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Opportunities for Creative Writing MFA Students

(This is NOT a complete list of all opportunities—please email gradgrants@nd.edu to learn more)

Grants, Fellowships, and Residencies:

Wisconsin Institute of Creative Writing Fellowships

Prestigious one-year fellowships for poets, prose writers, and playwrights to work on writing projects and teach one class per semester at Univ. of Wisconsin Madison. Deadline: late February. http://creativewriting.wisc.edu/fellowships.html

Ruth Lilly and Dorothy Sargent Rosenberg Poetry Fellowships

Fellowships through the Poetry Foundation for poets age 31 and younger. Deadline: late April. http://www.poetryfoundation.org/foundation/prizes fellowship

Provincetown Fine Arts Work Center Fellowships

7-month residential fellowship at the FAWC in Provincetown, MA. Deadline: early April. http://web.fawc.org/program

American Antiquarian Society Fellowships for Creative and Performing Arts

Provides stipend and living space for artists doing short-term historical research in the AAS archives. Deadline: early October. http://www.americanantiquarian.org/artistfellowship.htm

The Marguerite and Lamar Smith Fellowship for Writers

One-month residential fellowship at the Carson McCullers Center in Columbus, GA. Deadline: early April. http://www.mccullerscenter.org/fellowships.php

Kenyon Review Fellowships

Two-year fellowship through Kenyon College, in which the writers teach classes, work on the Kenyon Review, and support students and faculty. Deadline: Fall (only offered every other year; next anticipated deadline is in 2015). http://www.kenyonreview.org/programs/fellowship/

George Bennett Writer-in-Residence Fellowships

Fellowship for emerging writer to reside at Exeter Academy and mentor student writers without official teaching duties. Deadline: early December. http://www.exeter.edu/about_us/171_264.aspx

Stegner Fellowship

Prestigious two-year fellowship to work on writing projects and take part in weekly workshops at Stanford University. Deadline: early December. http://creativewriting.stanford.edu/about-the-fellowship

Stadler Fellowships

One-year residential fellowship at Bucknell University, where the writer works in the Stadler Center for Poetry and/or edits the literary journal. Deadline: early October. http://goo.gl/Po8IIo

Olive B. O'Connor Fellowship

Academic-year fellowship at Colgate University. Fellows teach one class per semester. Deadline: mid-January. http://www.colgate.edu/academics/departments-and-programs/english/creative-writing-fellows

Hub City Writers' Project Residencies

Summer or nine-month residencies for emerging writers in Spartanburg, SC. Deadline for summer residency: April. Deadline for 9-month residency: June. http://www.hubcity.org/programs/residencies

The James Merrill House Writer-in-Residence Program

Short (2-6 weeks) and extended (4 ½ months) residencies, with additional stipend, at the house/museum of poet James Merrill in Connecticut. Deadline: October-January. http://www.jamesmerrillhouse.org/application.htm

The Steinbeck Fellowship Program

One-year fellowship for emerging prose writers through San Jose State University. Deadline: early January. http://www.sjsu.edu/steinbeck/fellows/steinbeckfellows_apply/

Teaching Fellowships:

Ann Plato Fellowship

Teaching-based fellowships at Trinity College for ABD and post-MFA applicants to promote diversity among faculty. Deadline: mid-November or later, depending on need. http://www.trincoll.edu/Academics/dean/positions/Pages/Ann.aspx

Charles Gaius Bolin Dissertation and Post-MFA Fellowship

Teaching-based fellowships at Williams College for ABD and post-MFA applicants to promote diversity among faculty. Deadline: Fall. http://faculty.williams.edu/graduate-fellowships/

Reginald S. Tickner Fellowship

Teaching-based writing fellowship at the Gilman School, a private high school. Fellows teach and mentor students, as well as serve as advisor to the lit journal. Highly competitive. Deadline: early December. http://goo.gl/zM1mDu

Emory University Creative Writing Fellowships

Teaching-based two-year fellowship at Emory University in Georgia. Only offered every two years. Deadline: mid-November (expected). http://www.creativewriting.emory.edu/faculty/Fellowshipinfo.html

Travel Abroad:

Fulbright U.S. Student Program

Fellowships that allow for a study and/or research abroad, including creative projects. Writers can also apply for Fulbright English Teaching Assistantships (ETA). Campus deadline: early-mid September (expected). http://us.fulbrightonline.org/

The American-Scandinavian Foundation

Fellowships and short-term grants that fund research and creative projects to be carried out in Scandinavian countries. Deadline: early November. http://www.amscan.org/study_scandinavia_details.html

Other Resources

State and Local Grants

Most states offer small grants to artists and writers through state arts commissions. Consider looking into your state's grant structure. Some cities or other localities also offer grants.

Writing Contests

Contests exist for both individual pieces and books, particularly first books. Consider what presses or journals may be right for your work and begin thinking where you might be able to send your work in the next year or two, particularly once you have finished your book-length thesis.