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) *
O 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.
O Conference Attendance (outside of ACL Conference): If you desire to attend a library conference and need additional funding, use this option.
Amount Requested *
\$439

What percentage of the overall budget would your requested amount cover? *

For example, a conference that costs \$1,000 to attend and the grant request is \$500, this is 50% of the budget.

100%

Summary *

The summary should be about one paragraph in length and include a brief description of the use of the funds.

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.

Background and Description *

The background and description should be 1-3 pages in length, and provide the reader with an explanation of the problem that has created the need for the grant request. It should provide evidence that a problem exists as well as that the proposed project will contribute to a solution to the problem or will reduce the harmful impact of the problem. The description should give the reader a detailed description of the program that will be funded by the requested grant. This description should explain the duration of time during which the funds will be used, the goals, how the goals will be achieved, how success or failure will be measured, what services you promise to deliver to what population and what results you expect to bring about. The length of answers may vary depending on the size and scope. It is important that the reader who finishes this section know why your program should be funded over others.

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Timeline *

Using your Project Description, provide the reader with a timeline that shows the chronological order in which the activities listed will be undertaken and/or completed. Also include information about how/when funds that are awarded will be spent to support each activity.

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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ACL Legacy Endowment Application Details

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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.