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Dear LAUC Research and Professional Development Committee,

I would like to apply for a presentation grant to fund my travel and registration costs for a research paper that I will be presenting at the Medical Library Association Annual Meeting this May in Honolulu, HI. The paper abstract has been accepted. Please see details below:

ABSTRACT

**Librarian and Faculty Collaboration to Integrate an Information Retrieval and Management Curriculum for Medical Students**

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***Objective***

Faculty and academic librarians collaborated to develop and implement a new curriculum to teach and promote information retrieval and management (IRAM) skills to first year medical students in a problem-based learning (PBL) setting. We expected to see an increase in the students' use of reliable resources, quality of citation formats, and depth of research write-ups of their PBL case studies

***Methods***

In 2006-2007, we implemented an IRAM skills workshop and librarian visits to PBL small group discussion sessions. Librarians taught students IRAM skills in a hands-on workshop in the library computer classroom timed to coincide with the first PBL case. Librarians visited the PBL small groups for the second and third PBL cases to provide feedback to students and suggested resources and strategies. Librarians introduced IRAM skills to PBL faculty. In 2007-2008, we continued only the skills workshop. Using a scoring rubric that we developed, we assessed the outcome of student application of IRAM skills to PBL learning issues (LI) research questions, across three years: control year, year with workshop only, and year with workshop plus librarian visits. Students completed evaluations of the librarian visits. We compared the quality of students' citations and their research write-ups.

Budget summary

\$295 registration  
\$330 airfare

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Total: \$625 - \$295 individual funds available = **\$330 Presentation mini grant request**

I am a member of the bargaining unit represented by UC-AFT.

I greatly appreciate the committee's efforts to fund these grants. I am looking forward to sharing the results of my research to my fellow medical librarians. I believe that we can implement great changes at our institutions by what we learn from our colleagues at conferences such as the MLA Annual Meeting.

Thank you very much for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

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