Library Acquisition Grant Application Guidelines

Application Submission deadline: 11:59 PM MST, Monday, February 26th, 2018

The NMSU Southwest and Border Cultures Institute (SBCI) Administrative Council is currently accepting proposals for the following category of SBCI funding:

February 2018 Library Acquisitions for Special Collections & Archives

The intention of the SBCI Library Acquisitions grant program is to support acquisition of humanities-focused and Southwest US / international border region primary sources, books, journals, and electronic resources to enhance the Library’s Special Collections, the University Archives, the Rio Grande Historical Collection, and the Borderlands Collection.

For the purposes of this and other SBCI grant programs, ‘Humanities’ has the following definition:

What are the Humanities: “The term 'humanities' includes, but is not limited to, the study and interpretation of the following: language, both modern and classical; linguistics; literature; history; jurisprudence; philosophy; archaeology; comparative religion; ethics; the history, criticism and theory of the arts; those aspects of social sciences which have humanistic content and employ humanistic methods; and the study and application of the humanities to the human environment with particular attention to reflecting our diverse heritage, traditions, and history and to the relevance of the humanities to the current conditions of the national life”.

--National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act, 1965, as amended

A complete SBCI Library Acquisition Grant application will be comprised of the following parts:

1. SBCI Grant Program application Cover Page
2. Proposal Narrative (3-pages, single spaced, 60-space line, 12 point font) including:
   • Identification of the Library Acquisition being proposed
   • Significance of the Library acquisition to
   • Connection of the requested Acquisition to existing resources /collections at NMSU
   • Need for SBCI funding
   • Potential for the Acquisition to enhance creative activity / scholarship at NMSU
   • Timeline of acquisition (not to exceed one year from date of award)
3. Budget-use provided accompanying form
4. An abbreviated 2-page CV

Applications will be evaluated based upon the potential of the acquired materials to provide:

significance for the preservation and maintenance of the state’s and region’s multicultural heritage;

significance to an understanding of humanities issues concerning New Mexico and the American Southwest and the US/Mexico border; significant Humanities’ awareness to southern New Mexico communities; strengthened Humanities at NMSU.
Individuals interested in submitting a Library Acquisition Grant application are encouraged to contact the NMSU Library grants coordinator: Kate Terpis, Associate Dean Library, to discuss their desired acquisition and to avoid requested duplication of resources that are currently available from the Library.

Funding for the selected applications will become available during the Spring 2018 semester.

The SBCI Grant Proposal application form is available in PDF and WORD formats on the NMSU College of Arts and Sciences Research web page:  https://artsci.nmsu.edu/research/research-resources/.

The submission deadline for February 2018 SBCI Library Acquisition Proposals is:

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SBCI Library Acquisition Grant Applications should be delivered in email form to:

murphy@ad.nmsu.edu

You will receive a reply email confirming receipt of your submitted proposal.

The emailed proposal should consist of an attached single PDF document that includes the SBCI Grant application cover page, followed by your 3-page maximum length proposal narrative, followed by your proposed budget, followed by your 2-page abbreviated CV.

The application template document is available at:

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A call for applications for all SBCI award programs will be distributed in early April 2018.