

# The Eudora Welty Research Fellowship

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## 2020 Fellowship Application Form

**Application Deadline: February 28, 2020** (5:00 p.m. CST)

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Institution \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Please include the following items in the application package:**

**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. Vita**

**4. Letter of Recommendation** from your academic advisor

**5. Supporting materials** may be submitted

The fellowship recipient will be selected and notified no later than March 31, 2020.

Further information, including Eligibility and Selection Criteria, is available on the reverse side of the application form.

Send one complete application packet via email, regular mail, or express service to  
Ms. Forrest Galey, Mississippi Department of Archives and History,  
Eudora Welty Research Fellowship, P. O. Box 571, 200 North Street, Jackson, MS 39205-0571  
fgaley@mdah.ms.gov

## 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 holdings 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?

### Vita

### Letter of recommendation from dissertation/thesis advisor

## Further Information

The [Eudora Welty Foundation](#) and the [Mississippi Department of Archives and History](#) (MDAH) are pleased to offer the Eudora Welty Research Fellowship, to encourage and support research use of the Eudora Welty Collection and related materials at MDAH (see the link at <http://www.mdah.ms.gov/welty/resources/welty-fellowship.php>) by graduate students. The fellowship seeks to nurture scholars at the beginning of their academic careers, in order to increase their lifelong interest in, and promote continued academic and public appreciation of, Eudora Welty's life and works. Primary source research will be conducted in residence at the William F. Winter Archives and History Building in Jackson, Mississippi.

One competitive fellowship of \$2,000 will be offered to a student enrolled in a graduate program at an accredited college or university, with preference given to a doctoral candidate. The stipend may be used to cover travel, housing, and other expenses during the recipient's two-week minimum stay in Jackson, Mississippi, from May to September 2020. (Ineligible costs include childcare, photo framing/matting, computer hardware or software, and airport parking.) The stipend will be paid in increments, with the final payment conditional upon submission of a summary report of research findings.

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.