

SAAB Application Research Grant

For the spring semester of 2014/2015, Research Grant applications are due by 4:00pm on the first and third Monday of each month: February 2nd & 16th, March 2nd & 16th, April 6th & 20th. Applications should be turned in to the SAAB/ASLC mailbox (MSC #140).

With the Research Grant, the Student Academic Affairs Board (SAAB) supports students who are conducting self-motivated research (supported by a faculty advisor) that adds depth and perspective to existing courses, programs, and issues at Lewis & Clark. Such research may be for independent study courses or theses/projects and should encourage student/faculty interaction.

If you have any questions, please contact the SAAB Grant Director at saab@lclark.edu, or see posted office hours. SAAB is funded by the Associated Students of Lewis & Clark (ASLC). Check out our website for more information: www.lclark.edu/org/aslc/saab.html.

Please ensure that you have answered all the questions and received all necessary signatures, and only turn in your grant when you have all components. The board will not review your grant otherwise.

Information

Applicant: _____
Phone, Box, E-mail: _____
Student ID #: _____
Date(s) of Research: _____
LC Project Advisor: _____
Department of Project: _____
Expected Graduation Date: _____

Signatures (print)

Applicant: _____
Project Advisor: _____
SAAB Representative: _____
SAAB Representative: _____
Registrar: _____

***Your signature above constitutes a contractual agreement between SAAB and yourself that all funds will be used for the express purpose of completing the final project. By signing this form you agree to complete a Final Report and turn in all receipts to the SAAB Chair. Your signature also signifies consent to allow the Registrar to verify your academic standing with SAAB.

Procedure

- 1) Develop an idea. All SAAB applications must be based in a thoroughly researched and developed idea that extends above and beyond available class curricula and/or a standard class project.
- 2) We recommend that you meet with the SAAB Grant Director within the first six weeks of the semester to discuss your plan for the project. This can be an informal meeting, and allows for the Grant Director to guide you through any potential problems with your ideas.
- 3) Meet with your project advisor (must be an employee of Lewis & Clark College) to discuss your project. At this time you must receive his/her support and signature and ensure that they will provide a letter of recommendation for your application.
- 4) Reserve a time and place where you will share your research with the student body and/or greater Portland community. This may include symposia or colloquia and locations such as Smith Hall or Thayer. Please attach to the grant a written confirmation (e.g. from Facilities) for your presentation time/place.
- 5) You must meet with two SAAB representatives with a complete draft of your application for revision. **This must occur at least two weeks before you plan to submit your application.** These representatives must sign your application before it can be submitted. SAAB representatives can only sign applications that they believe are meritorious. In other words, if the representative does not believe that your application should receive full funding, then they cannot sign it. Because of this, it is of utmost importance that enough time is budgeted to receive feedback and make changes on your application before it is due. SAAB representatives are not required to make time to review applications after the two-week deadline.
- 6) Receive the signature of the registrar to verify that you are in good academic standing (2.00 GPA or higher). Allow a full working day for the registrar to sign your application. Be sure to provide photo identification when picking up your signed application. If multiple students are submitting the same application, then each student must turn in a completed signature page (the first page of this application) with the submitted grant.
- 7) **Turn in your completed grant to the SAAB/ASLC mailbox in Templeton (MSC #140), and send a confirmation email to saab@lclark.edu.**
- 8) Formal presentations are required of all grant applicants. The SAAB Grant Director will contact you with a presentation date after your application has been received. Your presentation is, in many ways, as important as the grant itself, so prepare in advance and dress professionally. You will have 7 minutes to tell the board about your project, express your enthusiasm and dedication for it and the subject, and to address any weaknesses you feel may be perceived in

your grant application. Your presentation will be followed by a Q&A session with the board. Power Points or other visual aids are encouraged.

9) If you are funded, final reports are due three weeks after your project/presentation has taken place. The SAAB Grant Director will provide you with the necessary information upon funding.

Application

Your application should include:

- 1) The page with your application information and required signatures (one per student applying).
- 2) Detailed answers to the questions on the following page. This part of the application should be at least 3-5 pages in length.
- 3) A detailed timeline of the project including a detailed schedule of your planned research.
- 4) Two itemized lists of expenditures detailing an optimum (your preferred) and a minimum (the absolute minimum amount you would need) budget request, within a table clearly displaying the items of the budget and the delineations between the optimum and minimum amounts. Be prepared to justify all items. Research prices and present the Board with the most competitive prices available. If you are applying for partial funding, please include the total amount and the sources from which you would receive additional funding. *Note: not all grants will have an optimum and minimum budget. If this is the case, provide one budget and a short explanation for why there is only one.*

**Regarding budget items purchased prior to submission of application: if applicant purchases budget items prior to their grant hearing, they do so with the full understanding that the grant may not be funded and this cost will become their personal responsibility. For purchases made ahead of time, applicants may take precautions to ensure that a refund is possible in case grant is not funded (eg. purchasing traveler's insurance for airfare tickets). Premature transactions should only be done for items whose cost may increase significantly if not purchased well in advance.

Early submission of grant applications will help to avoid this problem.

5) As much as possible, provide proof of the above costs, especially for supplies that have already been purchased. This can include photocopies or printouts of receipts, or online verification. For airline tickets (regardless of whether or not they have been purchased yet), include a printout or screenshot of the website used (Expedia, BestFares, etc.) which verifies you have selected the most competitive price.

6) A letter of recommendation from your project advisor, who must be an employee of Lewis & Clark College, preferably of the College of Arts and Sciences. Letters of recommendation should endorse both the merit of the applicant and the proposed project. These letters are confidential, and should be submitted in a sealed envelope with the advisor's signature across the back to the SAAB/ASLC mailbox (MSC #140), or emailed to saab@lclark.edu.

Applications should look professional, and should be free of typos, spelling mistakes, and grammatical errors. Submissions should be double-spaced, with a header that includes your last name and page numbers. When answering the questions below, each of your responses should be preceded, in bold, by the respective question.

Application Questions

1) Please provide a detailed description of the project. What is the purpose of your project? How is it academic in nature?

2) How did you come up with the idea? What other research have you done on or relating to this topic? What are its applications to your field of study and beyond?

3) What is the methodology of your research?* What questions will you be asking? How will you go about answering these questions?

*Methodology is very important to SAAB and should be explained in a detailed but clear manner, using terms that students outside your field of study can understand. More explicit guidelines regarding research methodology can be found at http://college.lclark.edu/student_life/associated_students/saab/grants/.

4) The SAAB bylaws read, “SAAB requires its grant recipients to bring their project back to the LC community and encourages them to bring it to the larger global community.” Please discuss how you intend to fulfill this. Describe how your project will impact and benefit the greater Lewis & Clark community, both in the short- and long-terms. Also discuss if you have plans to give your project greater exposure on the state, national, or international levels.

5) Have you received SAAB funding for this project in the past?

The final check!

- completed signature sheet
- followed all formatting guidelines
- answers to application questions
- itemized maximum and minimum budgets
- proof of cost for each item on budget
- proof that you have reserved any spaces on campus necessary for the project/giveback
- recommendation from your project advisor