Nebraska Wesleyan University
Student-Faculty Collaborative Research Fund Committee

Application for Scholarship Grants Research or Creative Endeavor-Faculty Directed Application

Deadlines for 2018-2019 5:00 pm of the following dates:
September 14, 2018; November 16, 2018; January 25, 2019; March 29, 2019

The application for the Student-Faculty Collaborative Scholarship Fund (SFCRF) consists of four parts:

I. Abstract
II. Project Proposal
III. Project Budget and Budget Justification
IV. Faculty Recommendation

Note: This application form is for Scholarship Projects Research or Creative Endeavor. If your proposal is presentation expenses, please complete the **Application for Presentation Award**.

The proposal should be a fully-conceived project that includes background support, all documentation, relevant research instruments (e.g. questionnaires or surveys), and additional letters of support, as needed. Awards may range from under $150 to over $2000.

If traveling internationally, students must comply with all policies for international student travel as set forth by the Global Engagement office. Applicants requesting funding for international travel must meet with Sarah Barr **prior to submitting this application** for approval from the Global Engagement office. All travel must conform to the Nebraska Wesleyan University travel policy visit this link for information: http://www.nebrwesleyan.edu/business-office/travel.

Applicants should familiarize themselves with the Guidelines (available from the same source as this

II. Project Proposal

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Year: graduating spring 2020 (current junior)

Name of student collaborator: Ciara Eichhorst
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Majors: Philosophy and Religion & Psychology
Year: graduating spring 2021 (current sophomore)

Name of faculty collaborator/mentor: Rita Lester
Department and Division: Philosophy and Religion Dept, Arts & Humanities Division
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Who wrote and directed this proposal (faculty or student)? Faculty

Title of Project: Religions of the World Without the World Religions Paradigm

Amount Requested: $4338.00 (faculty and 2 students)

Date: March 19, 2019

Period of performance: Spring 2019 (Start date)-Spring 2021 (End date)

Have you previously received a grant from the Student-Faculty Collaborative Research Fund? I supervised -2008 (religion major Nicole Francavilla whose project was the basis for her senior research, her Fulbright to the University of Toronto, and her acceptance to Harvard for graduate school).

1. Describe the purpose of your scholarship (research or creative endeavor).

The purpose of our research project is to engage and contribute to the pedagogically significant critiques of the WRP by NASSR, revising the content of two religious diversity courses at NWU. My educational training (30 years ago) never questioned WRP, but
paradigm starting two decades ago culminates in the Fall 2019 *Tagore* conference. Our research involves discovery of post-WRP models for teaching, integration of methods and case studies from other fields (social sciences), application of naturalistic theory into classroom practice, responding to a NAASR white paper in a presentation for publication, and teaching as a form of project learning (Ciara will co-
state of the field regarding WRP).

Because I regularly teach religious diversity and these two religion majors are conducting research on WRP (origins, deconstruction and alternatives), we are requesting funding to