

## English Department Graduate Student Travel Awards

Graduate Student English Department Travel Awards provide partial support for expenses for graduate students giving papers at professional conferences either in the US or abroad. The maximum award an applicant can receive is \$700. Support is available for lowest round trip airfare or mileage (if traveling by car), local transportation costs, hotel, conference registration fees and meals (on a per diem basis).

### Eligibility:

1. Graduate students currently enrolled in our program who are giving a paper at a professional conference.
2. There is a limit of one award to an individual within any 12-month period. An applicant can submit a new application for an event occurring 12 months after the previously awarded conference.
3. The conference must occur during the academic year in which the application is received.

Deadlines: October 1, February 1

Applications are competitive since *only three awards* are available per deadline.

The application should be emailed as a single pdf file (labeled "[last name of applicant] grad travel application") to the Director of Graduate Studies (liptone@missouri.edu) and should include:

1. The title of the conference and a brief description of its importance (How important is it in the field? What are the selection criteria?).
2. Brief statement of how giving this paper is important for your career as a graduate student.
3. Abstract of the paper (250 words max) with title, session title if known.
4. Budget listing needs (airfare, lodging, registration fees) and other sources of support.
5. Brief CV (2 pages max) including any previous conferences attended. The application should total no more than 5 pages.

### Criteria for evaluating applications:

1. Significance of the conference in the field, quality of the abstract.
2. Importance of giving the paper to the graduate student's career (For example, will it help the student on the job market? In writing the thesis or dissertation?)

Reimbursement for successful applications: Within 30 days of the conference, submit the following to Paula Fleming, English Department fiscal officer: the name of conference, title of paper, dates and location of event (city, state, country if outside US), receipts for hotel and travel, account of meals and mileage.