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 CRSA chair. If funding for the project is approved, a brief project description will be posted on the CRSA web page. LRF recipients will also be required to give a brief presentation about their project at a CRSA sponsored forum.

Name: Betsaida M Reyes
Department: International Area Studies

1. Title or brief description of project:


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

This project seeks to assess the acquisition of electronic books by Latin American and Iberian Studies librarians in the United States to establish a foundational knowledge about the collection development practices. The research design will include an electronically distributed survey to approximately 150 members of the Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials (SALALM) with collection development responsibilities.

In addition to the survey, data will be collected from the library's website of the institutions who receive the survey. This data collection will be done by filling out a rubric designed to gather information on the promotion of electronic books by the library, the lending of e-readers, etc. both the survey results and the information from the rubric will be analyzed to answer questions regarding collection development practices, marketing, and ease of access. The combination of methodologies will provide a more complete view of the state of electronic books in the field of Latin American and
Iberian Studies in American research institutions. The results from this study could assist future collection development policies in area studies, specifically in the area of Latin American and Iberian Studies.

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:

Part of this research project was submitted for the SALALM Annual conference presentation in June. Later in the summer I am planning to submit a proposal for the Charleston Conference. The final outcome is to submit the whole report as an article for publication in an appropriate journal.

4. Estimated time line for completion of project:
Data collection: currently working on it. To be completed by March.
Data analysis: to start in late March and finish by June.
Survey pilot testing: to be completed by end of April
Survey distribution to SALALM members: May-July
Survey results analysis: August
Report write-up: October-November

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: 395.00
I am requesting $395.00 from the LRF to acquire the software STATA/SE 13 for the data analysis. The library has installed other data analysis tools in the computers of the GIS Lab i.e. SPSS. However, STATA is a much more versatile software that will allow for the output of tables and is equipped to handle large data files with ease. I am requesting funds to provide perpetual access rather than a temporary license. The reason for this is two-fold. First of it is important to have access to the software past the data analysis portion of the project. Once the manuscript has been submitted, I could be asked by reviewers to change a variable and thus I would need access to it so that I can make the change. Second, the software is on the expensive side and I would like others in my unit to have the opportunity to use it in the future for their research project.

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: ________________________

Date: ____________________________

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 ☑ No — 395
If yes, amount funded ______________
If no, reason for decision ___________________________________

Signature of CRSA Representative: ____________________________

Date: ______________