



Department of English  
College of Arts and Sciences

Graduate Office  
Graduate Research Fellowships

riverrun Research Fellowships: Application Guidelines

These fellowships are available to MA and PhD students in the Department of English who are planning a work trip to a research repository (library, special collection, archive, museum, or similar institution) beyond Western New York. This research can be related to any academic project. A faculty committee (the Director of Graduate Studies plus two tenure-line faculty members) selects the research fellows. Awards will be made on the basis of the strength and coherence of the research project, the archival specificity of the research plan, and the feasibility of the research timeline. The fellowships are made possible through the generosity of the riverrun Foundation.

For applicants, you are required to submit: 1) a cover sheet or letter, which should include your name, program and year in the program, postal address, and email address, as well as the name of the repository to which you wish to travel; 2) an updated curriculum vitae; and 3) a 1–2 page research proposal (that must include a preliminary budget), which describes where you intend to travel and why the research project you outline will benefit your academic work. As a single pdf file, this application material is to be sent electronically to the Director of Graduate Studies, by the announced deadline. In addition, you must have a letter of recommendation from a faculty member who knows your work and can attest to the qualities of the proposed research project; the faculty referee should send this letter directly to the Director of Graduate Studies.

Lastly, recipients of the riverrun Research Fellowships are asked to give short public presentations on their research, in an open event to be held during the fall semester following the term of the award.