Research Grant Application
2015 - 2016

The Franciscan Institute is a center for promoting the study of Franciscan sources, history and theology. The Institute focuses on a critical study of the origin and early development of the Franciscan movement. It also furthers an understanding of the continuing development of the Franciscan movement and its significance as a vital force in the contemporary Church and world. The Franciscan Institute exists to serve the scholarly and educational needs of the Franciscan family and the wider community.

To foster partnerships in its research agenda, the Franciscan Institute will offer five research grants of $2,000.00 each during the 2015 – 2016 academic year. Priority will be given to those projects that further the particular research agenda identified for a series of symposia/workshop to take place during the summers of 2016 in conjunction with the Feast of St. Bonaventure (July 15). The focuses of these gatherings will be:

2016: Identity, Innovation and Women in Medieval Religious Communities

Further information about the research topics and the summer symposia may be found on the Institute’s website: www.sbu.edu/franciscaninstitute. Awardees are asked to travel to St. Bonaventure University to present their research, coinciding with the summer symposium. The grant will cover travel, food, and lodging during the symposium. Research projects should end in a concrete product that furthers the understanding of these topics, most typically a publication or dissertation. Franciscan Institute Publications reserves the right of first refusal on any manuscripts produced under the auspices of the research grant.

Applications are due by January 15, 2016. Awardees will be notified no later than February 15, 2016. Reports of accomplishments to date will be due no later than May 31, 2016.

Symposium Presenters who are awarded the grants should meet one of the following criteria, but not limited to:

- A lay Franciscan women to attend the summer 2016 seminar at the Franciscan Institute
- A Poor Clare or a scholar of Poor Clare theology or history who has research pertaining to St. Clare of Assisi or the development of the Order of St. Clare.
- A Third Order Regular or scholar of the Third Order Regular who is creating programs, workshops, projects and or publications that benefit members the TOR.
- A Secular Franciscan or scholar of the Secular Franciscan movement who pursues studies, relative to the Secular Franciscan Order.

Inquiries regarding the grants should be directed to Fr. David Couturier, OFM.Cap. at dcouturi@sbu.edu 716-375-2160.
I. Applicant Information

Name

Institutional Affiliation

Address

Phone

Email

II. Academic Vitae Information

Highest Degree

Institution

Year

List research projects of the past five years. Indicate any funding received to support these projects.

List up to five publications or other significant products and indicate which, if any, are relevant to the proposed research project.

Please include a letter of recommendation from an academic peer acquainted with your work.
III. **Project Narrative**

**Project Description** (Provide the title and description of your project. State research questions the project will address.)

**Research Agenda** (Describe how your project fits into an ongoing program of research. Explain how this work will complement your research to date.)

**Significance of Project** (State the expected contribution of the project to an understanding of the origin and early development of the Franciscan movement. How will it add significantly to the body of knowledge or methodology? How does it relate to the themes identified for the annual symposia?)

**Method** (Describe your methodology and theoretical framework.)

**Timeline of Project** (Describe your work plan including a project start date and timeline. State specifically what will be completed by the end of the grant period.)

**Planned Outcome** (Describe the specific form in which you plan to disseminate the results of your research—e.g., book, monograph, series of articles. Describe any further work that will be needed to achieve this.)

**Other Funding Sources** (List any other sources of support for this project, including funds already committed and applications in process or planned.)