

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH AWARDS COMPETITIONS

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Please announce to your classes

DEADLINE: Friday, March 20, 2020

Address any questions to Adam Desnoyers, Chair, Awards Committee
desnoye@ku.edu

Students applying for “scholarships” and “fellowships” must be enrolled *full-time* during the following semester (6 hours for graduate students; 12 hours for undergraduates). Graduating students are eligible for all “awards” and contests not specified as “scholarships.”

“Study of Literature”/essay competitions are open to students across campus, except where otherwise noted.

Creative Writing competitions are open to all KU students.

Only English majors & English graduate students are eligible for scholarships.

Only ONE entry per student per contest unless otherwise specified.

All applications require electronic submission. Send a separate email for each contest, and attach each item below separately. In your email submissions, please adhere to the following:

- (1) attach submissions in .pdf, .doc, or .rtf *only*
- (2) attach an updated, 2-page CV or resume
- (3) attach any other documents specified in the instructions for the particular award
- (4) type your surname and the name of the competition for which you’re applying in the subject line
- (5) send the e-mail to awards@ku.edu
- (6) send a separate email for each contest

If any of the materials are missing, the entry will be disqualified.

In addition, a confidential AWARDS APPLICATION SUBMISSION FORM and W9 Form must be delivered to Lori Whitten in the English Dept. main office—3001G Wescoe Hall. (This data is necessary to process the prize money should you win an award.) These forms are available at the front desk in 3001 Wescoe or on the Department website.

Deadline for applications—**Friday, March 20, 2020 by 4 pm.**

GRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS

If you have any questions, please contact Adam Desnoyers at desnoye@ku.edu.
(see also under WRITING AWARDS)

THE DR. ANNE MARIE TURNER AWARD

The Department of English will provide a single annual award to a graduate student in English at the University of Kansas who has done outstanding research in the field of American literature as demonstrated by a project of publishable quality.

ELIGIBILITY: Any graduate student enrolled in the Department of English during the academic year in which the award is to be presented is eligible. Student must be nominated by a faculty member.

CRITERIA: The project may be a research paper written for a course, an MA thesis, a doctoral dissertation chapter, or a scholarly article; must concern American literature; and must be of publishable quality. Candidates must be nominated by a professor in the Department of English; nomination letters can be submitted up until March 16th.

JAMES A. GOWEN MEMORIAL AWARD

The English department will provide a single annual award to a graduate student who has demonstrated, in a significant way a serious concern for, and achievement in, rhetoric, composition studies, or the English Language. The award will be granted only during those years when an applicant of sufficient merit is recognized.

ELIGIBILITY: All graduate students in the department of English who are officially enrolled during the year the award is considered are eligible. Nomination by a faculty member is not required.

CRITERIA: Applications for this award will be considered on the basis of outstanding or unusual activity in one or more of the following areas: innovative approaches to the teaching of writing; attendance at professional conferences; publication record; thesis or dissertation content and quality. Submit teaching materials; documentation of conferences attended and papers given; copies of scholarly papers; a list of published works; and/or an abstract or prospectus of the thesis or dissertation.

THE KENNETH ROCKWELL AWARD

For excellence in the study of literature. Please submit one critical essay and a Degree Progress Report. Nomination by a faculty member is NOT required. Please make sure that your subject line specifies Rockwell Award: GRADUATE.

GRADUATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Application materials are due on FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2020, 4 pm.

THE WILLIAM ALBRECHT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Graduate students enrolled in English at the University of Kansas are invited to submit an application for this lucrative award. Winners must be returning to KU for at least one more semester of study.

Guidelines:

Provide a CV, including information concerning the grades you have earned and the relevant courses you have completed. No letters of recommendation are necessary. Merely give the judging committee a summary of your academic background. Also list past awards and titles of winning projects.

Submit a research proposal. *Please explain, if appropriate, how this project is related to your submissions from previous academic years.* These awards have been established to provide substantial support and opportunity for significant research, and candidates should submit proposals that are commensurate with those goals. The proposal should be at least three pages, and it should not exceed five pages. Be as thorough and as specific as possible. For the purposes of these awards, original writing (prose, poetry, drama) is considered “research.” You should enhance and support your proposal with whatever materials you deem appropriate.

THE MARGARET FULLER AWARD

The Department of English will provide a single award to a graduate student in English with an interest in Feminist studies. Please submit one paper demonstrating your scholarship in this area, as well as a Degree Progress Report and a brief statement of how feminist studies informs the focus of your graduate work.

THE RAMESH THIPPAVAJJALA MEMORIAL AWARD

Eligibility: For international graduate students in the department of English.

Named in honor of Dr. Ramesh Thippavajjala, award-winning teacher and scholar, who received his Ph.D. from the University of Kansas and is the father of KU Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Neeli Bendapudi, this award will be given to an international graduate student in the Department of English who has demonstrated excellence in the fields of literature or creative writing or language, rhetoric and composition.

Guidelines:

Provide a CV, a paper demonstrating excellence in your chosen field of study or a representative sample of your creative work, and a brief statement explaining how receiving this award will advance and contribute to the focus of your studies.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT TEACHING AWARDS

Application materials are due on FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2020, 4:00 pm.

OUTSTANDING INSTRUCTOR AWARD

The Department of English at the University of Kansas will recognize Graduate Teaching Assistants or Lecturers who have distinguished themselves by the quality of their teaching.

ELIGIBILITY: All Graduate Teaching Assistants and Lecturers in the department of English who have completed at least one full year of teaching in the department are eligible for this award. Instructors who have not won this award in the past year will receive higher priority.

Applicants should submit a brief statement (approximately 250 words) highlighting significant elements of their teaching activity. Applicants are invited to provide the Awards Committee with additional relevant materials, e.g., copies of assignments, handouts, projects, syllabi, lesson plans.

Judges will have access to FSE files, so you do not need to copy and include recommendation letters and student evaluations.

THE SELDEN LINCOLN WHITCOMB FELLOWSHIP

RESTRICTIONS: GRADUATE STUDENT/TEACHERS WHO ARE AT LEAST IN THE SECOND YEAR OF TEACHING IN THIS DEPARTMENT

For excellence in scholastic research and promise in the field of teaching. Please submit a short personal statement on how your teaching and scholarship intersect (approximately 250 words), one critical essay, evidence of exemplary classroom teaching. Judges will have access to FSE files, so you do not need to copy and include recommendation letters and student evaluations.

STEPHEN F. EVANS AWARD

For excellence in course development. The Department of English at the University of Kansas will recognize Graduate Teaching Assistants or Lecturers who have distinguished themselves by the quality of their course design and development.

ELIGIBILITY: All Graduate Teaching Assistants and Lecturers in the department of English who have completed at least one full year of teaching in the department are eligible for this award. Instructors will need to have designed a complete course and taught the course to demonstrate the excellence of the course design. Instructors who have not won this award in the past year will receive higher priority. **Instructors may only submit one course design for consideration.**

Applicants should submit a statement (500-750 words) highlighting significant elements of their course design including the theory and principles that governed their design choices, the ways that course encourages students to meet the stated course goals, and a reflection about what worked and what they would change about the course they designed having taught the course. Applicants should also provide the course syllabus and schedule, the assignment sequence, and examples of 2-3 handouts and lesson plans that demonstrate elements of the course design discussed in the statement.

Judging: Members of the First- and Second-year English Committee will read and rank the entries independently.

THE MABEL S. FRY AWARD

RESTRICTIONS: Full-time Teaching Faculty

For excellence in teaching. Must be nominated by an undergraduate or graduate student of the department. Interested students should submit a short letter of recommendation directly to the Presidents of SAGE. Email to Dana Comi or Leighann Thone, by FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2020, 4:00 PM. If you have any questions, please contact Dana Comi or Leighann Thone.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS

All entries should be e-mailed to awards@ku.edu. In your email submissions, please adhere to the following:

- (1) attach submissions in .pdf, .doc, or .rtf *only*
- (2) attach an updated, 2-page CV or resume
- (3) attach any other documents specified in the instructions for the particular award
- (4) attach each of these items individually (not in one large file)
- (5) type your surname and the name of the competition for which you're applying in the subject line
- (6) send a separate email for each contest

THE HELEN RHODA HOOPEES AWARD

Open to students who are undergraduate women. For the best essay submitted in fulfillment of a regular class assignment. Papers need not be retyped, although revision and retyping is allowed. Submit one paper (only one essay per student).

HENRY MATTHEW WEIDNER AWARD

Open to students who are undergraduate men. For the best essay submitted in fulfillment of a regular class assignment. Papers need not be retyped, although revision and retyping is allowed. Submit one paper (only one essay per student). Entries may also be considered for the Rockwell Award.

KENNETH ROCKWELL AWARD for excellence in the study of literature.

Open to all undergraduate students. For the best essay submitted in fulfillment of a regular class assignment. Papers need not be retyped, although revision and retyping is allowed. Submit one paper (only one essay per student). Please make sure that your subject line specifies Rockwell Award: UNDERGRAD.

ILUS W. DAVIS AWARD

For excellence in expository writing by undergraduate students. Submit one paper (one essay per student).

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT WRITING AWARDS

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2020, 4:00 pm.

Each applicant must submit one submission form and W9 to Lori Whitten's office in 3001G Wescoe. (Please submit only ONE submission form no matter how many contests you enter.) All entries should be e-mailed to awards@ku.edu. Each contest entered requires a separate email submission. The submission form and W9 is available at the front desk in 3001 Wescoe or on the Department website.

Suffrage Centennial Essay Contest

The University of Kansas English Department announces an essay contest in honor of the Centennial of Women's Suffrage in the United States. We invite current KU undergraduate students to submit essays on the history of the struggle for women's voting rights in the U.S., especially the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment. We also welcome treatments of twenty-first century efforts to protect the right to vote and promote the election of women to public office in the U.S. Only one essay per student, please. One overall winner and one runner-up will receive a cash award. Deadline is FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2020.

The William Herbert Carruth Memorial Poetry Contest

Open to all undergraduate students. Entrants may submit from one to three poems.

The Vic Contoski Creative Writing Award. Open to graduate students. Submit a portfolio of three short stories, a novel fragment, or ten pages of poetry in a single file. If submitting fiction, subject line CONTOSKI-FICTION. If submitting poetry, subject line CONTOSKI-POETRY.

The Edna Osborne Whitcomb Award. For a junior or senior woman majoring in English. Submit one story or one to three poems.

The Edgar Wolfe Award in Fiction

Open to undergraduate students. Submit one fiction story.

The Thomas J. O'Donnell Award In Creative Nonfiction

Open to both graduate and undergraduate students. Submit one creative nonfiction essay.

The Maxwell Nature Writing Contest

Open to both graduate and undergraduate students. Submit one nature essay.

The John F. Eberhardt Excellence in Writing Award

Scholarship for Double/Dual Majors and Minors (one of the majors must be English or an English minor). Applicants may be in literature, creative writing, or literature, rhetoric, and writing. There will be two awards in 2020.

Application must include:

- A statement describing the importance of English as your double/dual major or minor
- A resume
- A writing sample

The James E. Gunn Award for Science Fiction Writing

Open to both graduate and undergraduate students. Submit one science fiction story written in a KU English class. <http://www.sfcenter.ku.edu/Gunn-award.htm>

Scholarships in Science Fiction

Open to all students, undergraduate and graduate, who are studying SF at KU. Preference will be given to Kansans, but all applications are welcome.

Direct questions to Chris McKitterick, (cmckit@ku.edu).

Provide the following: your name, address, resident status, graduate or undergraduate status, and your undergraduate major or graduate field; a short essay on how you would use and benefit from a scholarship in the study of science fiction or the writing of science fiction. If not enough entries are received, decisions postponed until Fall. <http://www.sfcenter.ku.edu/SF-Scholarship.htm>

First- and Second-Year English Awards

The Department of English is pleased to announce that it will recognize excellence in writing with certificates of achievement and small cash awards to as many as three student winners for papers written in fulfillment of assignments in English 101-102, and as many as two student winners for papers written in fulfillment of assignments in English 203 and English 209-211 courses. Along with a certificate and cash award, the work of student winners also will be considered for publication in the next edition of Composition and Literature (CAL).

Important: Student work submitted last spring *after the official submission deadline as well as during summer of 2019* also is eligible for consideration, provided the student-author currently is enrolled at the University.

The papers may be the originals or revised, but they should not bear the instructor's comments or grade.

Only one paper per student is allowed.

All applications require electronic submission. In your email submissions, please do the following:

- (1) Attach submissions in .pdf, .doc, or .rtf only
- (2) Type your last name and the course for which you wrote the assignment in the subject line
- (3) Send the e-mail to fsewriteaward@ku.edu

Judging: Members of the First- and Second-year English Committee will read and rank the papers independently.

**Awards will be presented
at the Department's Honors and Awards Reception
May 15, 2020**