Are you interested in earning an M.A. in English? Are you interested in Willa Cather or closely related areas, such as early twentieth century women’s writing, LGBTQ literature, or Western American literature? Do you have a developed interest in digital humanities, or are you interested in acquiring skills in DH? Then apply for an M.A. in English at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL), designating your interest in the Research Assistantship in Willa Cather Studies!

Applications are due December 1, 2021.

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Here are what current graduate students working as research assistants for the Willa Cather Archive have to say about this opportunity:

“At the Willa Cather Archive I have developed an intimate relationship with Willa Cather, one of the greatest American writers of the 20th century, while immersing myself in the craft of digital humanities, one of the greatest academic advancements of the 21st century.”

“Since starting this research assistantship this year, the people at the Willa Cather Archive have taught me so much about the intricacies of conducting research through resources available at the UNL library. This knowledge has enabled me to excel in my graduate courses and other research endeavors. As an added bonus, Willa Cather just so happens to be a fascinating woman to learn about. The Cather Archive is an excellent place to be during your time in UNL’s graduate program.”

“Working at the Cather Archive has given me the opportunity to pursue my research interests in a highly collaborative environment, which really sets this experience apart from so much of the work I’ve done in graduate school.”

No prior experience is necessary as extensive training and mentoring will be provided, but we welcome applicants with experience in digital humanities, textual studies, and historical research. Applicants who wish to be considered for this Research Assistantship in Willa Cather Studies should check the designated box on the online application form for M.A. in English, as well as indicate their interest in their application statement.

For more information on the UNL graduate program in English and the graduate application process, visit go.unl.edu/english-grad.