

Library Collections Initiative

Overview

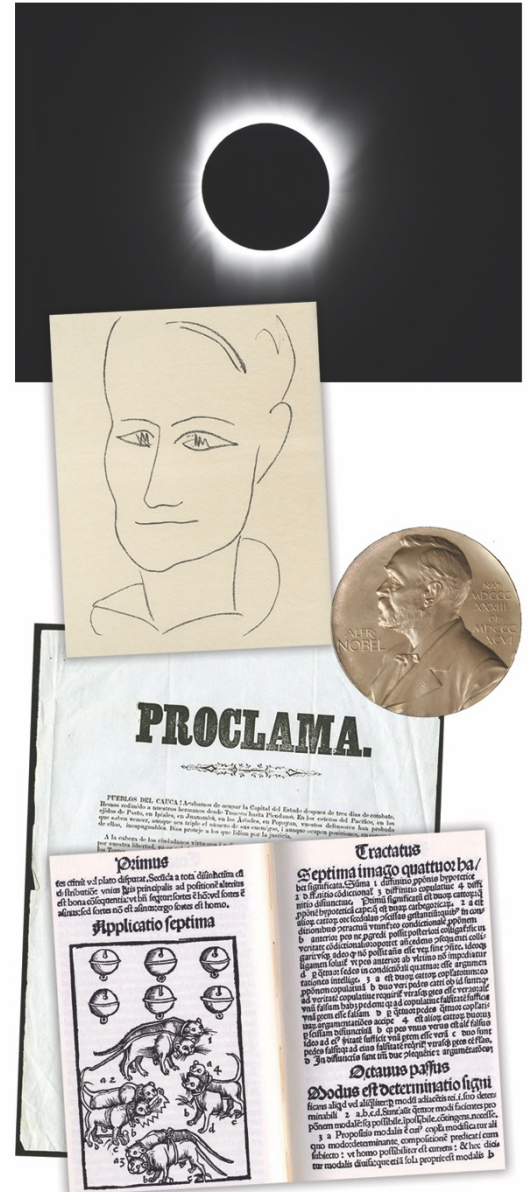
The **Library Collections Initiative** is a Chancellor and Provost funding program that supports research and scholarship through investments in the permanent and special collections of Vanderbilt's Jean & Alexander Heard Libraries. During the 2017-18 academic year, the Office of the Provost will new funding for the library to secure and acquire new collections.

Eligibility Requirements

- All full-time, VU-employed and Provost-reporting faculty are eligible to partner with a professional librarian(s) to submit a proposal. The funding opportunity is open to all disciplines.
- Proposals must include at least one faculty member and one professional librarian, but teams and groups are welcome to apply.
- Funds are for collection-building acquisitions that enhance the depth and/or breadth of our research holdings and potential for on-going scholarship.
- Acquisitions with interdisciplinary potential are welcome, as are deep, subject-focused collections. Proposals may be for items/collections that complement current library strengths or for items that introduce new collection areas.
- Proposals should describe the acquisition, including nature, scope, rarity or uniqueness and how it constitutes an addition of major new primary resources that will significantly augment research capabilities for faculty and draw outside scholars to Vanderbilt; it should discuss the acquisition in relation to current library holdings.
- Given the need for timely action due to the possible opportunistic aspects of some collection acquisitions, proposals will be evaluated as they are submitted by ad hoc committees assembled from members from the newly-established University Library Committee.
- Proposals should demonstrate that the proposed acquisition constitutes an addition of major new primary resources that will significantly augment research capabilities for Vanderbilt faculty and draw outside scholars to Vanderbilt's collections.
- Award amounts will vary based on acquisition type.
- All purchases must be invoiced before June 15, 2018.
- To learn more and to access a full list of eligibility requirements, please visit the Library Collections Initiative website (vu.edu/lci).

Key Dates

- **Proposal window opens:** Oct. 2, 2017
- **Award announcements:** Rolling



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