

Women and Leadership Archives Summer Research Grants 2016

The purpose of the Summer Research Grant is to support and encourage scholarly research on women and their contribution to society by utilizing the holdings of the Women and Leadership Archives. Two \$1,500 grants are available each year and are made possible by the Ann Ida Gannon, BVM, Center for Women and Leadership.

Please refer to this document for information about applying for a Summer Research Grant as well as answers to frequently asked questions.

What is the Amount of the Award?

Two research grants of \$1,500 each will be awarded.

Who Should Apply?

Summer research grants are open to scholars, in any discipline, whose research would be enhanced by utilizing the collections available at the Women and Leadership Archives. Individuals affiliated with Loyola University Chicago, as well as those affiliated with other institutions, are all encouraged to apply. One grant is designated for a graduate student (Master's or PhD candidate) and one to a faculty member.

What is the Application Deadline?

The deadline for the summer 2016 grant cycle is March 21, 2016. All applicants will be notified by April 11.

What is the Application Procedure?

1. Submit 1 copy of the following by March 21, 2016:

- Letter of Application (1 page)
- Current CV
- Research proposal explaining the project, including description of collections at the WLA to be used, and the project's connection to scholarly research on women and their contribution to society (3-5 pages).
- Graduate student applicants include one letter of recommendation from a person who can speak to the merits of the proposal as well as the abilities of the student. Letters of recommendation must be mailed or e-mailed by the recommender to the WLA Director (see below) by March 21, 2016.
- Applications (excluding letters of recommendation) may be submitted by mail or through e-mail, Word doc or PDF, to: Nancy Freeman, Director, Women and Leadership Archives, Loyola University Chicago, Piper Hall, 1032 W. Sheridan Rd, Chicago, IL 60660. Email: wlarchives@luc.edu

2. After the initial March 21 deadline, each applicant will have an interview with the WLA Director, preferably in person. If the applicant does not live in the Chicagoland area, the applicant will interview via Skype. Once the application is received, the WLA Director contacts the applicant to arrange an interview.

3. After each applicant is interviewed by the WLA Director, Gannon Center staff and the WLA Director review applications.

4. All grant applicants will be notified by April 11.

What are the Criteria for Successful Research Grants?

- Appropriateness of the proposed research to the Women and Leadership Archives collections, general interest, and significance of the project.
- Scholarly qualifications including demonstrated writing and research skills.
- Graduate student (Master's or PhD candidate) or faculty member in any discipline.
- Potential use of research conducted at the WLA for publication in major paper, thesis, dissertation, article or book.
- Interview either in person or via Skype with WLA Director.

What are the Requirements for Grant Awardees?

- All summer research grant recipients are expected to use the collections during the grant period of June 1st through August 15th.
- Half the grant, \$750, is given to recipients after two visits to the WLA, with visits taking place prior to July 1, 2016.
- The remaining amount of the grant, \$750, is given when all research visits completed. WLA Director determines how many visits constitute completed research.
- WLA Director may grant exceptions to the funding requirements, under special circumstances.
- Within a year of completion, the recipient is required to present their research in some form at Loyola University Chicago. The format may be a presentation or web feature that will be developed with assistance from WLA staff. The WLA

Director works with the recipients regarding the most appropriate way to fulfill the expectation of presenting research.

- A courtesy copy of any publication resulting from research conducted with this grant must be presented to the Women and Leadership Archives within six (6) months of publication.
- Any and all work products acknowledges in writing the WLA's grant support.

For Further Information and Questions Contact:

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