

Children's Literature Assembly Research Award

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Description

The Children's Literature Assembly Research Award provides grants of \$1,000 for original research addressing significant questions related to the field of children's literature. Contingent upon available funds, as many as two grants may be awarded. Projects may be carried out using any research method or approach so long as the focus of the project is related to the field of children's literature.

Guidelines

Applicants must be current members of the Children's Literature Assembly. Members of the CLA Endowment Fund Committee are not eligible to apply for funds. Successful applicants may reapply every three years.

Applications for funding must be submitted to the Chair of the Endowment Fund Committee by June 1 of each year for review by the Endowment Committee members. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of the review by September 1; the winner will be announced at NCTE in November.

Applications for the award should be submitted via email by June 1 to Patricia Scharer at scharer.1@osu.edu.

Projects must be completed within two years. Grant recipients must submit a progress report by September 1 following receipt of the grant and a summary of the completed project by the following September. Adjustments in report deadlines may be made at the discretion of the Chair of the Endowment Fund Committee.

CLA's *Journal of Children's Literature* will be honored to review manuscripts based on funded research.

How to Apply:

DO NOT include the applicant's name, institutional affiliation, or any other personal information that will identify as the applicant on any part of the Proposal other than the Cover Page. The grant competitions will be conducted as a blind review.

Proposal Data

- **Cover Page(s) (see below--complete one for each investigator)**
- **Title of project**
- **Research Description.** The description of the proposed research should be as specific as possible (2,000 words maximum, not including references and budget).
 - Research Question - Identify the research question or problem being studied.
 - Rationale - Provide a rationale for the study. Relate the research question to the relevant, supporting research literature or to some existing database. Discuss how previous research findings or assumptions suggest that your study is significant.
 - Methodology - Describe the subjects, materials, and procedures. Consider the following:
 - Sample Methods - procedures and description
 - Data Collection
 - Instrumentation
 - Procedures – materials; and detailed timeline and work plan
 - Data Analysis - framework and procedures
 - Impact - Discuss the potential impact of your work on research and practice.
 - **References.** Please provide complete bibliographic information for all sources cited in the proposal. Use APA format. To accommodate the blind review process, if the submitter's own publications are cited in such a way as to give away his/her identity, then the submitter should substitute the word "Author" in the citations e.g., Author, 2003.
 - **Budget and Justification.** (Institutional overhead or indirect costs will not be covered under this research award).

BUDGET PAGE

Allowable Expenses: travel, materials and supplies, research assistance, duplicating, software, etc.

Non -allowable Expenses: institutional overhead, compensation for researcher

Please Provide a Brief Justification for Each Item

Budget

A. Personnel \$ _____
Justification –

B. Materials and supplies \$ _____
Justification –

C. Software and equipment \$ _____
Justification –

D. Travel \$ _____
Justification –

E. Other \$ _____
Justification –

Total Request from CLA \$ _____

Review Procedures and Evaluation Criteria

Applications are reviewed by members of the Endowment Fund Committee of the Children’s Literature Assembly. The chairperson assigns each proposal for three blind reviews. Recommendations for funding are given to the Board of the Children’s Literature Assembly for final approval. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of the review by September 1; the winner will be announced at NCTE in November.

Proposals will be judged on the following criteria:

Criteria Weight

- a. Significance of Research Question.....4
- b. Rationale for the Research.....4
- c. Adequacy of Methods and Data Treatment.....5
- d. Significance of Project Impact.....2
- e. Clarity and Specificity.....5

Criteria will be ranked from 1 (low) to 5 (high), and then multiplied by the corresponding weights listed above for a possible total point value of 100.

Budget Review

Acceptable Unacceptable

Cover Page

Cover page. All applicants include a complete cover page. If co-applicants are applying, each applicant must submit a completed cover page.

First and last name _____

Mailing address: _____

Preferred phone number: _____

E-mail address: _____

Institutional affiliation: _____

Position/title: _____

Please check to certify: I am a current member of CLA.

Proposed support start date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

Proposed support end date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____