Atlantic World Research Network

Graduate Student Research Grants—2020-2021

In 2020-2021, the Atlantic World Research Network will award one Graduate Student Research Grant of up to $500 to fund outstanding plans for research or creative activity—that is, plans which address the transatlantic exchange or circumatlantic relations, culture, or ecology. This grant will help to fund PhD, MA, MS, MLIS, or MFA supplies and equipment, as well as travel to collections, archives, venues, conferences, workshops, summer seminars, summer schools, museums, archaeological digs, laboratories, studios, theaters, and other sites for original research and creative work.

Applications are now open for projects to be completed during Fall and Spring of the 2020-2021 academic year, as well as during the Summer of 2021. (All awarded funds must be spent or encumbered by 1 May 2021.) The selection committee will consider applications from graduate students in all units of the University. Eligible projects include Masters theses and PhD dissertation chapters, chapbooks, installations, exhibitions, concerts, theatrical performances and productions, scientific findings, journal articles, conference presentations, readings, film and video screenings and postings, and other end products appropriate to the applicant’s discipline.

Successful applications will make significant contributions to Atlantic World studies.

Research plans that are submitted for the 2020-2021 grant competition will not be eligible in future competitions.

For further inquiries about these grants, please email awrn@uncg.edu

Application packet:

\* Completed application form (see form below)

\* Electronic submissions only, as Word or PDF files, or as links to online resources or documents

\* One letter of support submitted independently by sponsoring or overseeing faculty member (see form below)

\* Submit to awrn@uncg.edu with the following subject line: Graduate Student Research Grant YOUR NAME

Deadlines: The deadline for applications and letters of support is Thursday, 1 October 2020, at 5 pm. Incomplete applications and applications that do not meet the criteria in this announcement will not be considered.

Announcement of Winners: Winners will be notified by Thursday, 15 October 2020. Co-authors or co-presenters of winning applications will share the grant equally. Depending on the quality and number of applications, the selection committee reserves the right to fund a project at less than $500. Grant money will be credited directly to the grantee’s graduate student account.

STUDENT APPLICATION 

Student name:

Degree program:

Degree status:

Supporting/overseeing faculty member:

Purpose of project (for example, class project or paper, thesis, dissertation, conference presentation, performance, or show):

Project title:

Brief Project description (100 words maximum), including contribution to Atlantic World studies:

Project Research Plan (750 words maximum), including contribution to Atlantic World studies;

Project Budget specifying amount requested (up to $500) and itemizing particular expenditures.

FACULTY LETTER OF SUPPORT 

Note: These letters must be specific, must elaborate on the merits of the project, and must spell out why and how the graduate applicant’s proposed project makes a solid Atlantic World contribution. Support letters should give the selection committee some idea of the context (class project, thesis, dissertation, conference paper, performance piece, etc.), the place of the topic in the student’s field, and an assessment of quality compared to similar projects. Applications for these grants come from a wide range of disciplines and may include class papers, Masters theses, sections of doctoral dissertations, any form of literature, art, musical composition, laboratory experiment, or performance or exhibition. Since the selection committee is made up of Atlantic World faculty in various disciplines, it seeks descriptive letters that translate specialized disciplinary language while assessing the student’s project objectively and in ways that assist the committee in ranking the applications.

Name:

Department:

Relation to student (for example, thesis or dissertation chair, advisor, instructor)