Call for Proposals – Scholarly, Women's Research Initiatives, and Council on Religious Endeavors Grants

BYU Academic Vice President's Office

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DESCRIPTION

Scholarly and Creative Work Grants encourage and support research and creative works at BYU, with special emphasis given to the following broad areas:

1. **Eliza R Snow Grant** –bringing LDS perspectives to the academic disciplines, or expressing LDS perspective in creative work
2. **David O. McKay Grant** – pedagogical research across all disciplines consistent with the Aims of a BYU Education
3. **John A. Widtsoe Grant** –scholarship that enhances the quality of life
4. **J. Reuben Clark, Jr. Grant** –work that increases the influence of gospel principles in public life
5. **Emmeline B. Wells Grant** – scholarship related to women's lives. Applicant may also be considered for a Women's Research Initiative (WRI) grant if they indicate that on the application and include an alternate budget for up to $5,000. Only one of the two grants may be received.
6. **Women's Research Initiative (WRI) Grant** – supports scholarship focused on women
7. **Council on Religious Endeavors (CORE) Grant** – supports research projects related to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

ELIGIBILITY Full-time CFS-track faculty at BYU are eligible to propose (reports from previous grants must also be on file)

PROPOSAL Proposals should include the following elements in the order listed below:

- Cover page (see page 2)
- Approval signatures from department chair and dean or associate dean (on coversheet)
- Project description (up to 3 pages)
- Budget and budget narrative (less than 1 page)
- References (no page limit)
- Curriculum Vitae (up to 5 pages)

The same topic may be submitted to only one grant with these exceptions: a CORE proposal topic can also be submitted elsewhere, and a WRI proposal topic may also be submitted as a Wells grant. Submit proposals as a PDF to Adrienne Jensen (adrienne.jensen@byu.edu), Office of the Associate Academic Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies.

DEADLINE October 31, 2026

BUDGET Project budgets should follow the guidelines below:

- Snow, McKay, Clark, and Wells Grants up to $30,000; Widtsoe up to $40,000; CORE and WRI up to $5,000
- Eligible expenses include supplies, travel, participant expenses, dissemination costs, and student wages. (Faculty salary is not eligible)
- Funds must be expended before the end of the 2028 calendar year. (WRI and CORE is 2027)

SELECTION Recommendations are made by reviewers selected by the University Research Council or the Council on Religious Endeavors for the CORE grant. Awards are based on:

- Adherence to proposal guidelines and connection to specific grant applied for
- Strength of the proposal's research or creative plan
- Potential for high-quality publications or creative products
- Preference will be given to work that builds a foundation for future strong scholarship (e.g. external funding), is "central to the Church's purposes," or has the opportunity for impact beyond academic peers (e.g. leads to public scholarship).

The number of awards depends upon the funds available and the strength of the proposals.

REPORTING Final reports:

- Due by March 31, 2028, for WRI & CORE grants, and March 31, 2029 for all other grants.
- Submit reports as a PDF to Adrienne Jensen (adrienne.jensen@byu.edu), Office of the Associate Academic Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies.
- Reports should describe accomplishments facilitated by the grant, including a list of publications or creative works in review or planned, the status of the project, and how the budget was expended.
- A final report for past grants is required before submitting a new grant proposal.

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2026 APPLICATION COVER SHEET
SCHOLARLY AND CREATIVE WORK GRANTS FOR 2027-2028

Name of Applicant: _____

Campus Address and Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Department: _____

College: _____

Indicate which grant (select one unless being considered for both the Wells and WR or for a COREI):

- ☐ J. Reuben Clark, JR
- ☐ Eliza R. Snow
- ☐ David. O McKay
- ☐ John A. Widstoe
- ☐ Emmeline B. Wells
- ☐ WRI
- ☐ CORE
- ☐ Please also consider the Wells application for a Women's Research Initiative (WRI) grant. (Must submit an additional budget for up to $5,000 to be considered. Only one grant may be awarded.)

Department Chair Signature: (letter no longer required)

_____ Date: _____

Dean/Associate Dean Signature: (letter no longer required)

_____ Date: _____

Application must include the following:

1. This cover sheet with Department Chair and Dean/Associate Dean signatures
2. Description of the project (**no more than 3 pages**)
3. Curriculum Vitae (**no more than 5 pages**)
4. Detailed budget (faculty salary is not an eligible expense) The applicant must submit an additional budget if a Wells grant application is also to be considered for a WRI or for consideration of a CORE grant in addition to a Scholarly and Creative Works grant. (Only one of these two grants may be awarded.)

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: OCTOBER 31, 2026

Submit proposal by email to: Adrienne Jensen (adrienne.jensen@byu.edu), Office of the Associate Academic Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies