

# 2023-2024 Library Student Research Grant Award

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**Objective:** To provide seniors an opportunity to experience a taste of graduate school or professional-level research using both Murray Library's print and digital collections as well as other relevant research materials for their chosen topic located at other institutions or organizations.

**Eligibility:** Messiah University senior students working on senior honors projects or senior capstone projects.

**Amount:** \$1,000

**Deadline:** Friday April 05, 2024

**Application:** Please submit two typed pages with the following information to: Tracy Sheaffer at [tsheaffer@messiah.edu](mailto:tsheaffer@messiah.edu)

## **On page 1**

- Name
- Graduation Year
- Campus mailing address and phone number
- Major
- Grade-point average
- Working title for your proposed research project
- 50-100 word description of the relationship of the proposed project to your academic studies at Messiah University
- Name of a Messiah University faculty reference with whom you have discussed your research plans and who can knowledgeably assess your proposed project and attest to your writing abilities and library research skills in this field of study

## **On page 2**

A statement of 200-300 words addressing the following questions:

- What is the overall scope, framework, and objective of your research project?
- Based on discussions with your advisor and a librarian, what kinds of library resources does your project require?

- What other institution or organization has additional research material relevant for your research topic that you and your advisor are aware of?
- What final form do you expect your project will take?

**Evaluation:** Applications will be evaluated by a panel of judges including the Chair of Friends of Murray Library, the Director of the Honors Program, a member of the Friends Board, and members of the Messiah University faculty.

**Final Project:** The awardee will present her/his research project overview and research process at the annual Friends dinner in the fall of 2024 or alternative venue as appropriate. The final research project will be cataloged and archived in the Murray Library collection as well as included as a student scholarly work in MOSAIC (Messiah's Open Scholarship and Intellectual Creativity).

**Award Announced:** Award to be announced April 22, 2024.

**Note:** This grant is competitive. Friends reserves the right not to select any of the applicants.