

The Eudora Welty Research Fellowship

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Mississippi Department of Archives and History*

The Eudora Welty Foundation and the Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MDAH) are pleased to offer the [2024 Eudora Welty Research Fellowship](#) to support scholarly research using the [Eudora Welty Collection](#) and [related materials at MDAH](#). The fellowship seeks to nurture graduate students at the beginning of their academic careers, in order to increase their interest in, and promote continued appreciation of, Eudora Welty's life and works. One research fellowship with a stipend of \$5,000 will be offered to a graduate student enrolled in an accredited college or university.

The recipient is expected to be in residence for a minimum of two weeks during the summer to conduct research at the William F. Winter Archives and History Building in Jackson, Mississippi. At the conclusion of their stay, the fellow will be asked to give a presentation and submit a summary report on the fellow's research findings.

The stipend may be used to cover travel, accommodations, and other expenses during the recipient's time researching at the archives. (Ineligible costs include computer equipment, hardware, or software; childcare, and photo framing/matting.) The stipend will be paid in increments, with the final payment given upon submission of the summary report.

The Welty Foundation and MDAH will have the opportunity to utilize the product(s) if they are deemed appropriate and of benefit to the sponsoring parties.

Please visit our [FAQ page](#) for more information about conducting research in the Eudora Welty Collection using the online catalog and at the William F. Winter Building.

Important Dates

- **Application Deadline:** March 1, 2024
- **Selection announcement:** by early April 2024
- **Summer research term:** Minimum 2 weeks, May-September

Submit the application packet electronically to ecambonga@mdah.ms.gov or by mail to Elisabeth Cambonga, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Eudora Welty Research Fellowship, P. O. Box 571, 200 North Street, Jackson, MS 39205-0571

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2024 Fellowship Application Form

Application Deadline: March 1, 2024 (5:00 p.m. CST)

Applicant's Name _____

Applicant's Institution _____

Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Mailing Address _____

A complete application consists of the following:

1. Fellowship Application Form

2. Proposal (no more than five pages, typed, double-spaced)

- Describe the proposed research topic, methodology, use of MDAH holdings, and research product(s).
 - Explain how this research will draw on the primary resources at MDAH and explain why the MDAH holdings are appropriate to this research. Indicate by collection title, series, and series title the specific holdings to be used.
 - Explain the research methodology to be used for this project. Include a brief description of preliminary research and a selected bibliography of works that directly influence the proposal.
 - Include a description of the intended product(s), which may include a paper, thesis, dissertation, article, book, lecture, exhibit, broadcast, and/or website.
- Indicate your anticipated schedule.
- Indicate your estimated expenses (travel to and from, and housing in, the Jackson, Mississippi vicinity; and other).

3. Curriculum Vitae

4. Letter of Recommendation from your academic advisor

5. Supporting materials may be submitted but are not required

The fellowship recipient will be selected and notified no later than April 30, 2024.

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Eligibility

The fellowship recipient must be enrolled in a graduate program at an accredited college or university, with preference given to a doctoral student.

Selection Criteria

Scholastic contribution

- What contributions will this proposed study make to the scholarly assessment of Welty's life and work?
- What is the potential of this applicant to contribute to a new and valid understanding of Welty's life and works?
- How will the product promote or encourage future study of Welty's life and works?
- How will the product promote public appreciation of Welty's life and works?

Proposed research topic, methodology, use of MDAH holdings, and research product(s)

- How will this research draw on the primary resources at MDAH? How appropriate are MDAH holdings to this research? What specific materials from the collection will be used?
- How sound is the research methodology?
- How innovative is the proposed research?
- What is the overall quality and clarity of the proposal?
- Is the product appropriate to the research topic?

Anticipated schedule

- Is the schedule reasonable and does it include adequate research time on-site during the two-week minimum stay?

Estimated expenses (travel, housing, and other)

- Are expenses reasonable and in accordance with the guidelines presented below?

Curriculum Vitae

Letter of recommendation from dissertation/thesis advisor

Supporting Materials (optional)