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 *
$175
My job description has changed and I will now be creating online information literacy tutorials for our library. Not having created many tutorials previously, I am interested in learning more about how to create effective tutorials. The four-week course Creating Effective Online Tutorials available through ALA will help me to develop the skills I need.

This specific ALA course on Creating Effective Online Tutorials is offered at least once a year. I plan to register for the class as soon as it is next offered which should be in spring or summer of 2021. After taking the course, I will begin creating tutorials for our library over the summer so that they would be in place for the Fall 2021 semester. I hope to then assess the tutorials and utilize that information as part of a workshop or poster session proposal for the 2022 ACL conference.
ACL Legacy Endowment Application Details
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Background and Description:
Until recently our library employed three professional librarians. Our website and online tutorials were created by another librarian. That individual has recently left for a new position and our institution has decided not to fill the vacancy. The responsibility of creating our online tutorials has now been assigned to me. While our institution is providing access to the software they wish to be used for creating tutorials, I have not had training in how to use the software or in how to create online tutorials.

In looking for training and resources on how to create online tutorials, I have found free training on how to use the provided software. However, I have not been able to locate free training on how to create effective online tutorials. Having watched tutorials from numerous other libraries, I have observed numerous aspects that I like or dislike about various tutorials but those likes and dislikes are based on my personal preferences. In order to create effective tutorials, I would find it useful to obtain professional development that is specific to creating tutorials to be used in a library environment. A librarian whose videos I found useful recommended the course Creating Effective Online Tutorials and indicated it was quite useful when updating videos for their library.

The course Creating Effective Online Tutorials is a four-week online course that costs $175. My institution provides limited professional development funds. My institution also feels that access to and training on how to use the software is sufficient training for my new responsibility. In order to take this course, I need to either pay out of pocket or obtain outside funding. Receiving a grant from ACL would allow me to take this course. If I am awarded this grant, I would look forward to sharing videos I create with other ACL libraries for their use and share the knowledge I gain through this course.