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First Book Grant Program
For Minority Scholars

Letter of Recommendation

Please return to the address above by January 15.

Applicant Name: _____

Title of Proposed Project: _____

The Louisville Institute's First Book Grant Program for Minority Scholars seeks to assist junior, non-tenured religion scholars of color to complete a major research and book project, focusing on some aspect of Christianity in North America. All too often such scholars are asked to assume a heavy set of institutional responsibilities that can make it more difficult to complete the scholarly work necessary to secure tenure. As a response, this grant program seeks to enable scholars to spend an entire academic year devoted to that research project while free of other professional responsibilities.

In keeping with its fundamental mission, The Louisville Institute is especially interested in identifying and supporting scholars of color who seek through their academic work to be in conversation with church leaders and to strengthen their faith communities.

Applicants may employ a variety of methodological perspectives, including, but not limited to, history, ethics, the social sciences, biblical studies, and historical, systematic, and practical theology. They may also be interdisciplinary in nature.

We would appreciate your candid appraisal of this candidate and his or her proposed project in light of the goals of this grant competition. **Please sign and attach this form to your recommendation letter, printed on your institutional letterhead.** Thank you for your assistance.

Date

Signature

Title

Name

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