

15th Annual Library Research Grant Awards

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Friends of Murray Library is deeply interested in the research of student scholars. Therefore, those who are awarded grants will be expected to create a poster to display at *Friends* annual dinner meeting in September of the next academic year.

Objective: To support academic research at other libraries by Messiah students during the summer and/or during the upcoming year

Eligibility: Messiah College seniors, juniors, sophomores, and first-year students

Amount: Up to \$750 per grantee, to a total of \$1,500

Deadline: Wednesday, 19 October 2016

Application: Please submit two typed pages with the following information to:
Cherie Fieser at Murray Library, Box 3002.

On page 1

- Name
- Year in college
- Campus mailing address and phone number
- Major
- Grade-point average
- Working title for your proposed research project
- *Brief* description of the relationship of the proposed project to your academic studies at Messiah College
- Name of a Messiah College 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
- Name and city of the library (or libraries) you wish to visit
- Proposed dates for your research at the libraries you wish to visit
- Proposed budget of anticipated expenses (transportation costs, library use fees, photocopying charges, lodging, food, etc.). Be as specific as possible. Note expenses you plan to cover yourself and those for which you are seeking support from *Friends*.

On page 2 A short essay (one page maximum) addressing the following questions:

- Briefly, what are the overall scope, framework, and objectives of your research project?
- What kinds of library resources does your project require?
- Why do you need to visit a library beyond campus to find these resources rather than rely entirely on what is available through Murray Library?
- Describe what contact you have had with librarians, archivists, or curators at the institutions where your chosen resources are located.
- What specific materials will you be examining, and why are they of such interest to you?
- What have you learned about their availability and accessibility?
- How, exactly, are these resources connected to your overall research project, and what relevance do they have to it?
- What kinds of interpretations do you imagine you will make of the resources you will read or view?
- What final form do you expect your project will take?

Evaluation: Applications will be evaluated by a panel of judges chosen by the *Friends* Board of Directors. Final projects will be catalogued and archived in Murray Library.

Awards Announced: Awards to be announced [Wednesday, 9 November 2016](#).

Note: These grants are competitive. *Friends* reserves the right not to select any of the applicants.

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