RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM
Department of English

The following outlines the resources normally available to support scholarly and creative research and writing by faculty in the Department of English.

Summer Research Awards
Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Awards
Travel Awards

Full-time tenured and tenure-track faculty are eligible for these programs, and the committee welcomes applications, addressed to Elizabeth Lopez, Chair of the Research Enhancement Committee, on or before the relevant due dates.

**Summer Research Awards Program**
The departmental competition for summer research funds takes place once a year, and applications are due on or before **March 15**. Depending on the research budget for each year, we hope to fund several research projects annually at $7,500 each. The purpose of this award is to support a key research or an instructional development project.

Applicants are required to seek opportunities for external funding (from groups such as NEH or ACLS, for example) of at least $1,500 and are required to apply if such funding avenues exist in the current time period to support the project. If no appropriate external funding opportunities are available for the project, please submit a narrative detailing your search and potential future sources of funding or alternate support the project might garner. For those pursuing grant funding in conjunction with the summer award, please submit, in addition to your departmental proposal, a copy of an application for external funding. If you receive one of the department’s Summer Research Awards, you may keep the full $7,500 award whether or not you were awarded the external grant for which you applied.

PLEASE NOTE: All applications for external funding must go through the Dean’s Office. Before you submit the application, you must get their approval. Currently, Lindsey Hornsby is in charge of reviewing these applications, so please give her a copy of anything you are submitting; it’s best to do this at least a couple of weeks before the application is due. Also please submit another copy to the Department Chair.

If awarded a summer grant, you may not teach during the Maymester or summer semester. Those who receive Summer Research Awards will not be eligible to re-apply for this grant for a two-year period (i.e., if you received a summer grant in 2017, you may reapply for a summer 2020 award). Junior faculty may apply any time after their first year at GSU; research grants for new faculty are given independently of the competitive Summer Research Awards.

All grant recipients are expected to submit a brief (one page) progress report on their funded project by October 1 of the year in which they were funded. Also, recipients will be expected to serve as members of the Research Enhancement Committee during the following year.

**Application Instructions**

Summer Research Award Applications should contain the following:

1. Title and Project Description (2-3 pages)
2. A description of other internal or external support for your work that has been received during the last two years; mention other support that is pending.
3. Evidence of application for external funding or narrative regarding funding search and other support.
4. Current CV.
Review Procedure

The Research Enhancement Committee reviews all proposals submitted and forwards its recommendations to the Chair of the Department, who makes final approvals.

Review and Award Criteria

The criteria for review of applications include:

1. Originality of the project.
2. Scholarly significance.
3. Clarity and justification of objective and overall proposal.
4. Feasibility of the project within the time frame outlined.
5. Faculty Rank (i.e., normally the committee tries to award one grant at the Full, Associate, and Assistant levels, with the remaining grants awarded regardless of rank.)

We will announce the awards on or around April 1. All awards are contingent on final budgetary approval.

Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) Summer Research Grant

Offered for the first time in 2019, each $5,000 grant supports a project that examines and reflects upon disciplinary teaching and learning practices in a systematic way. Projects may be aimed at making significant curricular reforms, designing new courses, conducting research that informs teaching and learning, or improving the quality of instruction in the undergraduate or graduate programs of the department.

Proposals should provide a project description, details about specific resources needed (if any), and plans to share the finding to the campus community and beyond.

For this grant, we encourage but do not require evidence of application for external funding. Priority will be given to NTT faculty and to faculty who have not received summer research funding in the past five years.

Please send proposals via email to Elizabeth Lopez by March 15. We will announce the awards on or around April 1. All awards are contingent on final budgetary approval.

Travel Awards

If the research budget remains healthy, there may be several special travel awards of up to $1,000 each available to support funding of a research trip to a particular library, museum, archive, or the like. Please note that this funding is not for reading a paper at or attending a professional conference. Write a brief memo to the committee explaining your travel needs. Applications may be submitted at any time – awards are given on a first-come first-served basis – but please give the committee as much advanced notice as possible. Because of the College’s budget regulations, we can dispense this money only in the summer – though you may make your trip at any time – and only as a supplement to your salary (and therefore taxable).

Questions, Suggestions? Please see Elizabeth Lopez or Audrey Goodman.