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The Alwin C. Carus Research Grant honors Carus and his interests in all aspects of history, archeology, and astronomy. Carus was born Nov. 20, 1901, in LaSalle to Paul and Mary (Hegeler) Carus. He majored in chemistry and physics at the University of Chicago. He worked in the research laboratory at Carus Chemical Co. until he retired. He also owned and helped operate farms and ranches near Killdeer in the Badlands of North Dakota, in western Minnesota, in eastern Montana on the Tongue River, and 200 miles northwest of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, in the Peace River Valley. He traveled to Iraq and Turkey in the 1950s to visit ancient archeological sites with a graduate of the Oriental Institute, University of Chicago. He joined several expeditions with renowned astronomers to journey to the best places to view solar eclipses. In all, he witnessed over 12 total eclipses of the sun.

Faculty, graduate students, upper-level undergraduates and recognized independent scholars and artists are encouraged to apply.

To be considered for the 2012 Alwin C. Carus Research Grant, applicants should submit:

- An application (application form attached)
- A statement of intent explaining proposed research, including scholarly significance and relevance to archival holdings (250 words or less)
- A résumé

Applications for the research grant will be accepted on a rolling basis. The stipends must be used within one year of acceptance. Please submit all required materials as a single.pdf and email it to phdean@lib.siu.edu (please indicate in the subject line that the e-mail is a Carus Research Grant application).

For more information, contact the Special Collections Research Center, Morris Library, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, 618-453-2516 or phdean@lib.siu.edu

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Application

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Address _____ Phone: _____

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Current Position _____

Working Title of Proposed Research _____

Proposed Research: please attach a statement (between 300-500 words) explaining your proposed research (including anticipated scholarly output such as thesis, journal publication, etc). Describe its relevance to the Open Court and/or Hegeler-Carus papers and its scholarly significance. Finally include a list of specific files (collections and box numbers) in SCRC which you expect to consult.

Expenses: List expenses related to your research for which you are requesting support:

Name, affiliation, telephone number, and e-mail of two references:

Estimated dates at SIU:

US Citizen: Yes or No

Résumé: Please attach.

Signature

Date