

Endowed Summer Fellowship for Archival Work in English Studies (Summer 2026)

This fellowship provides summer support to doctoral candidates enrolled in the Department of English or Comparative Literature. To be eligible, students must have achieved doctoral candidacy, plan to conduct significant primary research in an established physical archive, demonstrate the need to conduct their research in that particular archive, and devote a portion of the summer in which the fellowship is provided on site at the location of the archive.

This \$5,000 fellowship is intended to contribute toward travel, living and research expenses associated with the archival work, as well as the costs of courses or programs in archival methods designed to help students develop research skills.

The English Archival Award is designed to fully support students over the summer. Teaching assistants and administrative assistants will not be eligible to teach or work during the summer of the award. Research assistants who must be in the lab to do their project must be relieved of lab duties that are not related to their research. The award funding does not supplement a student's graduate assistantship stipend; the funding replaces the student's summer stipend or salary.

To be eligible, the student must:

- be enrolled in the English Program or in the Comparative Literature Program;
- reach doctoral candidacy by June 1, 2026;
- conduct significant primary research in an established physical archive and demonstrate their need to conduct the research in that particular archive; and
- devote a significant portion of the award summer on site at the location of the archive.

A complete nomination includes:

- an nomination cover sheet (page 3)
- a 750-1000 word student-written research statement discussing the plan to conduct research in a specific archive over the summer, and how it will significantly advance progress toward degree;
- the student's curriculum vitae (2-page limit); and
- a letter of support from student's academic advisor describing the student's accomplishments and the intellectual promise.

Nomination Deadline: Wednesday, March 4, 2026

Nomination Instructions:

Students, please submit these materials to your advisor. A complete nomination includes the 4 items listed above.

Advisors, please submit your nomination by logging on to the GS Awards Portal at <https://terpengage.umd.edu/gsawards/s/>.

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Selection Process:

The Chair of the English Department will appoint a committee of departmental faculty to review Nominations and make recommendations for awards.

Contact Information:

Please direct any questions to Graduate School Office of Funding Opportunities, Program Director Robyn Kotzker (rkotzker@umd.edu/ X 50281).

Endowed Summer Fellowship for Archival Work in English Studies Cover Sheet (Summer 2026)

Archival Fellowship Webpage: gradschool.umd.edu/funding/student-fellowships-awards/endowed-summer-fellowship-archival-work-english-studies

Nomination Deadline: Noon, Wednesday, March 4, 2026

Complete nominations include:

1. Nomination cover sheet
2. Student written research statement
3. Student's C.V.
4. Advisor letter

Nominee's name: _____

Directory ID or (UMD Email address): _____

Department (use 4-letter code): _____

Working Title of Dissertation: _____

Date (or expected date) of reaching Candidacy: _____

Expected Date of Graduation: _____

Advisor: _____

Director of Graduate Studies: _____

Business Officer: _____

Location of Archives: _____

Students: Please prepare 1) this nomination cover sheet, 2) your research statement, and 3) your CV.

Advisors: Please collect these materials from your student and prepare your letter of support. To submit the nomination (4 documents), go to the Graduate School Awards Portal at <https://terpengage.umd.edu/gsawards/s/>.