

OBS/TS FROG (Funding Research Opportunities Grant) Committee Annual Report 2015-16

2015-16 Members: Kerry Skinner (Chair), Christina Tarr (OBS), Virginia Bryant (OBS), Fredrick Chan (TS), Julie Thomas (TS), Karen Selden (Representative-at-large)

New grant guidelines update

The committee systematically updated all of the OBS and TS webpages and brochures to reflect the new name of the grant and the new grant guidelines.

New member title

The “ex-officio” member’s appointment and roll were unclear to the grant committee members as well as the executive boards of OBS and TS. After a review of the origin and history of this position, the committee with approval of the boards opted to change the title of the member from “ex-officio” to representative-at-large. Going forward, the representative-at-large will be appointed by the chair of the FROG committee to serve one term.

Advertising

In an effort to broaden our advertising and to attract grant applicants, the committee explored the possibility of “piggy-backing” our advertising on other announcements regarding research opportunities from both within the SISs and AALL and also from other organizations such as SLA. Because the grant now has a rolling deadline, it makes sense to advertise more frequently than just before deadlines and also to try to link the grant with other information that promotes research.

Boilerplate language

In order to help facilitate ongoing advertising and to empower each member of the FROG committee to advertise the grant when an opportunity arises, boilerplate language was constructed for the advertising. The idea is that when a committee member sees a TS/OBS research or “experimental” opportunity arise, they will be able to easily and quickly construct advertising to accompany or piggy-back on that information.

Advertising and grant applications

The grant now has a rolling deadline running on the same fiscal year as the SISs. The committee advertised the grant a number of times this year. Unfortunately, we did not receive any applications for the grant.