BEAUMONT SCHOLARSHIP RESEARCH AWARD PROGRAM

Deadline: **February 1, 2025 5:00 P.M. CST**

SUMMARY OF KEY FEATURES

Project-based eligibility: there is no restriction on the department, school, or college of appointment; any faculty member's project disciplinarily aligned with the units represented by the Scholarship Research Council (SRC) is eligible, including projects in arts, humanities, and social sciences.

The maximum award amount is $10,000.

To allow for maximum flexibility and sustained support of research projects, awards can start in the summer and last through the academic year, up to 15 months.

Summer-only stipends and 'course release' time (if necessary based on workload) can be budgeted up to a maximum of $5000. Stipends are not limited to a percentage of the total budget. Stipends will be subject to tax and fringe adjustments. Other eligible expenses may include other research-related costs—such as materials or supplies, graduate or student labor, and/or research related travel.

2. NARRATIVE – 3 pages

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Applications should be submitted via the OpenWater portal. Log in to myslu.slu.edu and click on the OpenWater icon in the 'My Apps' tab. You can log in using your current SLU email address (i.e., first.last@slu.edu) and your password. The first time you log in, you will be asked to set up your profile.

Applicants will receive an email confirming receipt. Late applications will not be considered.

INSTITUTIONAL COMPLIANCE

Projects including the use of human subjects, hazardous materials, etc., must have the appropriate committee approval(s), e.g., Institutional Review Board (IRB), etc. prior to the start of the project.

In the event that a grant award is made and required approvals are not received prior to the start date, the award may be delayed until approval is received.

REVIEW PROCESS

Awards are based on a competitive review. Reviewers will consider the merits of the specific activities proposed, relative ranking among other applications, and availability of funds. Proposals must demonstrate exceptional merit and value for the field of study, the individual, the department, the college or school, and the research mission of the university.

Applications will undergo peer review by the Scholarship Research Council. Proposals will be scored ranging from 1 (exceptional) to 9 (poor), based on the following criteria.

The intellectual significance of the proposed project, including its value to scholars in its field, general audiences, or both.
1. The quality or promise of quality of the applicant's work.
2. The quality of the conception, definition, organization, and description of the project and the applicant's clarity of expression.
3. The feasibility and appropriateness of the proposed plan of work, including, when relevant, the soundness of the dissemination and access plans.
4. The likelihood that the applicant will complete the project (not necessarily during the period of performance).

Impact Score	Rating	Guidance on Strengths/Weaknesses
High		
1	Exceptional	Exceptionally strong, essentially no weaknesses
2	Outstanding	Extremely strong, negligible weaknesses
3	Excellent	Very strong, only some minor weaknesses
Medium		
4	Very Good	