**Scripps Research Funding**

**Hearst Foundation**

Scripps Collegeseeks student proposals for senior thesis research for work as a research assistant in the fine arts, social sciences, or humanities to occur in fall 2017 or spring 2018. Proposals are due by Sunday, September 17, 2016 at 11 p.m. using the online submission form.

**Funding Goals**

The goals of the senior thesis research grants are to provide funding for students to purchase supplies or materials necessary for senior thesis research or to travel to research sites, such as archives. The goals of the research fellowship are to gain critically important research skills and training in a faculty-directed research fellowship

**Eligibility**

Scripps College senior thesis students for senior thesis funding; preference for research assistantships for sophomores and juniors.

**Application/Implementation Timeline**

Applicants must identify a faculty advisor for senior thesis or for work as a research assistant who will write a letter of support. Students will submit funding proposals by September 17th, 2017 for research to be done in fall 2017. Additional calls for research funding will occur in January, 2018 for spring and summer funding.

**Types of Awards and Funding**

* Senior thesis students may apply for up to $1,000 in direct research expenses. We anticipate funding 5-6 senior thesis students each semester, depending on the amount of funds requested.
* Research Fellowship – work with faculty member on the faculty member’s research initiative. Students receive a salary of $10.50/hour for their work on the project, with an estimate of 6 hours/week for 10 weeks. A fellow may apply for up to $850 to pay for supplies, materials, or travel. Students may not receive academic credit for salaried research positions.

**Other Requirements**

* Grant recipients will acknowledge the funding source in their senior thesis.
* Each fall, the Research Fellows and their participating faculty members will present their

research to the Scripps community (Fall 2018 for a Fall 2017 research experience). Students will produce a scholarly work from their faculty-directed research experience. Students will submit copies of the work to the Associate Dean of Faculty at the beginning of the semester following funding (i.e. January 25, 2018 for Fall 2017 funding).

**To Apply:**

Please go to <https://inside.scrippscollege.edu/fellowships/hearst-foundation-senior-thesis-research-fund> and complete the on-line application

**Proposals must include the following:**

* Project Description (see below)
* Proposed Budget & Budget Justification
* Letter of support from faculty advisor. For senior thesis support, the letter should provide specific support for the budget in relation to the thesis. For the research fellowship, the faculty member should describe the role of the student in the research project.

**Review of Proposals**

Proposals will be reviewed by a faculty committee comprised of one representative from each of the four academic divisions (humanities, social sciences, fine arts, natural sciences)

**Selection Criteria**–Proposals will be evaluated based on the following:

* Clarity of the proposal
* Clarity of the budget
* Alignment of the budget with the proposal
* Resources available from other sources
* Advisor’s letter of support

**Proposal Content**

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| **Proposal Section** | **Proposal should address:** | **Suggested Length** |
| Project Description | What issue or problem will you address?  What are your goals and methods? | [1-2 PARAGRAPHS] |
| Rationale/ Evidence | Why is the project important? | [1 PARAGRAPH] |
| Timeline of Activities | When are budget-related activities planned? | [1 PARAGRAPH] |
| Budget narrative | How much money will the entire project require?  What additional sources of research support do you have or have you applied for (e.g. Motley funds, departmental funds)?  What components of your thesis can you complete without additional funding?  Write a brief description of each budget item and justify each item in detail in relation to your senior thesis. | [ONE PAGE] |
| **Total** | Successful proposals will generally range from 2 to 3 pages in length. |  |

**Budget Summary**

Please use the table below to organize your proposal’s budget information, or create your own grid using the budget categories below. Note that travel requests must be directly related to accomplishing senior thesis research.

**Budget Summary**

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| **Budget Category** | **Brief Description** | **Total Budget** |
| Travel |  |  |
| Equipment |  |  |
| Materials/Supplies |  |  |
| Other |  |  |
| **TOTAL** |  |  |