

The Anna Williams '22 SOAN Research & Enrichment Fund

Grant Application Process

Students majoring in sociology and anthropology (SOAN) are members of an enthusiastic intellectual community dedicated to the study of the social and cultural processes that shape our contemporary world.

SOAN professors at L&C instilled in Anna Williams '22 an intellectual curiosity and framework for a lifetime of interest and learning about global cultures. As such, the Anna Williams '22 SOAN Research Fund (the Summer Enrichment Fund) was established to support SOAN students with grants for various educational opportunities in the hope that student research with faculty will similarly inspire future SOAN majors.

Eligibility and Selection

The SOAN Enrichment Fund award will be given to students who are enrolled and eligible to continue at Lewis & Clark. Special consideration will be given to students who have completed at least 20 credits of SOAN coursework. Priority will be given to students doing thesis research. A committee of faculty from the SOAN Department will review applications and select awardees.

Scope

Grants may be used to cover the following expenses.

- Independent research project: students may apply for funds to travel and/or purchase materials for advanced or independent research projects.
- Educational conferences and workshops: students may apply for funds to support travel/fees to attend a conference
- Internship stipends: students may apply for awards to supplement incomes while employed at an unpaid internship.
- Living expenses while engaged with thesis research.
- Other educational and research activities as approved by the selection committee.

Students are strongly encouraged to discuss ideas for proposals with the department chair or your advisor prior to submitting an application.

Number and Size of Award

SOAN Faculty will determine the merit and need of the applicants, with priority given to students who might otherwise be unable to afford to participate in these research opportunities. The number of grants awarded to students annually will depend upon the number of students who apply for funding and the amount of funding available. The size of the individual awards will depend upon the proposed budgets for projects and the amount of funds available. Students are required to request a minimum of \$250 up to a maximum of \$750 for funding.

Application Process

Applications will be evaluated annually with a **deadline of April 1st**. To apply, please submit the following electronic materials in a single PDF to the administrative coordinator (Sara Cole sasberry@lclark.edu):

1. **A one page cover letter** that includes:
 - a. Your full name, a title for the project and a description that makes a persuasive case for its importance, its connection to your SOAN degree, and its significance for your future plans.
2. **An itemized budget** as well as an explanation for why support from the Enrichment Fund is needed and how the fund will enable you to do a project that would not otherwise be possible for you. Please note that you are required to request a minimum of \$250 up to a maximum of \$750 for funding. You are highly encouraged to meet with your faculty advisor prior to submitting this application in order to review your proposed budget.
 - a. Budget items that could be eligible for funding include transportation costs, living stipends, lodging, etc.
3. **An unofficial transcript that shows your course work in SOAN** (Only majors may apply and preference will be given to those who have completed at least 12 hours of coursework)
4. **A SOAN faculty sponsorship** (sent directly to the administrative coordinator/chair from the faculty member). Please reach out to faculty well in advance of the deadline in order to ensure you are able to secure this reference.
5. **Any additional supporting documents or links** (e.g., a research proposal or pitch; evidence of acceptance to a conference, workshop, or internship; supporting materials for your budget).

Late or incomplete applications will be disadvantaged in the review process. See the department chair if there are extenuating circumstances.

We highly encourage applicants to apply for additional funding, such as SAAB grants or Dina Dodds. Please speak to your faculty advisor for more information on how to apply to these additional resources.

Presentation of Research

Upon completion of the project, award recipients will be expected to provide a summary of their project/experience as well as a presentation to the department. The administrative coordinator for SOAN will be in touch regarding the details/scheduling of this presentation.