

Proposal for University Research Council Grant  
YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

Date April 25, 1986

Title of Research Project: The Political and Cultural History of  
Hungary in the Second Half of the Fifteenth Century

Research to begin May 2, 1986 end May 13, 1986

Signature of Applicant *L. S. Domonkos*

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Dean, School/College \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Chairman, University Research Council

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The University Research Council has limited funds, allocated to the budget of the Dean of Graduate Studies, for the purpose of making small grants to support expenses associated with faculty research and publication and somewhat larger grants to serve as "seed money" to support faculty research projects pending receipt of support from outside agencies or for the support of small-to-medium-sized research projects that ordinarily would not be funded by external agencies.

Specifically, grants will be made to support the following categories of expenditures: 1) Travel that is an indispensable part of the research project; 2) Materials (paper, stencils, IBM cards, chemicals, etc.) and equipment; and 3) Services (typing, mimeographing, photocopying, etc.). If the research project involves computer services, the estimated number of hours required should be included in budget estimates. Only travel specifically related to the proposed research project will be supported; such travel must be included in the budget presented, with destination and purpose of each proposed trip described.

Prospective grantees are reminded that grant funds are University funds subject to all pertinent University regulations. They are not available to pay the annual membership or subscription fees in professional organizations or societies in which membership is held in the individual's name; to support research carried on for the doctoral degree; or to pay salaries of faculty members to enable them to undertake research projects.

All requests for University Research Council grants must be submitted on this form. The proposal must carry the signatures of applicant, his department chairman, and school or college dean, before it is forwarded to the Dean of Graduate Studies. A copy of the request form will be returned to the faculty member, department chairman, and school or college dean, when the proposal is approved.

Requests for sums not to exceed \$300 may be submitted at any time to the Dean of Graduate Studies, who is authorized to make the grant without Council approval. A brief but clear description of research objective and procedure, as well as itemized budget, should be provided.

Requests exceeding \$300 will be considered by the Council, which ordinarily will meet three times per year: in November, February, and April; consequently, the requests should be submitted early enough to provide the Council with ample time for review. The decision will be made known to the applicant shortly after the meeting dates mentioned. A request that is refused may be resubmitted at a later date.

For requests exceeding \$300, the applicant must provide ample description of his research objective. This should include: 1) a statement of need for the research; 2) benefits that can be expected from the research; 3) procedure; 4) time period of the project; 5) background of the applicant as it relates to the research; and 6) name(s) of other agencies to which the research project has been or will be submitted for support. Additional information may be requested by the Council after receipt of the application.

A statement of procedures in accordance with which expenditures are to be made will be provided at the time of notification of an award. Upon completion of research supported by the grant, a report is to be filed with the Dean of Graduate Studies. Progress reports may be requested when deemed appropriate. Publication of results of research supported by University Research Council grants should contain appropriate acknowledgment of that support.

NEED FOR STUDY

(Include what might be stated in introduction section of paper such as significance of study, previous work in general area of investigation, preliminary work done by research, and an abstract.)

For over a decade I have been involved in a major research and writing project, which is now drawing to a successful conclusion. I am in the final phase of completion of a monograph on the Political and Cultural History of Hungary in the second half of the fifteenth century.

In September of 1985, while in Europe to deliver a paper at the International Congress of Historical Sciences in Stuttgart, I visited Budapest and left behind twenty of the twenty-five chapters of my manuscript. Since then, Prof. Erik Fugedi, one of the best scholars of the Renaissance Era in Hungary, has read and critiqued my study. He has now completed the work and is recommending the publication of the manuscript, by the Press of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

I have been in contact with Dr. Fugedi by both mail and telephone, and he is most eager to meet with me to discuss a list of items of concern. In order to expedite the publication of the manuscript, such a meeting would be highly desirable.

During the writing of the monograph, I also found that there were a number of minor, nevertheless, important, "blind spots" which need further elaboration and elucidation. Ten days of intensive research will enable me to resolve most of the problems.

RESEARCH HYPOTHESES OR QUESTIONS

(See explanation on page 2.)

RESEARCH OBJECTIVE

(What is the purpose of the research?)

During this trip, I plan to do basically two things. First, I have a list of problems I have encountered in writing my monograph, items that have to be checked in various libraries and archives. Second, the reader of my manuscript has raised a number of issues, mainly of a minor nature, which have to be resolved.

Since I have done research in Budapest on a number of occasions in the past, I know exactly what can be found and where.

To do this work anywhere else would require far more time and it would be considerably more difficult to achieve. One extremely beneficial aspect of the proposed research trip will be the personal consultations with scholars in my field where I can discuss a variety of problems, concerning emphasis and interpretation.

TYPE OF RESEARCH

(Exploratory, descriptive, casual)

The work to be completed has a very specific focus. There are a number of queries that have to be answered and some lacunae which have to be filled. Research will include the examination or reexamination of primary sources, as well as the checking of secondary materials.

This particular research trip is not designed to explore major new vistas, but rather to expand on weak areas, to fill voids, sharpen interpretation.

METHOD(S) OF DATA COLLECTION

- A. Some of the sources I have to consult are documents at the Hungarian National Archives, or at the Library of the Academy of Sciences. In some instances, it will be matter of checking a reading of a manuscript text or the verification of a name or date. There will also be cases where I will have to copy some of the source material or to have it microfilmed in order to have the opportunity to analyze it at leisure.
- B. Most of the secondary materials, especially short studies or articles will be reproduced by Xerox and brought back to be added to my own collection.
- C. Some items will be purchased. These are books, such as source collections, which have been recently published, or items I find during my frequent trips to book stores and rare book dealers.

BUDGET

(Include other sources)

DIRECT COSTS

Student help \_\_\_\_\_

Travel \$300.00

Secretarial help \_\_\_\_\_

Purchase of supplies \_\_\_\_\_

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Purchase of equipment \_\_\_\_\_

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Total \$300.00INDIRECT COSTS

Reprints \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Total \$300.00Note: The round trip air fare Pittsburgh-

Budapest is \$890.00. I have been able

to secure a grant of \$300.00 from the

Schermer Trust Fund. I request the sum

of \$300.00 from the University Research

Council as a contribution to the project.

One third of the air fare as well as all

of the expenses of Xeroxing, microfilming,

food and lodging, will be covered by me

personally.

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

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