

## DISSERTATION RESEARCH AWARD For Texts & Technology Ph.D. Students 2015

### Dissertation Research Award 2015

The Center for Humanities and Digital Research, the Texts and Technology Ph.D. program, and the UCF College of Graduate Studies invites students at the dissertation research and writing stage to submit a research proposal for research support by **March 2, 2015**. This program will make **five awards of up to \$3,000 each** by April 6, 2015.

These awards are intended to facilitate the timely completion of high-quality dissertations. It is expected that award recipients will complete their dissertations and defenses within 18-24 months after completing the dissertation research supported by the award. Research support examples that can be covered by this award include: help with travel to archives, libraries, or other sites for primary source access; consultation (or interviews) with subject or method experts; participation in a workshop or appropriate technology conference for specialized training; and/or the purchase of specialized technical equipment, e.g., software, supplies, etc. unique to your research. Travel support is only available for travel costs exceeding what is available elsewhere at UCF, such as through the College of Graduate Studies' Presentation Fellowship and/or travel funds available through the Student Government Association. The award may not be used toward tuition and fees associated with course registration.

### Eligibility

Applicants for the award must have an approved Dissertation Prospectus on file with the Texts & Technology office. Students who receive the award must be registered for at least 3 credit hours of dissertation during Summer 2015. Research or travel may begin April 1, 2015, and must be completed by December 31, 2015.

Students who receive awards will be expected to submit a 500-750 word report of their research activities and dissertation progress to the Texts & Technology program director within 30 days of their return. The Dissertation Research Award should be acknowledged in the dissertation.

### Application Requirements

A Dissertation Research Award Proposal must include the following information:

1. The student's name, address, and date of submission of the Award Proposal.
2. The dissertation's working title (and anticipated semester of completion).
3. The full names of all dissertation committee members.
4. A statement of research questions, plan and method, and significance, i.e., justification for use of the funds, including a statement about the availability of other institutional funding applied for and/or that will be used to support the research proposal (2 single-spaced typewritten pages maximum).
5. A detailed timeline for dissertation completion and defense.
6. A list of the type(s) of support requested (please itemize and document estimated travel budget and research related expenses, including individual dollar projections as accurately as possible, e.g., accommodations, software costs, workshop registrations, etc).
7. A statement regarding whether or not the student is currently receiving financial aid.
8. A letter of support from the student's Dissertation Chair.
9. Copies of institutional research invitations or other forms of documentation to verify the research support requested.
10. If requesting travel funds, documentation outlining support applied for and/or received from the College of Graduate Studies and Student Government Association sources and indicating those travel expenses not covered by existing UCF funding sources for graduate students.

Please submit the Award Proposal requirements as an email attachment by **March 2, 2015**, to Professor Mark Kamrath:  
[Mark.Kamrath@ucf.edu](mailto:Mark.Kamrath@ucf.edu). Questions about the application process should be addressed to Mark Kamrath.

### Proposal Selection

Proposals will be reviewed by a committee of representatives from the Texts & Technology program and the Center for Humanities and Digital Research. Awards will be announced by April 6, 2015, and funds will be set aside to cover approved expenses in accordance with the College of Arts and Humanities' finance and accounting procedures.

Dissertation Research Awards will be granted on the basis of research plan quality and potential for successful dissertation completion.

### Financial Aid Implications

Federal regulations stipulate that federal need as established by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) cannot be exceeded when a student receives need-based financial aid (including student loans). This dissertation award would be added to the student's award which cannot cumulatively exceed the cost of attendance. If this occurs, a portion of the financial aid package (the loan portion) could be reduced or canceled. For further information or questions, please visit <http://finaid.ucf.edu> or contact the Office of Student Financial Assistance ([finaid@ucf.edu](mailto:finaid@ucf.edu); 407-823-2827).