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: __Fran Devlin_____________________________
Department: __R&L, Center for Graduate Initiatives & Engagement_____________

1. Title or brief description of project:

Tablets for Library Staff: Tools, Toys, or Troubles

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

As university faculty and students increasingly conduct research and connect to library content via tablets and other mobile devices, librarians must also become proficient tablet users. In June 2014, Jon Giullian, Betsaida Reyes and I successfully applied and were awarded a GRF grant for FY 2014 to conduct a research project using tablets.

The purpose of the project was to establish a Collaborative Learning Community of library staff from various units in the Libraries to learn from each other and to build skills using tablets, finding ways to incorporate them into their daily workflows if possible. We used the allocated funds from the GRF grant to purchase 13 tablets (8 iPads, 3 Samsung Galaxys, 1 Nexus, and 1 Dell, including keyboard cases). Participants agreed to document their experiences using tablets in their daily work for a period of one year (from July 2014-July 2015). Personal use of the tablets was also encouraged.
since experimentation would be key to discovery of new applications and development of skills.

The group held meetings regularly throughout the year (from July 2014- July 2015) for discussion, sharing new apps, and trouble-shooting technical issues with each other. In May 2015, we administered a survey to the participants to solicit additional feedback and document their experiences in using the tablets over the year. While most library-related research involving the use of tablets has focused on reference and teaching, we were interested in exploring the application of tablets into the work flow of staff from several units across the entire library.

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:

The project has now concluded and we are currently writing an article for publication in a peer-reviewed journal. We have also been accepted to present at the Internet Librarian Conference on Oct. 28, 2015 in Monterey, CA. I will be presenting our findings on behalf of the project investigators (Giullian, Reyes, & Devlin) and will be travelling to Monterey on Oct. 27, returning on Oct. 29.

I am asking for financial assistance from LRF to help with some of the expenses incurred for me to attend the conference for the presentation. (I have already used $250.00 of my professional travel funds this fiscal year to attend a Digital Pedagogy Workshop in Madison, WI, and have $750 remaining which I will use for this trip.)

I appreciate having this opportunity to present our research project at a national conference and to represent the University of Kansas Libraries. Thank you for your consideration of this request for funding.

4. Estimated time line for completion of project: Oct. 28, 2015 (date of presentation)

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:** 232.00

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.

Date: ___September 2, 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 ___ No ___

If yes, amount funded __________

If no, reason for decision __________________________________________________________________________________________

Signature of CRSA Representative: ______________________________________

Date: ___________________