SOCIAL JUSTICE LEADERSHIP GRANT APPLICATION

About the ACSJL

Founded in 2009, the Arcus Center for Social Justice Leadership (ACSJL) is an initiative of Kalamazoo College whose mission is to develop and sustain leaders in human rights and social justice, creating a pivotal role for liberal arts education in building a more just world.

The ACSJL is fully funded by the generous endowment form the Arcus Foundation.

What is social justice?

Social Justice recognizes the inherent dignity of all people and values every life equally. It calls for both personal reflection and social change to ensure that each of us has the right and the opportunity to thrive in our communities regardless of our identities.

When we acknowledge that oppression exists and work to end systemic discrimination and structural inequities, we increase the promise of a more just world.

Those who strive for social justice believe in the triumph of our shared humanity.

Submission Guidelines & Instructions

The ACSJL will consider grant applications that:

- Address structural inequalities in the distribution of power and resources
- Involve those principally affected by the inequality in the architecture of the project
- Demonstrate an understanding of positional power and/or develop competencies for the work of allies in social justice work
- Identify intended outcomes and feasible plan for realizing the outcomes
- Include a dissemination plan for sharing learning and results of the project or activity

The ACSJL will accept grant applications on a rolling basis. It will be important for applicants to consider the timeliness of their request. The length of time for ACSJL staff to review applications and implement grant awards is approximately one month (30 days) from the date of your grant application submission. It is not atypical for applicants to fill out multiple drafts of the application, in order to ensure that key social justice leadership concepts and practices are appropriately present in the project proposal.

Students may submit completed grant applications to Morgan Mahdavi (mmahdavi@kzoo.edu), while staff and faculty members may submit their completed applications to Lisa Brock (lbrock@kzoo.edu). Grants may range from $50 to $1,000.
# SJLF Application

**Name:** ___________________________  **Date:** ___________________________

**Organization (if applicable):** ___________________________________________

**Email:** ___________________________  **Phone:** ___________________________

## For students:

**Class-Year:** __________________________________________________________

**Organization (if applicable):** ___________________________________________

**Major(s):** ____________________________________________________________

**Concentration:** _______________________________________________________

## For faculty & staff:

**Title/Position:** ________________________________________________________

**Department/Office:** ___________________________________________________

## Project Proposal:

**Project Title:** ________________________________________________________

**Project Type:**

- [ ] Conference  
- [ ] Training  
- [ ] SIP Research  
- [ ] Other

**Total Amount of Request (Grants may range from $50 to $1,000):** __________

**Start Date of Project:** __________  **End Date of Project:** __________

**Social Justice Issues Addressed by Proposed Project (Check all that apply):**

- [ ] Gender & Sexuality  
- [ ] Art & Justice  
- [ ] Health & Equity  
- [ ] Race & Racism  
- [ ] Educational Equity  
- [ ] Economic Justice  
- [ ] Politics & Justice  
- [ ] Food Justice  
- [ ] Environmental Justice  
- [ ] Prison Reform  
- [ ] Immigration  
- [ ] Others not listed: ____________________________________________
1. What are you proposing to do? Who will be involved? How does your project empower and engage with the individuals most impacted by the social justice issue(s) listed on the previous page? If your project involves collaboration with a community organization, please attach a letter of support from that organization. For SIP funding please provide your description/abstract.

2. What social justice leadership technologies or skills do you hope to cultivate, develop, or enhance as a result of this project?

3. What are the intended outcomes of your project?
4. What are the indicators of success or progress you will use to assess your project? (Indicators show that you achieved or made progress, not that you have necessarily completed the activities described in your proposal.)

5. What is your plan to share the results of your project with the Kalamazoo College community?

6. Please list all ACSJL programs you have attended:
Budget:

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Total

Have you requested funding from additional sources? If so, how much and from what offices and or departments?

Grant distribution & reporting:

ACSJL staff will work with successful grantees to distribute the grant funds in a way that meets the needs of the ACSJL and the grantee. In many cases that will be in the form of a travel advance, but other arrangements may also be made. In any case, grant recipients must keep all documentation for purchases made with grant funds. That documentation will need to be returned to the ACSJL in a manner agreed upon by the ACSJL and the grant recipient.

A final report on the grant funds will be submitted to the ACSJL by one month after the completion of the project. The ACSJL will provide grant recipients with a small set of questions to guide their reports.

Please return this application to the Arcus Center for Social Justice Leadership Program Coordinator, Morgan Mahdavi. You can submit your application via (mmahdavi@kzoo.edu) or in person at the ACSJL offices, located at the corner of Academy & Monroe streets. Please allow 30 days for final decision.

Email: acsjl@kzoo.edu Fax: 269-337-7055 Mail: 1200 Academy St. Kalamazoo, MI 49006

For questions, call 269-337-7398

Physical Address: 205 Monroe St, Kalamazoo, MI 49009