



October 6, 2015

## MEMO

TO: Comparative Literature graduate students  
FROM: Ken Calhoon  
RE: Comparative Literature Graduate Scholarships, 2015–16

### EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY AWARD

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At any point in their career, students may apply for an Educational Opportunity Award. These awards are intended as scholarships to support extraordinary opportunities for graduate students in Comparative Literature. Students who have not yet received awards during their time at Oregon, or who have received less than \$500, will be given priority over those who have already benefited fully from these resources. However, the most important criterion for disbursement of these funds is the significance and value of the educational opportunity in relation to a student's research interests. These awards are presented in the following categories: Conference Participation; Language Study; Museum/Archival Research.

ELIGIBILITY: All doctoral students

AWARD: Average \$400

TO APPLY: Submit the application, available on the Comparative Literature web page <http://complit.uoregon.edu/grad/gradresources.html> (password donato), by e-mail to Cynthia Stockwell, [cstock@uoregon.edu](mailto:cstock@uoregon.edu). Applications are accepted throughout the year.

SELECTION: Award decisions are made by the Department Head in consultation, when necessary, with the Director of Graduate Studies. Students are typically notified of the decision within two weeks of application. Conditions of the award are included in the award letter.

### PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

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The Department provides Professional Advancement Scholarships as a way of recognizing doctoral candidates engaged earnestly in the search for academic, post-doctoral employment. This award acknowledges the fact that a sincere commitment to the process of finding an academic position is itself a significant component of one's graduate study. Being "on the market," in other words, is essential not only for the pragmatics of finding employment but also for one's development as a scholar.

ELIGIBILITY: Students who have completed substantial work on their dissertation, anticipate completion of the doctoral degree by Summer Term 2016, and are engaged in a sincere

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commitment to finding an academic position. Until recently, we awarded these scholarships to students who had at least one interview at the annual convention of the Modern Language Association (MLA). Now, in light of the tight market, we only require evidence that the applicant has applied broadly (as opposed to “selectively”).

AWARD: Average \$500

TO APPLY: Within one month of the MLA convention, submit to Cynthia Stockwell, by e-mail or hard copy:

1. Proof of attendance at the convention (hotel receipt; convention badge)
2. A list (by institution and department/field), of jobs and post-docs for which you have applied.

*Note: If you are attending the MLA for purposes of the job-search but are also giving a paper, you should apply for the Professional Advancement Scholarship. You are not eligible to receive two awards for one conference.*

SELECTION: This scholarship is awarded to all eligible students subsequent to the MLA Convention and the submission of an approved application.

N. B. Because of more limited resources at our disposal this year, students may not receive both the Educational Opportunity Award and the Professional Advancement Scholarship.

## 2016 SUMMER WRITING FELLOWSHIP

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The Summer Writing Fellowship is designated to enable students to dedicate the summer to developing a pre-existing conference presentation, seminar paper or dissertation chapter into a publishable essay.

ELIGIBILITY: This award is intended for doctoral students. Excluded from eligibility are students studying for their Fall qualifying exams, as well as students who have been awarded Summer teaching. Students receiving this award are required to register for at least three credits of COLT 601 for Summer term 2016.

*Please note: Except in extraordinary circumstances, students receiving this award must not hold other employment during the Summer or already be the recipients of significant summer scholarships/fellowships.*

AWARD: This \$3000 fellowship will be disbursed in two allotments: an initial \$2500 will be available to the Summer Writing Fellow at the end of June 2016. The final \$ will be distributed when (and only if) the paper has been submitted to a peer-reviewed journal for publication.

TO APPLY: E-mail to Cynthia Stockwell, [cstock@uoregon.edu](mailto:cstock@uoregon.edu), by April 20, the following documents as PDF attachments:

1. Cover letter explaining the proposed writing project, as well as the current degree of progress. (NB: this fellowship will not be awarded if the student's progress toward the degree will be hindered by it in any way, i.e., if it can be expected to

distract from timely completion of the dissertation or from essential language or course study, etc.)

2. Signature, on cover letter, from applicant's primary adviser (not necessary for 1<sup>st</sup>-year students, who are eligible to apply)
3. Up-to-date Doctoral Progress Summary and unofficial transcript
4. A copy of the seminar paper, conference presentation or dissertation chapter that the student will be developing into a publishable essay.

SELECTION: Applications will be reviewed by the Comparative Literature Faculty. The faculty may decide *not* to award this fellowship if no viable applications are received. Applicants will be notified of their decision in early May.

## UO DOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP NOMINATION

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Every year, Comparative Literature holds a competition for the department's nomination for the UO Doctoral Research Fellowship. Receiving this award typically enables the awardee to devote a full academic year to writing without any teaching obligation. It is intended for candidates who can reasonably expect to complete their dissertation by the summer of 2017. Recent recipients of this prestigious, year-long fellowship include Jamie Richards and Monica Zikpi. Detailed information about the award may be found on the Graduate School web site: <https://gradschool.uoregon.edu/doctoral-research-fellowship>.

ELIGIBILITY: Students advanced to candidacy with an approved prospectus who anticipate completion of the degree by Summer 2017.

### TO APPLY:

1. Applicants should submit the following via e-mail to Cynthia Stockwell by December 15:
  - a. A 1-2 pp cover letter detailing the subject and scope of their dissertation, the projected date of dissertation completion, as well as work completed on the dissertation as of December 1, 2015. A brief outline of remaining work to be completed should also be included.
  - b. A copy of their dissertation prospectus (updated, if necessary). These submissions should be very polished, though the faculty may make suggestions for further improvement, as our nominee's prospectus will eventually be sent on to the committee that decides the award. (If you have not yet written your prospectus and had it approved, then you are not yet eligible for this fellowship.)
2. Students should request that their dissertation adviser submit a brief confidential letter to the department head, Kenneth Calhoon ([kcalhoon@uoregon.edu](mailto:kcalhoon@uoregon.edu)) candidly assessing the student's progress to date, the quality of the dissertation project, and whether the student's research goals for the fellowship term are realistic.

**SELECTION:** The Comparative Literature Faculty will review the applications and select the nominee.

**CONDITIONS OF SELECTION:** The graduate student selected as the department's nominee will apply for the fellowship per instructions found on the Graduate School web page. The student will upload their application documents directly to the Graduate School. The deadline for submission is Friday, February 19, 2016.

The nominated student will also request that three letters of recommendation be submitted directly to Comparative Literature Department Head Kenneth Calhoon, [kcalhoon@uoregon.edu](mailto:kcalhoon@uoregon.edu), by Friday, February 5

#### COMPARATIVE LITERATURE DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP

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This fellowship is intended to fund dissertation research and writing. If the departmental nominee is not awarded a UO Doctoral Research Fellowship then the Department of Comparative Literature will award the Comparative Literature Dissertation Fellowship.

**ELIGIBILITY:** The student receiving the department's nomination for the UO Doctoral Research Fellowship.

**AWARD:** \$5350, to be distributed for one term during 2016-17. The student will be expected to register for three dissertation credits (COLT 603). The recipient will receive a remission for tuition (3 credits) and fees.

**TO APPLY:** Apply for the department nomination to the UO Doctoral Research Fellowship (see above).

#### COMPARATIVE LITERATURE JOURNAL SUMMER SCHOLARSHIP

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This award is generously funded by the journal *Comparative Literature*. The primary purpose of this scholarship is to help defray the cost of participating in a summer institute for advanced language study, but it may also be used to help fund participation in a summer seminar or research in a library or archive.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Doctoral students at any stage of their studies may apply, provided they are not teaching during Summer Term or preparing for their qualifying exams.

**AWARD:** \$5000 - \$6000 (the award may be split among two individuals)

**TO APPLY:** To apply for this scholarship, please submit a letter describing the institute, program or project, explaining its importance for your studies. Include an itemized breakdown of estimated expenses (tuition, housing, travel, etc.).

**SELECTION:** Applications will be reviewed by the Department Head and Graduate Committee.