The LIU Brooklyn Library developed a campus-wide contest to recognize excellent research and usage of library resources and services by LIU Brooklyn undergraduate students. This competition was begun to honor students who demonstrate excellent incorporation of academic library resources into their research projects. The initiative is run by a task force of four librarians, and was inspired by a similar program at the Chapman University Library.

Three winners receive a plaque and a cash prize, are honored at an awards ceremony, recognized on the Library’s website, and invited to publish their project in the Digital Commons @ LIU, the University's institutional repository.

Applicants submit three documents:
- 500-700 word essay describing research strategies and use of library resources and services
- 250-500 word summary of their project along with a separate list of references
- Application form

Task force members evaluate each application with a rubric, available on the competition’s website, liu.brooklyn.libguides.com/researchprize

As a longtime First Year Success Librarian a major priority of mine has been helping students locate and apply for external scholarships and fellowships to help defray the cost of their education. My programming can be divided into two main areas: creating and maintaining an extensive scholarships LibGuide and partnering with campus departments to promote and teach the guide.

Funding Your College Education Guide
- Divides scholarships by variety of categories
- Encourages students to select multiple tabs that relate to various facets of their identity (e.g. a student who served in the military and now studies nursing)
- Presents scholarship name, amount, description and link, criteria, and deadline
- Includes opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students
- Major update twice per year

Outreach
- Scholarship workshops for students
  - HEOP, First Year Seminar, and Honors College
  - Scholarship workshops for staff
  - Success coaches (e.g. student advisors)

Located in Manhattan, the Barnard Library also wants to encourage its students to be part of our greater community.

At the start of each fall semester, librarians from three nearby NYPL branches come to campus and we host a two-hour library card sign-up, open to anyone in the community.

Having librarians from NYPL branches there also provides an opportunity to promote local NYPL events, answer questions about NYPL, and hand out NYPL swag.