Department of English
Graduate Student Research Grant
AY 2022-2023

DESCRIPTION

The *English Department Graduate Student Research Grant* supports graduate student scholarship by providing funding for research projects or creative activity which require substantial resources to carry out. The grant is a competitive funding opportunity requiring a well-developed grant proposal written for a cross-disciplinary audience.

The funding may be used for dissertation/thesis/creative component projects as well as other projects with the potential to lead to peer-reviewed publication or creative activity. However, dissertation and thesis projects will be prioritized. Funding may be used for costs associated with the research process, including (but not limited to):

- participant incentives or compensation;
- hourly student employees (undergraduate only) to assist in data collection and coding;
- software licenses not available through other university means (a justification for why existing university resources are not sufficient is required);
- travel to research sites (see note below);
- permission fees for rights to reproduce an image or text;
- external consultants, such as sensitivity readers or accessibility consultants;
- research services (e.g., transcription services, crowd-sourced coding such as MechanicalTurk or similar);
- performances, productions, or exhibits, such as plays, films, podcasts, or interdisciplinary projects;
- etc.

Recipients of the grant must follow university regulations on allowable expenditures. Recipients are encouraged to consult with the department's fiscal officer to confirm allowable expenses and the best way to expend the funds.

The goal of this grant is to provide resources to support substantive research endeavors that may not be possible without financial support, and to provide training and experience for students in preparing effective grant proposals that will be read by a cross-disciplinary audience.

Notes:
- Collaborative projects involving multiple students are eligible for the grant program. Collaborative projects involving faculty are not eligible for this grant.
- This grant may not be used to support conference travel.
- Any travel must be completed prior to May 15, 2023 and submitted for reimbursement. Funding to support travel to a research site can only be provided according to a reimbursement model after the travel has occurred.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible, students must participate in a grant writing workshop (offered through Grad Connections, the Graduate College and the Center for Communication Excellence, or similar) to develop a research grant proposal. See page 3 for options.

AWARD

Maximum requests of up to $1,000 per project.

APPLICATION

Students must prepare a formal research proposal (maximum 5 pages) to be read and evaluated by a cross-disciplinary audience. The research proposal must include:

1. Project Summary and Rationale
2. Statement of Broader Impacts or Contributions to Field
3. Methodology and/or Work Plan, including a timeline for when work will be completed
4. Itemized budget with rationales provided for each item

The application should be accompanied by a letter of support from the major professor (for dissertation/thesis projects) or a faculty research supervisor. The letter of support should comment on the merit and feasibility of the research, the need for funding to carry out the proposed research activities, and the qualifications/ability of the student researcher(s).

FUNDING LEVELS

For the 2022-2023 academic year, the department anticipates funding up to $2,000 through the grant program, with a maximum of $1,000 per project.

Note: Anticipated funding levels will be announced in the Fall of each year, based on department resources.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION & TIMING OF AWARDS

All AY22-23 proposals must be submitted by: **Tuesday, November 1, 2022.**

Students should submit their proposals and the letter of support from their major professor or faculty research supervisor using the online submission form.

The grant period will begin immediately following the awarding of the grant, and all funds must be expended by May 15, 2023.

EVALUATION

All applications will be read and evaluated by a cross-disciplinary panel organized by the DOGE and Associate DOGE. Because this grant is seen as both research support and professional development training for graduate students, the committee will provide brief evaluative feedback for unfunded proposals.

GRANT REPORT

Grant awardees are required to provide a written report to the DOGE's office by June 1, 2023 explaining how the funds were used, the realized or anticipated outcomes of the supported research activity, and how the funding benefited the project.

QUESTIONS

Please contact the Director of Graduate Education (DOGE) with questions.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT – PREPARING EFFECTIVE GRANT PROPOSALS

Students wishing to submit a proposal must participate in a form of professional development aimed at preparing effective research grant proposals. Various opportunities may be used to fulfill this requirement. The following list contains options available through the Department of English and the Graduate College's Center for Communication Excellence (CCE).

Fall 2022 English Department Grant Writing Seminar & Workshop

In Fall 2022, the Department of English will partner with the CCE to provide a grant writing seminar and workshop targeted specifically for graduate students preparing proposals for this grant program.

Date: Monday, September 19, 2022

Time: 1:10-2:00 pm

Location: 212 Ross Hall

Note: If you participated in this (or a similar) workshop in a previous year, you can use it to meet the professional development requirement. Contact the DOGE if you have questions about whether a previous experience meets the requirement.

CCE Fall 2022 Grant Writing Seminar Series

The CCE organizes a series of grant writing seminars for the broader ISU community of graduate students (https://cce.grad-college.iastate.edu/writing/writing-courses). Some workshops focus on grant writing and may be used to fulfill the eligibility requirements for this grant program. Visit the CCE website to find and register for scheduled workshops.

CCE Fall 2022 Consultation with a Disciplinary Writing Consultant

You may complete a writing consultation through the CCE (https://cce.grad-college.iastate.edu/writing/writing-consultations/disciplinary), with a draft of your grant proposal. Make sure to sign up for a consultation well in advance of the due date for the grant to ensure availability.