Humanities Research Funds Spending Tips

Humanities research bourses are available from July 1 - May 15 of each year.

Each year, faculty spend their research funds on myriad research activities, including but not limited to things such as:

- o annual academic professional memberships
- o travel to conference[s] to present research
- o travel to an archive, specialty library, museum, site visits, field work
- transcription fees
- translation fees
- o research participant stipends
- attending professional writing retreats
- o honoraria for workshopping works in progress (e.g., external reviewer)
- exhibition costs
- o materials costs associated with externally facing research activities, e.g., public engagement workshops
- community collaborator stipends
- o indexing costs
- publication subvention costs for a university press
- Open Access costs for a book
- copy-editing
- purchasing books
- o software or equipment [with advance consultation/approval from the College budget team, and with the understanding that equipment remains the property of SU if purchased with SU funds]

The College is exploring ways to better understand faculty research needs and planning. A survey may be piloted in Spring 2025, in which all tenure-line faculty in the College may be asked to submit a brief statement summarizing how they spent their research funds. This kind of reporting would allow A&S to track outcomes from a budget standpoint while also providing real data to help the College tell its research story.

Questions about how to spend your bourse? Please reach out to srworkma@syr.edu to discuss.