FACL Legacy Endowment Grant Application

The Legacy Endowment was established by the FACL Board of Directors to further the mission of FACL, specifically in the areas of scholarship, research, professional development, and conference attendance. The purpose of this form is for ACL members to apply for funding to assist in one of these areas.

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I am applying for funds in the following area: (See website for specific examples) *

- Scholarship / Education: These funds would be used to assist current MLIS students in the pursuit of their degree.
- Research: If you are conducting research to implement a new program or service in your library, or conducting research for an article, this would be the option to use.
- Professional Development: This option would be used for training or other prof. dev. outside of attending a conference. For example a multi-week training course or certification.
- Conference Attendance (outside of ACL Conference): If you desire to attend a library conference and need additional funding, use this option.

Amount Requested *
$439
I recently accepted a new position and I would benefit from attending the ACRL conference in Seattle, WA in April 2021. The theme of the conference is “Ascending into an Open Future”. The conference will be exploring innovative ways to support students and faculty. In my new role as User Services Librarian, this conference would be a great benefit and I am not sure if my institution will be able to support the costs of conferences during the 2020-21 academic year.

The funds would be spent immediately as registration is already open for the ACRL 2021 conference. The benefit to ACL would stretch into 2022 if I am able to present at a future conference.

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Background and Description:
Prior to my new position, I worked in the Technical Services division of a small Bible College library as the electronic resource librarian. I was also responsible for some of the copy cataloging for our library. When the Coronavirus outbreak occurred, I ended up being furloughed. The furlough was supposed to be temporary, but the small school that I was at ending up closing. I was so fortunate to secure a new role at a larger, liberal arts university that was within driving distance from my home. I did not have to re-locate, which was very fortunate. However, my new role as User Services librarian is not something that I am as familiar with and I would love to be able to attend the ACRL Conference to get ideas and network with other librarians in a similar role.

After attending the conference in April, I am hoping to come up with innovative solutions that will work for our library and spend time during the summer of 2021 implementing those solutions. I will then be able to use fall 2021 as a time for working with the students and faculty to further refine the ideas that I have been able to implement. At that time, the ACL call for proposals will go out for the 2022 conference. While my grant proposal is requesting the funds for conference registration for ACRL, I do hope to be able to put together a presentation for the 2022 ACL conference.

Right now, our institution is unable to say for sure whether we will have professional development funds to spend. I am planning to cover my own travel expenses to the conference in Seattle, and have secured a roommate to assist with housing costs. I would be forever grateful if ACL were to fund this conference, not only for my benefit but for the benefit of ACL attendees at a future conference as well.