DEPARTMENT TRAVEL FUNDS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

The English Department offers support to graduate students for conference and research travel.

Travel to conferences and to archives

The Department will fund travel to conferences or archives in the amount of $200 per trip per fiscal year (July 1st - June 30th) with a maximum of three trips for PhD and MFA students. This funding may not be used for meal expenses. (For students working simultaneously on MFA and PhD degrees, the maximum number of trips shall be three.)

Eligibility and application procedures:

- PhD students are eligible for conference travel support after they have been admitted to PhD candidacy and for travel to archives after they have held a successful prospectus meeting. In order to apply for travel support, PhD students should submit to Cherie Hansen-Rieskamp the name and date of the conference, the title of their paper or a brief description of the proposed research trip as well as the number of conference trips already supported from departmental travel funds via e-mail (cherie-rieskamp@uiowa.edu). The GPC will forward the request to the DGS for approval. Once funds are approved, a letter will be send sent to the student approving or denying the travel award.

- If approved, the next step is to contact Mandy McAllister (amanda-j-mcallister@uiowa.edu) to schedule an appointment to start the travel voucher process prior to departure. For travel outside of the United States, international medical insurance must be obtained prior to departure.

Since travel support funds are limited, students are encouraged to also seek travel support from other sources within the University, particularly the Graduate Student Senate and International Programs. See appendix below for a list of additional funding sources.

Travel for job interviews

For PhD students who have job interviews at the MLA conference, the Department will offer up to two awards of $300 to help cover travel expenses. This is in addition to the three supported trips to conferences, archives, or workshops described above.

Additional Travel Funding Opportunities for Graduate Students

Division of Sponsored Programs
http://dsp.research.uiowa.edu/
Provides help with all aspects of finding sources of external funding, from searches to grant applications.

Graduate Student Senate Travel Funds ($200 if within 300 miles; $300 if farther; $400 if outside N. America)
Funds students traveling to present at a conference. Students are eligible to apply once per fiscal year (July 1st-June 30th). Multiple deadlines throughout the year.
Executive Council of Graduate and Professional Students (ECGPS) Scholarly Presentation Awards and Research Grants (up to $1000).
“... available for undergraduate, graduate, and professional students to present and fund original research.” (Only funds projects that qualify as research.) Multiple deadlines per fiscal year.
https://gss.grad.uiowa.edu/grants-for-students/

International Programs Graduate Student Conference Travel Awards (up to $500)
For student travel to present at a conference outside the US. Deadlines in October, February, and April.
http://international.uiowa.edu/funding

Stanley Graduate Awards for International Research ($2000)
For grad students who are proposing to conduct research abroad for their theses.
http://international.uiowa.edu/funding/stanley-graduate-awards-international-research

DEPARTMENTAL SUPPORT FOR SUMMER PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR PhD STUDENTS

The English Department will contribute towards covering tuition and living expenses for PhD students to attend a broad range of summer institutes and seminars. (See below for a partial list of opportunities. Students are welcome to apply for others.) Priority for funding will go to applicants who are at a stage of graduate study in between the comprehensive exam and the sixth or final year of funding.

The application for departmental support consists of a one-page proposal, a tentative budget, and a brief letter of nomination from the faculty mentor; these are due in Cherie Rieskamp’s office on January 19, 2016. The Graduate Steering Committee will make a tentative commitment of funds in spring semester, to be confirmed once the student has been accepted into the program to which he or she has applied. We ask that students also apply for any available fellowship or tuition support from the program to which they are applying.

International Whitman Week Seminar and Symposium
The School of Criticism and Theory
http://sct.cornell.edu/

Dickens Universe
http://dickens.ucsc.edu/universe/

Futures of American Studies Institute
http://www.dartmouth.edu/~futures/
American Antiquarian Society Summer Seminar
http://www.americanantiquarian.org/summersem.htm

Rare Book School, University of Virginia
http://www.rarebookschool.org/

Folger Institute Programs
http://www.folger.edu/Content/Folger-Institute/Scholarly-Programs/Program-Offerings/

Newberry Library
http://www.newberry.org/research/felshp/fellowshome.html

Mellon and NEH Summer Seminars (multiple institutional locations)
http://www.mellon.org/programs/higher-education-and-scholarship-humanities/
http://www.neh.gov/divisions/education/summer-programs