We are seeking research proposals from undergraduate students like you. Presentations must have a clear, innovative argument that puts your unique insights in conversation with existing scholarship (secondary sources).

This year’s conference theme, “Shaping and Sharing Identities: Spaces, Places, Languages, and Cultures.” In your proposals, we encourage you to explore how literary works, film, languages, and cultures influence and challenge traditional notions of space, identity, and history. Possible approaches include:

- Culture and the formation of identity (one culture or in a multicultural context)
- Relationship between language and identity
- Creation of new identities
- Literature and identity
- Gender, sexuality, and identity
- Evolution of identity over time
- Place and/or borders and identity
- Formation of community identity

Please submit a 300-word abstract, bibliography, and 100-word bio by Nov. 1, 2019 through the NeMLA website. Visit buffalo.edu/nemla to create a member log in and submit your abstract. Accepted students can receive mentorship on writing and structuring their presentations. For questions and further details, please contact Jennifer Mdurvwa at arts-sciences@buffalo.edu.

**Why attend NeMLA as an Undergraduate Student?**

You will receive full access to conference events and workshops, with opportunities to network with professors and scholars in your chosen field. You will also be invited to participate in a workshop on applying to graduate programs, where you can receive feedback on your application materials and speak with faculty and graduate students on admissions committees.

Students who submit a strong abstract with a unique research focus will be considered for funding to attend the conference. A panel of judges will also be awarding a $100 cash prize.