design, library services and IT support. We presented our initial findings in a program entitled "Electronic Resources To Go" at the Electronic Resources & Libraries (ER&L) Conference in February 2009 at UCLA, and have now been asked to present at several other venues, including the MLGSCA Technology Symposium in March 2009. We have submitted a proposal to present our research at LITA National Forum: Open and Mobile, which will be held in Salt Lake City, UT in October 2009.

**B. Description of and timetable for the activities to be funded by the Mini-Grant or Presentation Grant. If release time is required, please provide a simple signed memo or email from your department head or supervisor.**

The activities to be funded by the mini-grant would include travel (airfare and hotel) to Salt Lake City, UT to present "Electronic Resources To Go" at the 2009 LITA National Forum: Open and Mobile, October 1-4, 2009.

Permission for release time attached.

**C. Summary of the budget**

Hotel, 2 nights (estimated)	\$300
Airfare, SNA/SLC (estimated)	\$200
Total	\$500

Amount of funding requested            \$500

**D. Indicate whether the applicant is a member of the bargaining unit represented by the UC-AFT or a non-represented librarian.**

Member of the bargaining unit (represented librarian)

**E. Abstract of the paper or poster accepted for presentation**

Students and faculty are always on the go. Our collections and services need to be available to them when and where they need them. The presenters will address the special challenges involved in providing library content and services to mobile users in this big picture presentation. The topics will range from offering an entire library experience to your mobile users to potential best practices for cataloging electronic resources specific to mobile devices. Other topics include IT issues, collection development trends, licensing issues and gathering usage statistics. We will discuss some discovery tools available, such as mobile-friendly OPACs, union catalogs, library web pages and subject guides. We will also broach the impacts of these issues, and consider ways in which the library can best position itself for the mobile revolution.

**F. Name and sponsoring organization (if applicable) of the conference**

Library and Information Technology Association (LITA)

**G. Description(s) of any funds that have been requested from other sources**

No other funding has been requested at this time.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Release-Time Authorization email (also reprinted as Appendix)

Appendix: Release-Time Authorization Email  
From Department Head Keith Powell

**Subject:** Re: LAUC Presentation Grant app  
**From:** Keith Powell  
**Date:** Mon, 16 Mar 2009 13:14:12 -0700  
**To:** Lisa Sibert

Yes.

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On 3/16/2009 12:47 PM, Lisa Sibert wrote:  
Hi Keith,

I am applying for the LAUC Presentation Grant to help with travel expenses for LITA National Forum in October. Holly, Kristine and I have submitted a program proposal to present our research on electronic resources on mobile devices.

If our program gets accepted, will you approve release time for me to travel to LITA National Forum in Salt Lake City, October 1-4, 2009? Your approval for my release time is necessary to complete my application with LAUC.

Thank you,

Lisa

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I am eternally grateful.. for my knack of finding in great books, some of them very funny books, reason enough to feel honored to be alive, no matter what else might be going on.

Kurt Vonnegut