

DEPARTMENT TRAVEL FUNDS

TRAVEL TO CONFERENCES AND ARCHIVES

The Department will fund travel to conferences or archives in the amount of \$400 per trip per fiscal year (July 1st–June 30th) with a maximum of three trips for Ph.D. and MFA students. (For students working simultaneously on MFA and Ph.D. degrees, the maximum number of trips shall be three.)

Eligibility and application procedures:

- Ph.D. students are eligible for conference travel support after they have been admitted to Ph.D. candidacy and for travel to archives after they have held a successful prospectus meeting. In order to apply for travel support, students must submit the webform: **“English – Ph.D. Travel Award Application.”** Once the webform has been processed, a letter will be sent to the student approving or denying the travel award.
- If approved, the next step is to contact Mandy McAllister (uss-english@uiowa.edu) to schedule an appointment to start the travel voucher **prior to departure**. For travel outside of the United States, international medical insurance must be obtained several weeks prior to departure.

Budget permitting, the department will provide up to \$200 travel support to conferences and research trips for pre-qualifications graduate students in good standing (max \$100 per trip). Students can apply for this support via the webform: **“English – Ph.D. Travel Award Application.”**

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 Ph.D. 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

Provides help with all aspects of finding sources of external funding, from searches to grant applications.

<http://dsp.research.uiowa.edu/>

Graduate Student Senate Travel Funds

\$300 if within 300 miles; up to \$750 if farther; \$1,000 if outside North America.

Travel funds are awarded to 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.

<http://gss.grad.uiowa.edu/funding/gss-travel-funds-information>

Graduate and Professional Students Government (GPSG) Scholarly Presentation Awards and Research Grants

Up to \$1500 “grants to University of Iowa graduate and professional students to travel, conduct research, or engage in a service project.” (Only funds projects that qualify as research.) Multiple deadlines per fiscal year.

<https://gpsg.uiowa.edu/grants-for-students/>

Stanley Graduate Awards for International Research (\$2,500)

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 PH.D. STUDENTS

The English Department will contribute towards covering tuition and living expenses for Ph.D. 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 Hansen-Rieskamp's office early in the spring semester. 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

<https://ir.uiowa.edu/wwqr/journalannounce.html>

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

<https://www.folger.edu/scholarly-programs>

Newberry Library

<http://www.newberry.org/research/felshp/fellowshome.html>

Mellon and NEH Summer Seminars (multiple institutional locations)

<https://mellon.org/programs/higher-learning/>

<http://www.neh.gov/divisions/education/summer-programs>

Employment Options | International Programs

To engage in any type of employment as a J-1 student, you must first obtain written authorization from the Responsible Officer (RO) or an Alternate Responsible Officer (ARO) who represents your J-1 sponsor. Your J-1 sponsor is the organization that issues your Form DS-2019. If the University of Iowa is your sponsor, then ISSS advisors are your RO/AROs. For more information, please follow this link:

<https://international.uiowa.edu/issc/current/employment/options>