

The Specialized Literacy Professionals Service Project Grant

I. Grant Purpose:

Specialized Literacy Professionals (SLP) is a special interest group devoted to the needs and concerns of those with specialized training or responsibilities in literacy. We offer to our members an opportunity to apply for the SLP service project grant. One grant may be awarded annually and provides a maximum of \$500 to acquire materials and other resources for service projects supporting literacy development. The goals of this service project grant initiative are to:

- initiate, extend, or expand existing university-, school- and/or community-based literacy projects;
- support literacy-focused trainings for parents and other community members, and/or professional learning opportunities for teachers, specialists, and other school-based professionals /or parents;
- increase access, equity, and diversity efforts related to literacy instruction and/or literacy materials; and
- expand literacy intervention work.
- align grant work with the SLP mission (<http://www.literacyprofessional.org/>) and the 2017 Standards for the Preparation of Literacy Professionals (<https://literacyworldwide.org/get-resources/standards/standards-2017>)

II. Eligibility:

Applicants must be a member of the Specialized Literacy Professionals SIG.

III. Proposal:

Submitted proposals must include:

- A Cover Page
 - First and last name
 - Project title
 - Mailing address
 - Phone number and email address
 - Institutional affiliation and position/title
- Project Overview (*Maximum 1,000 words, excluding references and tables*)
 - Project title
 - Purpose, objectives, and the significance of the project and how the project aligns with the goals of the service project grant initiative (see Section I)
 - Sustainability of project post-funding
 - Proposed timeline
 - Proposed budget (include additional funding sources)
 - References

IV. Should your proposal be funded, SLP would expect the following:

- Your project must be completed within 18 months from the awarding of the grant
- You will submitted a deliverable after project is completed: narrated 3-5 minute presentation that will be posted on SLP website
- You will provide information about your project for the SLP biannual newsletter
- You must credit SLP for the funding of your project in any resulting publications

V. Review Procedures and Evaluation Criteria (Rubric):

Proposals will be scored by SLP board members through a blind-review process. The scores will be based on a scale of 1 (low) to 4 (high) in the categories included in the rubric.

VI. Submission

- Please submit your grant proposal to litprofmembership@gmail.com with the subject line to read “SLP Grant Proposal.”
- Submissions are due by May 15, 2024.

SLP Grant Scoring Guide

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Project Purpose, Objectives, and Significance	The purpose statement, objective, and/or description of the significance is unclear. Overall the proposed project demonstrates a moderate contribution. Gaps within the provided current literature on the topic are present and it is unclear how the objectives will be achieved.	A purpose statement, objectives, and description of the significance is provided and together they demonstrate a moderate contribution. The current literature on the topic is used to inform the proposed project but some gaps within the literature at research remain unaddressed. Additionally, provided is a clear explanation of how the objectives will be achieved.	A clear purpose statement, well-developed objectives, and thorough description of the significance is provided and all three show a strong promise for an impactful contribution. Current literature is used to inform the proposed project and provided is a clear explanation of how the objectives will be achieved.

Alignment with the Service Project Grant Initiative Goals	Alignment with the grant's goals is not explained. The proposed project demonstrates little or no promise for meeting one or more goals of the grant.	Alignment with the grant's goals is somewhat explained. The proposed project demonstrates some promise for meeting one or more goals of the grant.	Alignment with the grant's goals is thoroughly explained. The proposed project demonstrates a strong promise for meeting one or more goals of the grant.
Sustainability of Project Post-funding	The project is not likely to be sustainable post-funding.	The project is one that is somewhat sustainable post-funding.	The project is one that is fully sustainable post-funding.
Proposed Timeline	No project timetable is provided or the provided timetable is incomplete. Reviewers are unable to ascertain scheduled activities or project feasibility.	A description of scheduled activities is provided, but does not provide enough detail to determine the project's full feasibility	A clear, concise, and reasonable project timetable is provided. The schedule of activities is logical and feasible in relation to project goals, objectives, and budget.
Justification of Budget	The budget is not described or justified. Expenses do not show potential in supporting the project's objectives.	The budget is somewhat described and justified and is within the allotted award amount. Expenses show some potential in supporting the project's objectives.	The budget is fully described and justified and is within the maximum allotted award amount. Expenses show strong potential in supporting the project's objectives.

Total Score:

Comments: