The Catalyst Fund is an award program that provides support for new ideas and innovative projects from the LYRASIS membership. It is administered by the LYRASIS Leaders Circle to expand opportunities to explore, test, refine and collaborate on innovations with potential for community-wide impact.

Submissions
Proposals and ideas can come from any member of LYRASIS in good standing, including eligible DuraSpace members. Each member is allowed to submit one proposal and/or one idea.
- A **Proposal** requests funding to pilot a "test-and-try" project directly. Funds will be awarded to the applicant if the proposal is selected.
- An **Idea** recommends an issue, problem, service need or solution that LYRASIS could investigate, test, and address for the library, archive and/or museum fields. If selected, ideas will be included in LYRASIS' Research and Development agenda for exploration, planning, program design, and pilot testing. The institution submitting an idea is not obligated to participate in any program or service that may evolve from their idea.

Criteria for Consideration
All applications should be innovative and serve the broad interests of the LYRASIS membership.

For Proposals:
- Does it innovatively solve a well-defined problem or address a well-defined opportunity?
- Does it advance an important objective of the library, archives and/or museum communities?
- Does it serve the broad LYRASIS community by addressing a common or shared issue for members and providing a solution that is scalable beyond a single institution?
- Is the proposal of interest to others outside of the applicant organization?
- Is the plan of work appropriate and the budget reasonable and justified?

For Ideas:
- Does the idea identify a well-defined problem or present a well-defined opportunity for LYRASIS and its members?
- Does it innovatively advance an important objective of the library, archives and/or museum communities?
- What is the potential for the idea to serve the broad LYRASIS community? Is it a common or shared issue for members?

Funding Allocation
In 2020, LYRASIS anticipates awarding $150,000 for an estimated four to five projects. The average size of Individual awards made in 2019 was $25,274.

Timeframe
The application period will close on February 20, 2020. Reviews will occur in March and April 2020, with and recipients notified of results in late May or early June 2020. Projects can begin as soon as funds are disbursed in June 2019. Project activities should be completed by June 30, 2021. All funded projects will report on accomplishments at the annual LYRASIS Member Summit, typically held in October. Fill reports to the membership will be due in August 2021.

Volunteer to be a Reviewer
Experts review applications prior to final selections. If you are interested in participating in the review process, find out more at the Catalyst Fund Reviewer website.

Additional Information: visit www.lyrasis.org or email catalystfund@lyrasis.org.