Reflective Essay for Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Submissions

The Library Undergraduate Research Award recognizes exemplary scholarship from students who demonstrate creativity and thoughtfulness in their approach to research. The reflective essay is a key component of all Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences submissions. The essay should:

- Articulate your thoughtful and scholarly approach to research
- Outline your creative use of diverse library resources and/or services
- Include 500-750 words

Some questions or issues to consider addressing in your Reflection Essay:

- Describe your research practice. Did this practice evolve through the course of your research?
- Did you use library services, such as research consultations with librarians or interlibrary loan?
- How did exploratory research and interactions with librarians, faculty, and others help nurture your ideas?
- What library resources did you consult? (Examples of resources: All Knight Search, a more focused academic database such as JSTOR or Communication and Mass Media Complete, or WorldCat) Why did you use these particular resources?
- Describe your experience finding and evaluating scholarship and/or popular information sources related to your topic. What criteria did you apply in your selection and use of a particular source?
- How did you manage, organize, and synthesize the information you collected?
- Did your research project change as a result of information you discovered during the research process?
- What challenges did you encounter? How did you overcome these challenges?
- What have you learned about your research practices and what might you change for future projects?
- How does your research contribute to the existing body of scholarship on your topic?

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