Aetna Graduate Research and Travel Award

The Aetna Chair of Writing invites applications for up to ten (10) annual $500 (maximum) awards for site research or professional travel aimed at studying or presenting on *writing* in academic disciplines, workplaces, or other contexts. Successful applications might, for example, focus on:

* The teaching of writing in higher education
* The process and practice of writing in various settings—creative, literary, professional, interdisciplinary, etc.
* How an author, literary figure, or academic figure has used writing to make or engage change in the world

The largest total award granted (per year, per applicant) will be $500.

Application Guidelines

* Should be addressed to the Aetna Chair of Writing Advisory Board
* Should be sent to the Aetna Chair of Writing: Professor Brenda Brueggemann ([**brenda.brueggemann@uconn.edu**](mailto:brenda.brueggemann@uconn.edu)**)**
* Should be submitted AT LEAST 4 WEEKS IN ADVANCE of your planned research or conference travel.  8 weeks is even better.  12 weeks is optimal!
* Should include the following:
  + A narrative of approximately 200-500 words that:
    - Indicates the research/travel project’s contribution to the study or teaching of writing
    - Describes the proposed use of the funds
  + A brief budget explanation that documents, in as much detail as possible, how the funds will be spent
  + The applicant’s current academic CV

Deadlines  
The award is open for application.  Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis and awards will be dispensed until funds are expended.  Award applications are ideally considered when submitted at least 4 week in advance of the event/opportunity.  Eight (8) weeks is better. Twelve (12) weeks is optimal if an applicant wants the fullest consideration.

Following the Award

1. A brief (150-word) summary statement regarding the use and impact of the award is requested from the awarded applicant (typically within six months of receiving the award). This statement will be used in the Aetna Chair’s annual report to the Provost and Dean’s Offices, the UConn Foundation, and the UConn Board of Trustees.
2. Applicants receiving awards are encouraged to consider presenting their outcomes from the award in a more public venue.