
This report provides an overview of research activity within the College and the support provided by the Liberal Arts Grants Services Office between January 1 and December 31, 2016.

GRANT EXPENDITURES AND INDIRECT COSTS

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GRANT PROPOSAL OVERVIEW

In 2016, the Liberal Arts Grants Services Office reviewed and submitted 100 proposals working with faculty, staff, and graduate students, which resulted in a 51% success rate.¹

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<td>Faculty &amp; Staff</td>
<td>81</td>
<td>39</td>
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<td>Graduate Students</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>9 (47%)</td>
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<td>100</td>
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GRANT PROPOSALS BY SPONSOR

In 2016, the Liberal Arts Grants Services Office assisted faculty and students with grant proposal submissions to a variety of organizations. The majority of proposal submissions went to federal agencies including the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).²

1 This figure does not represent all grant proposals and submissions within the College, as it excludes applications facilitated by grants and contracts specialists in some of the College’s units. Units submitting independently include the Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies (LLILAS), the Department of Middle Eastern Studies, The Center for Perceptual Systems, the Population Research Center (PRC), the Department of Psychology, and the Institute for Urban Policy Research & Analysis.

2 Additionally, several College units (noted on p. 1) submitted nearly 25 grant proposals to the National Institutes of Health.
OUTREACH EFFORTS

Liberal Arts Grants Digest
The Liberal Arts Grants Digest provides access to funding opportunities appropriate for College faculty and graduate students. Each week, the Grants Digest is emailed to a growing subscription of over 500 subscribers and is posted weekly on the office’s website.

Website
The Liberal Arts Grants Services website is a popular resource for College faculty and graduate students with over 3,200 visits in 2016. The site makes available a variety of resources for grant proposal development, including funding opportunities, proposal submission timelines, and application guidelines.

Meetings with Faculty, Staff, and Graduate Students
Throughout 2016, the Grants Services staff met with nearly 70 members of the College community and provided a large number of phone consultations and email correspondence to assist with questions and ideas related to the grant application and proposal submission process. Topics frequently discussed include identifying project-specific funding opportunities; establishing proposal preparation timelines; budget preparation and best practices in grant application submissions.

Research Support Network
The Liberal Arts Research Support Network (RSN) was founded in 2012 for departmental research administrators and staff with the goal of creating a sense of community, cooperation, and consistency in grant practices throughout the College. The Liberal Arts Grants Services Office hosts the annual RSN meeting to discuss grant related matters and share information. This year’s meeting was held on December 16, 2016; the main conversation topic was the College’s Indirect Cost Return Policy.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Grants Services staff attended over a dozen professional development workshops enhancing knowledge and skills in research administration. Professional development opportunities included the Society of Research Administrators International Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas; National Council of University Research Administrators Workshop in Austin, Texas; and multiple events conducted by UT-Austin’s Office of Sponsored Projects.

OFFICE TRANSITION

In 2016, the Grants Services Office experienced significant staff transition. Jason Leubner, PhD, moved out of state in June. Kathy Thatcher retired in August after leading our office for five years, and completing 23 years of service at The University. Kathy’s vision and dedication provided the groundwork and systems that we successfully utilize today, and we are eternally grateful to her!

Vanessa Lopez joined the office in June 2016, bringing with her ten years of experience from UT’s Office of Sponsored Projects and the College of Pharmacy. Shortly after, Brook Davis joined Vanessa in August 2016 with over ten years of experience as the grants program officer at the state humanities council.

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