LIBRARIES RESEARCH FUND APPLICATION FORM

The University of Kansas Libraries Administration allocates money each year for the purpose of furthering the research activities of all library faculty and unclassified professional staff for whom research is a part of their professional assignment. These funds are to be used for conducting research, to supplement other sources of research funding, and to assist librarians who have research opportunities that may result in out of pocket expenses.

Funds generally are awarded throughout the year as requests are submitted to the Committee on Research and Scholarly Activities. Requests should be detailed enough to communicate your needs clearly to the Committee. Supportive documentation can be attached to this form if it is highly relevant to the request. For international travel requests it is recommended that outside funding through the Office of International Programs be procured before or in parallel with an LRF application.

Please respond to the following questions. When finished, return the request to the current CRSAs chair. If funding for the project is approved, a brief project description will be posted on the CRSAs web page. LRF recipients will also be required to give a brief presentation about their project at a CRSAs sponsored forum.

Name:  __Greta Kliewer____________________________
Department:  __Office of Assessment_________________________

1. Title or brief description of project:

Building a Culture of Assessment: Local Responses to National Trends at the University of Kansas

2. Describe the research project (e.g. article abstract, proposal):

This paper examines the University of Kansas (KU) Libraries' assessment practices in response to the results of two assessment initiatives. The Office of Assessment, in operation at KU Libraries for less than two years, participated in the 2014 LibQUAL satisfaction survey, as well as a locally designed quantitative study of faculty perceptions of the library in 2013. In addition to examining the Libraries' response to the findings of these two initiatives - a national-level longitudinal study and a local project - this paper examines the integration of assessment into the library's conventional workflow. Using the evidence provided by these local and national surveys, as well as national trends reported in the ARL LibQUAL, Ithaka, and MISO surveys, the KU Office of Assessment is able to decide which project to conduct that will best meet stakeholder needs. Examining national data provides a picture of the direction in which university library services are moving, and local data provides the context in which the Libraries must decide how to most effectively respond to patron needs.
3. Describe the purpose and final outcome of project (i.e. article, book, poster session, conference, etc.). If applicable, note the location where final project will be presented:

This study will result in a final paper, and a presentation to be given at the 11th Annual Northumbria Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland. The paper will be included in conference proceedings.

4. Estimated time line for completion of project:

Initial Trend Comparison – KU vs. National Surveys: Complete
Literature Review: Spring 2015
Report on Progress of two Case Study projects: May-June 2015
Presentation at Northumbria Conference: July 20-21, 2015
Final paper submitted to conference committee: September 15, 2015

5. Provide an itemized estimation of expenses or evidence of actual accrued expenses, including any other sources of funding you have applied for or received for this project. Also, indicate the amount of LRF support that you are seeking and how the funds will be used. (The award must be completely spent by June 1 of the fiscal year in which it was awarded):

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Amount Requested from LRF: 2500.00
6. If any part of your project is dependent on a contractual or other financial arrangement with a third party, please provide a copy of the written agreement outlining the services to be provided and the estimated cost.

Signature:  

Greta Kliwer

Date: ____2-26-2015__________

Please do not fill out this portion of the form. This portion must be completed by the Committee for Research & Scholarly Activities.

Decision of Committee on Research and Scholarly Activities:
Funded: Yes X No ___
If yes, amount funded ___1,000___
If no, reason for decision ____________________________________________________________________

Signature of CRSA Representative: ________________  

Date: __2/27/15_____________