

Woodress Scholar Archive Research Grants (2016)

The Cather Project of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln announces the availability of a Research Grant for visiting scholars. This grant provides financial support for scholars to travel to and reside in Lincoln, NE, for four consecutive weeks, in order to conduct research on Willa Cather using Cather resources in Nebraska and at UNL.

Applications are invited from early career scholars, advanced graduate students, recent PhDs, and faculty not yet tenured. Projects should reflect the need for research at the UNL Archives and in Nebraska. Each Woodress Research Grant is \$3,000 and the scholar is expected to be in residence in Lincoln for four consecutive weeks during March 1 – December 20, 2016. The Cather Project will assist with advice about travel, lodging, and a trip to the Willa Cather Foundation in Red Cloud, Nebraska (2 ½ hours away) to enable the scholar to research materials in the Foundation's archives and visit the area of Cather's childhood.

The Cather Project produces the Willa Cather Scholarly Edition and *Cather Studies*, both published by the University of Nebraska Press. The Archives and Special Collections of the UNL Libraries hold the largest collection of Cather letters to and from her, edited typescripts, manuscripts, multiple editions of her works, and many other Cather-associated materials.

Funding for the grants is from the Roberta and James Woodress Fund (created from a gift by Roberta and James Woodress; Mr. Woodress was an eminent Cather biographer and emeritus professor of English at University of California-Davis).

To apply, please send, as e-mail attachments, to Beth Burke at eburke3@unl.edu, the following items:

- your c.v.
- a statement of no more than 3 pages describing the proposed research project and the importance of materials and resources at UNL to your project
- a sample of scholarly writing (20-25pp: preferably focusing on Cather, though not necessarily exclusively)

In addition, two letters of recommendation should be sent directly by your recommenders to Beth (eburke3@unl.edu). Letters should be specific to the fellowship and proposed project rather than general letters of recommendation from your job placement dossier.

The deadline for submission of materials is December 18, 2015 and we will inform successful applicants by January 15, 2016.

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