

## Wesleyan Center Grants

**Wesleyan Center Mission:** The Wesleyan Center seeks to cultivate thinking and practices steeped in Christian tradition and attentive to the latest developments in the arts and sciences, thus enriching the church for generations to come.

The center carries out this mission by providing grants to individual scholars, hosting conferences and lectures, and sponsoring projects and symposia capable of producing Wesleyan perspectives bearing on faith, thought, and practice.

The center encourages discourse and study around those issues thought to be crucial for Christian higher education, the church, and society: questions of doctrinal integrity and relevance, institutional structures and viability, ethical complexities and applications, political philosophies and engagement, personal identity, and community.

**Wesleyan Grant Mission:** The Wesleyan Center grants are to promote research and publications relating to Point Loma Nazarene University's Wesleyan theological tradition and its academic mission. A wide range of academic proposals are considered, but preference is given to proposals that have a theological connection to PLNU's mission.

1. How many grants are awarded each year? The number varies based on the available budget and number of qualified applicants.
2. Why types of grants do the Wesleyan Center Award?
  - Summer Scholar Awards (including a monetary stipend with a possible student research partner) are awarded in the amounts between \$2000-3000 (can be received as a cash award or funds for expenses). Typically, 3 or 4 awards are provided depending on funding.
  - Center Fellow Awards (up to a six-unit course reduction during the academic year). Typically, 3 or 4 awards are provided depending on funding.
3. Why type of grant proposals does the Wesleyan Center support?
  - a. Scholarly merit
  - b. Contributes to the mission the Wesleyan Center's mission
  - c. The feasibility of a project with necessary resources
4. What types of grant proposal does the Wesleyan Center not support?
  - a. Projects with doubtful scholarly merit
  - b. Projects that do not align with the Wesleyan Center's mission
  - c. Projects whose success is not feasible given limited resources
5. What are some examples of accepted proposals?
  - a. Sustainability implications of food waste in the Loma Linda University (LLU) hospital system (Summer).
  - b. A Working Gathering of Computer and Data Scientists for the Furtherance of Ethics Modules in Computation (Summer).

6. Helpful Guidelines:

- a. You must provide, along with your application, a reference letter from a colleague not employed by PLNU who can comment on the strength of your proposal to address topics in the academy and the church.
- b. Typically award recipients present the findings of their research during the summer (Summer scholars) or at the annual Faculty Scholarship Day.
- c. Proposals that were funded in previous years are available in the Wesleyan center for review.

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