

## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES: Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities**

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Our faculty has some funds brought in through international education, and all of our work teaching and supporting international students. Our office would like to make approximately 2/3 of these funds each year (about \$100,000 in the current funding model) available to faculty to support our obligations of teaching, service, and research. (The other third has been used to cover sick leaves, required accommodations, extra sections, FCE overages, etc.) All requests for funds from the dean's office must come through one of these programs.

The Dean's Office would like to make available funds to support Social Sciences and Humanities Faculty and units in four ways:

- Funds to support travel. These funds are primarily for presenting research at National and International conferences OR attending a conference in support of engaged teaching OR traveling to or from Orillia for events or collaboration. Up to \$500, non-competitive, one per year, to augment professional development funds provided in collective agreement, research-office travel funding, department sponsored travel, etc. Available until fund is spent annually.
- Small grants to support building experiential opportunities into courses (including support of student travel to present research) OR departmental recruitment and retention projects OR speakers, conferences, or other activities to enrich our students' experience.
- Grants of up to \$2,000 to help support finishing or starting grant or book projects: editing and indexing books, creative activities, supporting collaborative research teams, etc.
- A small number of course releases for funded research, to support work on an in-hand book contract, or for national or international leadership opportunity that support Lakehead's academic plan.

### **Travel funds**

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Travel funds are not meant to cover the whole of your cost of travel, but to help support and encourage faculty to present research nationally and internationally, to build relationships with external partners, and to support travel to and from Orillia. All full-time teaching faculty (LUFA members) are eligible to apply for up to \$500 in funds from the dean's office once each year.

This is a rolling deadline. To apply, please send an e-mail request to Sue Viitala with:

- your acceptance to present and the title of your paper OR the rationale for your trip to Orillia or to build a partnership;
- the date of the conference and travel;
- your proposed budget including other funding sources.

Sue will pre-approve the request. You must be presenting, performing, or attending a teaching conference, or travelling to or from Orillia, or working to build a partnership to apply to these funds.

### **Small grants (to support student experiences)**

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Does your unit have a project or idea to recruit and retain students, differentiate our programs from other universities, or invite speakers, develop conferences, or offer other activities to enrich our students' experience? Apply for a small sum of money to get it off the ground, or if an individual is hoping to fund an experiential opportunity in a classroom, support building

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experiential opportunities into courses (including support of student travel to present research) OR departmental recruitment and retention projects. You may submit a short letter (no more than one page) asking for up to \$1000 in funding. Please send a one-page letter describing the project, how you will complete it, what the desired outcomes are, and how you will assess whether those outcomes have been met, with a concise budget to Betsy, with the subject line: small grants, teaching. Please cc your department chair or school director so it is clear that person has approved the proposal and work. We will try to offer up to ten small grants each semester, and will begin reviewing projects ASAP, by October 2019. You should hear about funding within two weeks, and we will continue accepting proposals on a rolling basis until funds are expended. (If there are more proposals than funds on October 15<sup>th</sup>, I will appoint an adjudication committee.) All projects require a brief report (under one page) at the end of the academic year if the requesting party should wish to apply for future funds.

#### **Small grants (research)**

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This program offers grants of up to \$2,000 to support renewal, tenure and promotions by offering financial support for finishing or starting grant or book projects: editing and indexing books, support for legitimate (ie: non-predatory) open-access publication, creative activities, creating and nurturing collaborative research teams, etc. Please send a one-page letter describing the project, its potential career impact, how you will complete the project within a year, what the desired outcomes are, and how you will assess whether those outcomes have been met, with a concise and specific budget to Betsy, with the subject line: small grants, research. Include your book contract, call for proposals, or any documentation that would support your request. Please cc your department chair or school director so it is clear that they have approved the proposal and work. We will try to offer up to five small grants each semester, reserve the right to partially fund projects, and will begin reviewing projects ASAP, by October 2019. The first round will be reviewed starting October 15. You should hear about funding within two weeks. All projects require a brief report (under one page) at the end of the academic year if the requesting party should wish to apply for future funds.

#### **Course releases (Research and national or international leadership roles)**

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The course release program attempts to support two kinds of projects:

- Funded research for which the researcher needs release time to complete the project;
- International or national leadership appointments in professional organizations for which release time is an expectation of the awarding of the position: an editorship on a professional journal

**These would be highly competitive, would begin in 2020-21, for a one-year trial. We would need an adjudication committee, who would develop a process, a call for proposals, and criteria. I think we could fund 2-3.**