

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 yearly. Projects may be conducted using any research method or approach, providing the focus of the project is related to advancing the field of children's literature.

General Guidelines

All applicants must be current members of the [Children's Literature Assembly \(CLA\)](#). Members of the CLA Endowment Fund Committee are not eligible to apply for funds. Successful applicants may reapply every three years.

All research award applications must be typed and submitted as one complete Word document file. That file should be entitled [CLAResearchAward_2012_applicant'sLASTnameFIRSTinitial]. For example, if Pat Scharer were submitting an application, she would entitle the file CLAResearchAward_2012_ScharerP. If there are co-applicants for one research proposal, only include one of the applicant's names. Please use the templates provided on pp. 3-5 of this document.

Please submit all complete applications to Patricia Scharer [scharer1@osu.edu], Chair of the Endowment Fund Committee, by midnight, EST, June 1, 2012. Incomplete applications, applications that do not adhere to the format requested, and/or applications submitted after June 1 will not be considered.

Projects must be completed within two years. Grant recipients must submit a progress report to the CLA Research Award Chair, Jennifer Graff (jgraff@uga.edu), by September 1, 2012, following receipt of the grant, as well as a summary of the completed project by the following September (September, 2013) 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 the funded research.

Please contact the CLA Research Award Chair, Jennifer Graff (jgraff@uga.edu) if you have any questions regarding this award and/or the application process.

HOW TO APPLY

Do not include the applicant's name, institutional affiliation, or any other personal information that will identify the applicant on any part of the proposal other than the Cover Page.

Proposal Documents to Submit

1. **Cover Page(s)**: Please complete one page for each investigator. See p. 3 of this document for the Cover Page Template.
2. **Research Project Title and Description**: This is the title and description of the proposed research. Please be as specific as possible; however, proposals longer than 2,000 words (excluding references and appendices) will **not** be considered. See p. 4 for more details.
3. **Budget Page**: See p. 5 for the Budget Page Template. Please note that Institutional overhead or indirect costs will not be covered under this research award.

Please submit these documents on separate pages, but as a single Word document file. Remember, applicants must submit their complete application to Patricia Scharer (scharer.1@osu.edu) by midnight EST, June 1. Incomplete applications, applications that do not adhere to the format requested, and/or applications submitted after June 1 will not be considered.

Review Procedures and Evaluation Criteria

All applications are blind-reviewed by children's literature scholars who serve on either the Endowment Fund Committee or the Children's Literature Assembly Board. Each application will be blind-reviewed by three scholars.

Each reviewer will evaluate the research proposal by considering its theoretical and/or methodological strengths, its specificity, and its clarity in each target areas (see p.4: *perceived importance, research questions, methodology, and likely influence*). All applicants will be notified of the outcome by September 1, 2012; the winner will be publically announced at the NCTE Conference held in November.

Cover Page Template

All applicants include a complete cover page. If co-applicants are applying, each applicant must submit a completed cover page. Thus, if you have three applicants for the same research proposal, you will have three separate cover pages.

First and last name:

Complete mailing address:

Preferred phone number:

E-mail address:

Institutional affiliation:

Position/title:

Please complete the following information.

Current CLA Membership

___ YES Expiration of my Membership (mm/dd/yyyy):

___ NO Submitted my membership application on (mm/dd/yyyy):

Research Timeframe

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

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

Research Project Title and Description

Please be sure to include the title of your research at the top of this part of your application. When writing your research proposal narrative, respond to the four questions listed below.

1. *What is the perceived importance of this study?*
Using theoretical or empirical research, discuss why this study is needed.
2. *What questions will guide this research?*
Explicitly state your research questions. Include these questions at the end of your discussion of perceived importance if appropriate.
3. *How will this study be conducted?*
Describe your research methodology in as much detail as possible. What theories are guiding this research? Where will this research occur? Who will participate and why? What data will be collected? How will it be both collected and analyzed? Feel free to use subheadings such as "Research site," "Participants," "Data Sources and Procedures," "Data Analysis Methods," if desired. Also include a detailed timeline or action plan if it will help reviewers understand your research proposal.
4. *What is the likely influence of this study on the field of children's literature?*
Discuss the potential contribution of your research findings to the field of children's literature.

Also include a **reference page** at the end of this section. Provide complete bibliographic information (APA 6th Ed.) for all sources cited. To accommodate the blind review process, if applicants' publications are cited in an identifiable way, then applicants should substitute the word "Author" in the citations (Author, 2003) and references [Author. (2003)].

BUDGET PAGE

Please provide a brief justification for each of the items listed below. .

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

Non-allowable Expenses: institutional overhead, compensation for researcher

A. Personnel

\$

Justification:

B. Materials & Supplies

\$

Justification:

C. Software & Equipment

\$

Justification:

D. Travel

\$

Justification:

E. Other

\$

Justification:

Total Budget Request

\$