Department of English

Baker-Hernandez Grants for Graduate Student Research

The Graduate Programs in the Department of English are the beneficiaries of the generosity of the Baker-Hernandez family. Frances Hernandez was a long-time faculty member and scholar in the Department of English.

Her family established this grant fund to “initiate, facilitate, and expand the high-level research activities” of graduate students in our programs.

Students are encouraged to apply for funding for activities such as the following:

* Travel to present at conferences ($500 would be a typical award; applicants should demonstrate that they have sought funds from the graduate school, and in the case of CCCC, from First Year Composition Guide Funds).
* Support for student research, generally thesis or dissertation research
  + Travel to research sites and archives
  + Purchase of equipment
  + Transcription and translation services
  + Statistical and survey analysis
  + Stipends for participants in research
  + Other research needs as approved by the award committee

The Baker-Hernandez Award cannot be used for tuition.

**Application Deadline:** Applications will be taken on a rolling basis and will continue to be accepted until all funds for the fiscal year are distributed. Funds will be awarded on a competitive basis. Successful requests may be funded fully or partially.

**Project Proposal:** A brief description (approximately 500 words) of the project, a timeline, a budget, and a statement of the potential for dissemination should be part of your application.

**Project Wrap-up:** When the project is completed, a written report will be required. In the case of conference travel, please submit the conference proposal, the acceptance notification, and a statement of how this conference presentation is a part of your broader research agenda.

**Submission:** Proposals should be submitted electronically as a Word email attachment, to the Chair of the Department, Dr. Maggy Smith ([msmith@utep.edu](mailto:msmith@utep.edu)).