

**ELLA GRANTS FOR 2011
ENGAGED LEARNING IN THE LIBERAL ARTS**

Application for Funding



College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Utah Valley University

On December 6, 2010, the ELLA Committee will begin accepting proposals for projects in the calendar year 2011. The committee will continue to accept proposals throughout the year for recommendation to the Dean as long as sufficient funding remains. Initial funding decisions will be made beginning December 15, 2010.

Please submit your completed written application to:

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PROJECT					
Date of Application:	1/27/2011				
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ABSTRACT FOR PROPOSAL
<i>Not to exceed 500 words. Please include project time-frame and specific objectives, and discuss how the project will contribute to the goals of engaged learning. Use a separate sheet and attach it to this application.</i>

PROJECT ASSESSMENT AND RELEVANCE TO ENGAGED LEARNING IN THE LIBERAL ARTS

- 1) ELLA funding not only encourages projects in engaged learning, but will provide you with opportunities to enhance your professional development as well. How will your proposal complement your teaching, service, and scholarship?

This funding while designed to send two students on fact finding and research trip will enhance my teaching, service, and scholarship by better informing me on the topic at hand and more importantly giving me first hand accounts from those directly involved in this issue that I can then bring into my classroom discussions. This effort also nicely supports elements of the *Women of the Mountains* initiative here on campus and both students along with me will be presenting on this topic at the conference in March. These interviews will further help these students develop their ideas and allow them to establish contacts relating to future research (undergrad here and possible graduate school) and possible employment. This will also help me as it will demonstrate to future students that an area of interest even though we may not be able to offer strong courses in the area it can be accommodated and ways can be found to further those areas of research and career interests.

- 2) How do you intend to assess and measure the results of your grant? (At the conclusion of the grant year recipients will be asked to discuss informally the results of their projects with ELLA committee members.)

The simple measure here will be the accomplishment of the interviews. Can these students gain the access they desire (they have contacted several of the entities listed in the proposal and they have been willing to be interviewed when dates for travel can be established)? The *Women of the Mountains* activity is also ongoing and so I would expect this funding to help future activity in that regard as well since we can establish contacts for future invites to the conference and also provide better future research on this salient conference issue. So another measure would be future contribution this initiative. Finally I would measure results by the experience of the students. Do they now have better contacts for employment and/or graduate school- can we show a link between this effort and their future success? That may not be immediate but it can be followed and reported upon.

BUDGET INFORMATION

Amount Requested:

\$3,430.00- see proposal for rough break down

Has previous ELLA funding been requested?

No

If yes, when?

Human Trafficking Study

This trip is to fund two students travel expenses to Washington DC and New York City- I have not included funding for my travel or for Jeff Torlina (also working with students)- if travel and funding is contingent on one of us accompanying the students then we are willing but the funds will have to be increased accordingly- also the funding request assumes separate rooms for the students- they have indicated a willingness to share rooms if that would increase the likelihood of funding but my assumption has been UVU would prefer separate rooms given this is a male and female student- if not then please adjust the request down. [The narrative that follows is that of the students-]

The atrocity of human trafficking has become so widespread that no region is unaffected allowing between 700,000 and four million women, children, and men to be trafficked each year according to the United States Agency for International Development- The State Department estimates that between 600,000 and 800,000 victims are trafficked across international borders every year. In the United States 300,000 women, men, and children are estimated to be trafficked within the countries borders. Just three years ago, Utah was a part of the world's largest human trafficking case yet to be discovered. According to the Justice Department 90 percent of trafficking victims are women and two-thirds are younger than 25. UNICEF reports that across the world, there are over one million children entering the sex trade every year.

With an unthinkable truth such as human trafficking existing in our time and with a lack of substantial research at our disposal we propose to Visit New York and Washington DC in order to better understand the complexity of human trafficking inevitably allowing us to bring the tools and resources back to UVU to combat human trafficking. We need to travel to where

there are many who have multiple resources and first hand experiences handling victims and traffickers to gain better insights.

Giving two students the funds to research this unimaginable crime, you will be able to change the lives of hundreds. Encouraging students to be proactive in combating human trafficking will truly make the difference in life or death for women, children, and men across the globe; whether we see it in a year or in five it does not matter, but rather, we are doing something now to empower a change. Our goal is to bring back the information provided to us and to therefore increase UVU's knowledge of combating these horrific crimes. We will be presenting our findings at conferences and under graduate research competitions.

We have included here a partial listing of the organizations/individuals we wish to interview to help further our research paper on "Social actions to combat the lack of awareness and depth of information provided to the public on sex trafficking" We plan to travel in late June or early July of 2011.

New York:

UNICEF: Child protection from violence, exploitation and abuse committee.
New York Times columnist Nicholas D. Kristof
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crimes: Liaison office
GEM-Girls Educate Mentor
Keven Bales President of Free The Slaves Organization

Washington DC

Polaris Project: National Human Trafficking Resource Center.
Representative Elenores Norton

ELENA DIZ
HOLMES
NORTON

Rough Budget:

Round trip ticket to Washington DC \$1,300 Delta for two adults
Washington at \$500 for two-night stay.
New York at \$900 for four nights
Car rental \$100. To be used during our stay in Washington DC and to travel between the cities.
Food 45 dollars a day times two for 7 days at state per diem rate- \$630