

English Funding Opportunities

Department of English Funding for Research and Travel

- **Conference travel, summer research, and summer experience funding** - available annually to graduate students in the English PhD program. For more information, please see [Support for Research & Travel](#).

Department of English Fellowships and Awards

- **Chair's Prize for Best Dissertation** - Departmental prize for best dissertation in an academic year.
- [Hobby Fellowship, Studies in English Literature](#)
- **The Shirley Bard Rapoport Graduate Essay Prize** - Established by Morris Rapoport, this endowed prize as a memorial to honor his beloved wife and lifetime partner, Shirley Bard Rapoport, and her love of writing and literature. The Rapoport Prize is awarded every year for the best essay by a graduate student in the English Department. It recognizes graduate student excellence in scholarship, writing, and publication before completion of the dissertation. The Rapoport essay competition is open to students at all levels in the Ph.D. program and invites essays that are one or more of the following: seminar papers that have been revised for publication, or are in circulation, in press, or published. A call for submissions is sent out annually in Spring of each year.
- **Walter Isle Memorial Endowment** - This endowment awards grants to graduate students in support of research on projects addressing environmental and/or ecological topics.
- **6th-year Tuition Waiver**
- **6th-year dissertation Award**

Affiliates

- [The Dickens Project](#) - Each year the department accepts applications from graduate students enrolled in the English program at Rice who wish to attend the Dickens Project. Two students are selected to attend both the Summer and Winter conferences. The Dean's office funds the cost of transportation in the Summer and the English departments funds the Winter conference costs. Graduate students will have their flights pre-paid, and can be reimbursed for travel expenses if they submit receipts. Miscellaneous costs incurred are not reimbursed.

University and School-wide Fellowships and Awards

[Center for the Study of Women, Gender and Sexuality Graduate Certificate](#)

one-time stipend of \$5000 [upon achievement of candidacy](#)

[Center for Critical and Cultural Theory \(3CT\) Graduate Certificate](#)

competitive, one-time stipend awarded upon completion
[Research Travel Support](#)

[Andrew W. Mellon Graduate Research Seminars](#)

[Stipend supplement to participate in the seminar](#)

Humanities Resource Center

[Marilyn Marrs Gillet International Travel Fellowship](#) - The Humanities Research Center awards one to two competitive travel awards of \$2500 to \$5,000 to graduate students in the School of Humanities who need to conduct research abroad over the summer. Awarded funds may be used for, but not limited to, travel to present papers at scholarly conferences, consult distant archives, interview scholars and authors, take courses, and/or participate in workshops.

[Public Humanities Initiative | Civic Humanist Fellows](#) - The HRC's [Public Humanities Initiative](#) invites graduate students in the School of Humanities to submit applications for two Civic Humanists Fellowships. Both fellows will interact with area high school students on at least 10 occasions and give talks and lead lessons pertaining to their respective areas of expertise.

Fellows will be awarded \$5000 and will work part-time on developing this program from July 2020 through May 2021. Hours are flexible and the time and nature of the work will vary throughout the year.

[Lodieska Stockbridge Vaughn Fellowship](#)

This award provides a fellowship for a graduate student whose record at Rice shows evidence of outstanding achievement and promise. Five awards are given each year, one in Social Sciences, one in Humanities and three in any discipline. The amount of this award varies somewhat each year, but is typically around \$16,000.

Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS)

[Wagoner Foreign Study Scholarship Program](#)

The Wagoner Foreign Study Scholarship provides students and alumni the opportunity to conduct research abroad for a minimum of eight weeks to one year. A research project may be combined simultaneously with the advanced study of a language (400 level or above); or an introductory level of languages not offered at Rice. Funding is available up to \$15,000 per award.