

SALMON LIBRARY ENHANCEMENT GRANTS

The Humanities Center charter includes provision for funding of significant enhancements of the library collection through an annual program of faculty requests. Funds for this program are generated by the Humanities Center Endowment and are entirely separate from annual departmental library allocations and from the library's budget. The purpose of the Center's program is to add materials to the collection that are important to research and teaching in the humanities.

Library enhancement grants may not be used to purchase current serials or periodicals and should not be used in the place of annual departmental allocations for new monographs. But where departmental allocations have been insufficient to support adequate collections in any humanities related subject area, faculty members are encouraged to develop proposals detailing lists of thematically related monographs intended to mitigate gaps in the humanities collections. Such lists may be built around new subject areas as they are introduced into the curriculum, but it is also appropriate to propose lists designed to strengthen subject areas already in place or to propose the purchase of special sets and collections that will enhance existing subject areas.

Please read the following guidelines carefully:

Submit a one-page cover letter that explains why the materials requested are needed. This should be followed by a separate list of materials requested along with estimated cost per item and total.

The materials proposed for purchase must be related to the humanities as they are defined by N.E.H.:

“The term ‘humanities’ includes, but is not limited to, the study 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 a 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 national life”

If your requested materials do not plainly fit into one of the categories above, you **must** explain why they are important for the humanities at UAH.

Bibliographic information should be provided for each item requested. ISBN numbers, catalogue pages (or entire catalogues), pamphlets from publishers or any such material that might be of use to the library subject specialists should accompany your proposal.

An original and seven (7) copies must be submitted no later than the announced deadline to Roberts Hall, room 316.

Proposals that are lean, vigorously selective, and free of materials that are already in the collection will fare best. **Please review your proposal against the library catalog and include only materials that will meaningfully enhance the collection. You may find it useful to consult with your library subject specialist as you refine your request.** As usual, if you have questions, feel free to contact Deborah Nelson at 824-6583 or a Humanities Center Steering Committee member. Current members are:

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