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The purpose of this application is to secure funding for travel to Salzburg, Austria this summer in order to conduct primary research in the Greek documentary papyri. The Greek documentary papyri, which were produced in Roman Egypt, consist of writings produced in the course of everyday life, such as letters, wills, contracts, bills of sale, census declarations, and even shopping lists. These documents were written in Koine Greek, which was the common form of the language used in commerce throughout the Roman Empire. Since the New Testament was also written in Koine Greek, these documents shed light on the meaning of words and grammatical syntax in the New Testament; furthermore, these papyrological documents also provide primary historical evidence that helps to reconstruct the social world of the New Testament period. My research will be focused on the relevance of these documents for reading the book of James, as I have been invited to write the James volume in the PKNT (Papyrologische Kommentare zum Neuen Testament) series. The University of Salzburg has a complete collection of all edited papyrological documents, as well as access to many of the papyri themselves in the National Library in Vienna.