

LAUC Member Research Survey Tally

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Total surveys returned: 174

Percentages=percent of respondents to each question.

Campus codes:

B=Berkeley
D=Davis
I=Irvine
LA=Los Angeles
R=Riverside
SB=Santa Barbara
SC=Santa Cruz
SD=San Diego
SF=San Francisco

The LAUC R&PD Committee wants to help you. Please answer the following questions related to research so that we can gather data in support of additional release time and other research-related issues. Please respond directly to:

DEADLINE for response: 30 Aug 2002.

1. Have you ever developed a research project aside from your on-the-job responsibilities?

N=173

50% (87) ___ Yes (skip to #3)

17 B, 8 D, 12 I, 22 LA, 9 R, 2, SB, 6 SC, 10 SD, 1 SF,

50% (86) ___ No

15 B, 5 D, 8 I, 18 LA, 5 R, 4 SB, 3 SC, 26, SD, 2 SF,

Comments:

- (See Orion2 under author Medford, Roberta for the publications I co-compiled, I don't know whether these constitute "research projects" for this survey or not.)

2. If you answered No to #1, please indicate why you answered No (check all that apply):

N=86

29% (25) ___ I didn't think I could get a sabbatical or other release time.

7 B, 2 D, 1 I, 6 LA, 1 R, 1 SB, 1 SC, 5 SD, 1 SF

21% (18) ___ I didn't think I could get funding.

5 B, 2 D, 0 I, 5 LA, 1 R, 1 SB, 1 SC, 2 SD, 1 SF

43% (37) ___ I haven't thought of a research topic.

7 B, 4 D, 2 I, 7 LA, 1 R, 3 SB, 3 SC, 10 SD

17% (15) ___ I don't know what would constitute "research."

2 B, 3 I, 2 LA, 1 R, 1 SB, 2 SC, 4 SD

5% (4) ___ I don't know how to go about doing research.

0 B, 1 I, 0 LA, 1 R, 1 SC, 1 SD

59% (51) ___ I don't have time.

8 B, 2 D, 5 I, 12 LA, 3 R, 3 SB, 0 SC, 16 SD, 2 SF

12% (10) ___ I'm not interested.

1 B, 2 D, 0 I, 4 LA, 2 R, 0 SC, 1 SD

16% (14) __ Other (please specify):

4 B, 0 I, 3 LA, 0 R, 0 SC, 7 SD

Under "Other":

- "The research projects I have developed all relate to my job. I pursue them because they will contribute to the library I work for."
- "I'm a new librarian"
- "The committee that would approve it each year changes"
- If I had the time, I might be more interested in research in literature or drama that is only marginally library-related.
- I have other projects I'd like release time to focus on, but the logistics of calculating and getting release time or a sabbatical and returning to after an extended time away seems like more work than working full time while simultaneously working on a research project. Catching up after returning from a vacation takes all the fun out of going on vacation
- I have co authored several editions of a cataloging training manual, and a chapter in an LC publication. The time frame for doing these projects never lent themselves to the long lead-in time for a research grant. Plus, I was never sure that the work I did on these assignment constituted "Research" per se.
- Consistently too many "Priority ONE" projects being planned and implemented to differentiate or say any one is important enough to devote to "research."
- I did once get a mini-grant with [name deleted] and [name deleted]; but we never got too far.
- But have let 30 years go by...
- I just started my position at UCLA only a few months ago, so I haven't really investigated this option, nor do I know a lot about the process for using LAUC to support research.
- "I am a temp librarian and due to the short span of my employ, I didn't think it would be worthwhile to start a research project."
- I'm not sure how it would help me get my work done more effectively or efficiently.
- I don't currently have a research topic I wish to pursue. (I guess I would be concerned about having time, if I did have a ripe topic.)
- I am more interested in creative projects than doing research.
- Recently hired and still figuring out job current job duties.
- Still learning the processes. Any suggestions for topics?
- Weekends/after-work-hours is the only time to work on such a project.

3. Have you ever received a LAUC statewide research grant?

N=173

18% (31) __ Yes (Please indicate year or years granted):

9 B, 4 D, 2 I, 8 LA, 2 R, 1 SB, 1 SC, 4 SD

1986, 1987, June 1986-1989, 2000, 2001, 2002 LAUC mini-grant , 2002-2003, 1997-1998, 1993-1994, 1999/2000, 2000/2001, 2002-2002, 2002-2003, late 80's.

82% (142) __ No

23 B, 9 D, 18 I, 33 LA, 11 R, 5 SB, 8 SC, 32 SD, 3 SF

Comments:

- Work in progress 2002
- "only local LAUC research grants"

4. If you answered Yes to #3, please indicate whether and how the results of your LAUC research project(s) were published or disseminated. (If possible, please include citations.)

- "I am currently trying to wrap up this project -- an annotated bibliography on New Mexican santos. I have a publisher in mind, and will also disseminate this as a web accessible database."
- "In progress, LAUC grant not fully funded."

- “ I organized a conference session on my topic at joint conference of Art Libraries Society and Visual Resources Association, 2002. I also presented the lead paper. The session was entitled,
- "Property and Capital in 19th and Early 20th Century Visual Collections: Tales in Search of the History of the Visual Copy"
- “ My paper will be published in an upcoming issue of Art Documentation. The title of the paper will be "Visual Copy Collections in American Educational Institutions"
- “Still working on it.’
- “The second grant (1999/2000) resulted in a book; the manuscript of which is currently with a literary agent.”
- “Just got the grant, too early for results.”
- “I jointly received this grant. Its results were published somewhere but I don't remember where...”
- "Reference tools for Fine arts visual resources collections / edited by Christine Bunting. Tucson: Art Libraries of North America, 1984 Occasional papers, no. 4 N7425 R43 1984"
- "Grant was approved so late that I abandoned the project" (happened in 1987)
- Michael F. Winter, Culture and Control of Expertise. Westport CT: Greenwood, 1988
- Castro, Rafaela, 1943- Dictionary of Chicano folklore / Rafaela G. Castro. Santa Barbara, Calif.: ABC-CLIO, c2000
- What do I read next? : multicultural literature / Rafaela G. Castro ...[et al.]. Detroit, MI : Gale, c1997.
- journal articles and book
- Instruction pour dancer: an anonymous manuscript Freiberg (Breisgau_ : fa-gisis, Musik- und Tanzedition, 2000.
- “The first grant (1993/94) was reported in: “Reference Implications of Digital Technology in a Library Photograph Collection,” Reference Services Review (Winter 1994), pp. 45-50. “
- 1990/91: A copy of "LAUC: The First 25 Years" was disseminated to each campus and to the LAUC Archives. A 2d edition completed in 1993 was likewise distributed to each campus and the LAUC Archives.
- “I prepared a report that was presented to the LAUC Assembly on research completion rates among LAUC members”” (editors note —I suspect this is a sarcastic reply, but who knows).
- 1994/95 & 1996/97: Published on the web: <http://pitcairn.lib.uci.edu/largo/largo/largo.html> Additionally disseminated in poster session: UCSB Universe at Your Fingertips Conference, April 25, 1997 Poster Session--“Project LARGO: A Model for Planning, Training, and Designing Websites” <http://sun3.lib.uci.edu/~ltanji/poster.htm>
- Results presented at an OCLC annual meeting.
- I haven't done anything with my results as yet. However, I would be elated to publish a brief synopsis as to what transpired and what I am presently doing as a result of the award that I had received through LAUC.
- A bibliography posted on the Web.
- It was ages ago. I don't think we ever published anything.
- I presented my work at the annual IASSIST conference in 1987 or 1988.
- We published a book: Grassian, Esther S. and Kaplowitz, Joan R. (2001) Information Literacy Instruction: Theory and Practice. New York: Neal-Schuman.
- Nothing yet. Just getting started.
- Am in the process of utilizing the fund.
- “The Use of Books within the Library,” College & Research Libraries,(May 1992) 53: 197-205
- “This is a strange survey. It essentially shuts me out. I rec'd a local grant, not a statewide one. The small amount of travel money allowed me to collaborate with a co-editor and the book ultimately got published.
- Work in progress; planned for the Internet
- Not yet finished with project, unfortunately!
- Citation given to co-edited book, published 1997.

5. Have you ever received research grant funding from other sources?

N=160

38% (60) Yes (Please specify:

13 B, 6 D, 5 I, 17 LA, 5 R, 1 SB, 3 SC, 9 SD, 1 SF

- SUNY Buffalo
- UCSC
- UCSB instructional grant
- UCD
- ALA
- NEH Travel to Collections Grant, LSTA, NEH, LAUC-R (3), UCR Instructional Use of Computers and UCR Instruction Improvement Grant
- Academic Federation Research Leave
- Smithsonian
- National Science Foundation
- "Hewlett-Packard Educational research grant of aprox \$89,000 and local campus LAUC research grants"
- PLITT SOUTHERN THEATER CHAIN RESEARCH GRANT (2 YEARS), LAUC-LA (\$500)
- Well, this is entitled "Outreach Award" issued through NIH/NLM in conjunction with the Regional Medical Library/UCLA.
- University of Kansas Faculty Research Grant
- I received about 12-14 grants during the decades I worked as a research fellow in linguistics.
- Israel Society of Special Libraries and Information Centers
- UCLA Office of Instructional Development, Instructional Improvement Grant, 2001/2002, to develop a web information literacy tutorial for ESL undergraduates. \$7500. The co-PI is Linda Jensen, Lecturer, Applied Linguistics & TESL, and our third grant partner is the Center for Digital Humanities.
- Institute of American Cultures
- 1 NLM grant; 3 grants to fund archival projects; 1 grant to fund IT infrastructure project
- LAUC-LA grant, mini-grants, OID grant
- "NEH"
- "Instructional Improvement Grants; US Geological Survey grant."
- LAUC-SD Research Grants: mentioned by three of the nine.
- National Endowment for the Humanities
- American Institute of Physics
- National Library of Medicine
- Medical Library Group of Southern California & Arizona
- Private organizational sources
- College of Charleston Faculty Research Grant:
- Sea Grant and engineering research lab projects at former job

63% (100)__ No

19 B, 10 I, 23 LA, 8 R, 5 SB, 6 SC, 27 SD, 2 SF

6. Would you be interested in serving as a mentor to other LAUC members interested in developing a research proposal?

N=158

22% (34)__ Yes

7 B, 4 d, 6 I, 10 LA, 3 R, 2 SC, 2 SD

78% (124)__ No

21 B, 9 d, 9 I, 30 LA, 10 R, 6 SB, 6 SC, 31 SD, 2 SF

- not so much interested as perhaps amenable
- No—However, once I've had a chance to go through the process myself, I wouldn't mind serving as a mentor.
- Maybe after (if) I get more experience in this area.
- not applicable since I've not received a grant
- N/A
- Not qualified!

- I don't think I have enough experience doing research.
- No – only because I don't have enough experience. But I'd be happy to be a "reader."
- No, thanks.

7. Would you be interested in having a research mentor?

N=150

39% (59) Yes

9 B, 6 d, 7 I, 10 LA, 9 R, 2 SB, 3 SC, 12 SD, 1 SF

61% (91) No

17 B, 7 d, 4 I, 29 LA, 4 R, 4 SB, 6 SC, 19 SD, 1 SF

- I would, as you can always learn something new, but the question is, how to find the time, though I would find the time to help others.
- Maybe (5)

8. Comments?

- "A primary reason I do not do more research is the time factor. I like to have a life outside of work. Release time would be great (& I know that LAUC funds release time), but in a one-person library, very specialized library, a substitute would be very hard to come by."
- "I think all librarians should be encouraged to do research outside of their daily job responsibilities. It connects us with the mission of the university and broadens our perspective on education and scholarly publishing."
- "Good idea to do this survey. I'm not a "research person" of the caliber of this program attracts but I think it's a very input. LAUC activity. I guess there isn't a way to somehow market LAUC's research opportunities and the Townsend Center opportunity for a librarian fellow each year? "
- "LAUC should lobby to let librarians be Principle Investigators of grants they get for their projects. Campus does not currently allow this."
- Can this money be used to help write publications (how to handbooks, etc.) that are not pure research? The guidelines are not clear on this ...
- "Great opportunity-thanks, LAUC!"
- "Seems to me that the biggest barrier (for me, at least) is not the issue of interest or needing a mentor, but rather, getting release time to conduct the research."
- "Lack of principal investigator status is discouraging when one is applying for a research project."
- none
- I think that a lot of research is done without requesting financial assistance from LAUC or other sources. I think that it would be great to compile a report of the type of research that is done by librarians whether or not it has been funded.
- I'll be happy to speak to anyone about my experiences Doing research, but since mine was an outgrowth of my Ph.D. program it's kind of a special case so i wouldn't have much to offer as a mentor for LAUC researchers specifically.
- It was fairly simple, a great opportunity and I have no idea why others don't jump on board!!
- I haven't really been interested in doing research; though I admire people who do!
- I must confess I have been totally intimidated by the criteria and have not really understood the guidelines for applying for LAUC research money. The application process seems very complicated for the relatively small amt. of money available, and plus, the money doesn't really help with the problem of finding the time to do research.
- I'm new to UCLA, but would be very interested in learning more about research opportunities and funding.
- It would be useful to have some kind of on-going technical support and help with proposal writing.
- I am very interested in research...just need some time to get my feet on the ground. ;)
- My position is overloaded; there is no time to add in research. As someone who has little experience in this area progress would be slow and would add to the time needed. Until competitive paid sabbaticals are available for justified research I don't see how my participation in research is possible. Whereas professional association and other governance type of work can be done in small doses and interwoven

into positions. Even there deadlines are routinely missed and responsibilities commonly diluted because we always say this type of work is volunteer and that is understood when assessing how much anyone can reasonably deliver. If collectively LAUC and library administration really want to produce research from librarians, then like anything else this process needs to be planned and managed and not simply expected this time consuming and detailed work can be absorbed. It's not that I am not interested in the research process; having or being a research mentor rather it is an issue of time allocation and staffing. Why assume these roles when failure is predictable simply for lack of time

- Could amounts be raised, or paperwork reduced, to make the effort of applying for these grants worthwhile.
- ;-) Do you have any influence in getting more hours added to the day?
- Without sabbaticals, it is unlikely that UC librarians can really do "research" or that significant research can be accommodated within the parameters of the job.
- Will you be able to publish a summary of the responses?
- Although my responses are all on the negative side, I am aware of some of the research conducted by colleagues and I greatly admire their creativity and resourcefulness.
- "I personally believe that public service librarians working in Depts that are short staffed are at a disadvantage. I just don't have the time to fully develop nor conduct research."
- "In conjunction with two of my colleagues, Peter Briscoe and Jeff Selth, we wrote the proposal; supervised the study; wrote interim reports to LAUC Research Committee twice yearly; analyzed the data; wrote the article. At the time -- 1986 -- it was the largest LAUC grant ever awarded --- \$15,370 both system wide and divisional monies (\$11,370 from system wide). The article was selected as the lead article in College & Research Libraries and has been cited many times. It successfully refuted all previous studies about patterns of in-house use, especially for serials; thus changing the way bibliographers make decisions for both de-selection and selection for remote locations. I would have loved to do other research projects of this magnitude, but I never could find the time because of heavy involvement in professional organizations and university service --- and a very, very heavy primary job responsibility. I would suggest for others that working as part of a team often helps share the burden of time and responsibility for a major research project.
- I have not thought of applying for another grant in the last 3 years or so because of the following reasons, taken from question 2:

x__ I didn't think I could get a sabbatical or other release time.

--We are so understaffed at UCR that I couldn't even think about taking 4 hours per week, let alone longer time. I think I could squeeze a day here and there, esp. if I wanted to go to another local library (i.e. the Huntington or Clark), but to get to UCR Special Collections on a routine basis. I think people would laugh at me if I asked for a sabbatical.

x__ I didn't think I could get funding.

-- Any topic I do isn't "librarian-ish" enough and my feeling of the tenor of the times seems to be that research needs to directly relate to libraries rather than scholarship in general.

x__ I don't have time. & Other

I'm mentally exhausted. I actually am poking around with some of my own research, but I'm too tired to do work on weeknights, due to my pace at work. Weekends are taken up with all the rest of my life, some of which can be research. If I had a grant, I'd probably get too anxious about deadlines. I actually have one research project going, though it's in fits and starts, and at least two research projects in mind, maybe more, but they would involve more gearing up and planning than the dance reconstruction stuff I'm currently doing. None of them really would involve much money (though some would be nice), just time, and that seems to be the critical factor right now.

- I would like to have more information about current research activities, and some communication among librarians regarding issues, constraints, etc.
- I think this is a great idea to have research mentors - we might also have a workshop on grant writing and tips. An additional area of concentration should be on the role of conducting surveys in library research. I have seen little evidence that librarians are adequately prepared to conduct surveys using accurate sampling techniques and rational questionnaire design. This survey is an exception, although

I'd be interested to know how you plan to analyze question two - multiple response categories require some additional statistical techniques. Perhaps we should prepare something written and include some references to other resources. There is a whole body of excellent work that would be valuable - but that is my two cents ...

- Would not be interested in having a mentor at the present time, as I have no time for research. But if I ever did want to do research, a mentor might be useful.
- I would have to be granted release time to do anything but my stated responsibilities if I were to pursue a research project.
- I've done research as part of a previous job in which I had faculty status. We were given 20 days per year for research leave in addition to vacation and holidays. This was the only way to accomplish research projects. I don't pursue publications as part of Criteria II-IV because I simply don't have time at work since I'm head of a large department, and am not willing to give up large amounts of my personal time to pursue research projects. Nevertheless, I have a folder of ideas of projects I wish I had time to do!
- The best possible scenario would be to have a workload which allowed me to handle my day to day responsibilities while also doing research and maintaining my sanity. This is so because my work complements the research. The formal and informal communication networks that I have with librarians, faculty and students fuel a lot of my research interests. Also, the resources that I'd need to conduct the research that I'm interested in are on campus. If I had a sabbatical or release time to do the research that I want, I'd want to do it in my office in the library. I'm very comfortable here. Moreover, I like my job and would generally want to keep doing it and do it well. I just want to do less of it.
- "It would have been interesting to solicit comments from those who have applied for LAUC statewide grants but did not receive them."
- "I would enjoy finding other co-authors + researchers on an equal basis rather than mentor/mentee basis."
- Most of the research projects will have something to do with one's job responsibility. For example, if one's job responsibility focuses on information literacy instruction, s/he naturally writes on information literacy or works on projects related to the subject. Question 1 is a bit confusing.
- With experience, I would be happy to help others learn how to do research.
- Thanks for collecting this information—I'll be interested in the results—which should be useful for local as well as statewide R&PD.
- I have had ideas for research projects, but most would not have required funding for anything other than my time, and even then, only for a relatively small number of hours. Because there's no EASY way to hire a temporary librarian for part-time work, if I were to request time off for a research leave, my workload would simply be spread among my already-hard-working colleagues. It's difficult enough dumping work onto others when I am assigned new tasks in my primary job. It doesn't seem right to ask them to take on more work so that I might pursue things outside my primary job.
- I have thought about doing several research projects, but I have not seen my way clear to devoting the time necessary to develop a proposal and carry out the data gathering and analysis. I have chosen to contribute to the profession in other ways—primarily through groups and committees at the regional and national levels. If I were to develop a research project, I am sure my department head would be supportive.
- It would be useful for me as a relatively new librarian within UC to understand how valued research by librarians is by UC/CDL, UCSD, UCSD Libraries, and LAUC.
- I think equal attention should be paid to creative activity. Why is it that we only award researching things already done instead of encouraging new work?
- I would like to have the time to develop a good idea.
- In recent years we (including myself) have submitted two proposals for funding.
 1. A Study of the Use of Science Indexes and Databases by Health Sciences Faculty.
D.J.Owen
 2. An Experimental Virtual Reference Service for Integrated Medicine.
Chandler, Persily, Fang and Owen.

In both instances they were denied funding.

The first one was submitted in 1994 I believe. Determining how health professionals locate information and

which tools they use is a well-known area of research in the health sciences. It may not be as glamorous or "scholarly" as some other areas but studies of "information-seeking behaviour" are frequently carried out and there are many studies in both the library and medical literature. This study was mainly rejected for being too parochial, i.e., of interest and relevance only to UCSF. This is an astonishing claim to make for two reasons:

(1) considering the subject matter of other LAUC-funded proposals:

"Southeast Asian Virtual Book Collection"

"Unlawful Souvenirs: On manuscripts Removed From Occupied Germany (1945)"

"Centennial History of the UCB Architecture Program" (THIS ONE'S REALLY OF "UNIVERSAL" SIGNIFICANCE!)

(2) our search results would have been of interest and use to many national and international librarians attempting to ascertain how health professionals locate and use information to help them reach clinical decisions.

The second proposal was initially rejected for the same sort of reasons, plus some really peculiar ones. When we requested details the answers provided were totally unsatisfactory. Upon challenging this, the reviewers were unable to provide satisfactory answers and in fact came up with additional reasons - which were so obviously arbitrary. Including something along the lines of "go get funding from the NIH."

We discussed the last proposal at LAUC-SF meetings. I can sum up our thoughts thus:

(1) The reviewers displayed an ignorance of the work carried out on health sciences campuses and the sort of research issues of relevance to us.

(2) There seems to be a bias in favor of more "traditional" types of research such as bibliographies and oral histories.

(3) Several of the reasons given for rejection were simply not valid and the reviewers could not defend them

(4) We noted that we were able to get funding elsewhere for both proposals: which reflects the quality of the proposal and should not be a factor in consideration for funding from LAUC.

(5) Both projects were completed, reports produced and presentations and papers published. We could find little or no information for many of the LAUC-funded proposals as to their progress and whether they were completed or not.

(6) A couple of individuals seem to be funded several times, even when there is no evidence any of the research has been done.

Thank you for responding to this survey!

LAUC 2001/2002 R&PD Committee