Mission Statement:

The College of Arts and Humanities (COAH) Graduate Studies Fellowship supports underrepresented minority students seeking master’s degrees in English, History, and Music. This initiative extends from COAH and the Graduate School’s commitment to the University of West Georgia value of inclusiveness. It aims to help increase the number of underrepresented minority students who complete graduate degrees in the college.

Selected students will receive:

- $1,000 to use for professional development, conference travel, books, and/or supplies.
- Out-of-state waiver if needed
- Mentoring opportunities and support from English, History, and Music faculty members
- Leadership initiatives through the College of Arts and Humanities, the UWG Graduate School, and the Center for Diversity and Inclusion
The College of Arts and Humanities is pleased to announce the 2020–21 Graduate Studies Award for Underrepresented Minority Students. Underrepresented Minority can be defined as a group whose percentage of the population in a given group is lower than their percentage of the population in the country. At many colleges and universities, underrepresented minorities are generally considered to include: Hispanic/Latinos, African Americans, Native Americans, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islanders, and those of two or more races. This is a one-time award given to one student in the English, History, and Music Graduate Programs and can be used for professional/academic travel, books, and/or supplies.

**Application Deadline: Friday, April 10, 2020**

To receive an Application Form, contact your area's Graduate Program Coordinator.

**Criteria**

Applicants should:

- Have successfully been accepted into the UWG Graduate School Program and admission to the graduate program in either English, History, or Music
- Be in good academic standing
- Be an Underrepresented Minority Student
- Be enrolled or planning to be enrolled in at least 3 hours of graduate course work

**Application Materials**

- Application Form (attached)
- Statement of Interest and Need
- One Letter of Recommendation
- *Music applicants must complete Qualifying Examination and a Performance Evaluation. Music Applicants should contact Dr. Dawn McCord for additional details.*

**Submission and Selection Process**

- Applications and required materials should be submitted in printed form via hard copies or electronically via email to the applicant’s Graduate Program Director by 5:00pm on April 10, 2020
- Applications will be reviewed by the graduate faculty in the applicant’s respective field
- Departments will evaluate candidates based on the strength of the applications submitted, including undergraduate work, performance demonstration through grade point average, letters of recommendation, and letter of interest
- Selections will be made in late April. Selected students will be notified shortly thereafter.
- Selected students will receive their $1,000 award in August 2020
- Selected students will be required to complete a W-9 Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification form in order to receive their funds.

**Mentoring and Leadership Expectations**

Fellowship recipients will be expected to attend mentoring and leadership events sponsored by the College of Arts and Humanities, the UWG Graduate School, and the Center for Diversity and Inclusion. For more information on these events, please contact one of the program coordinators listed below.

**Questions? Graduate Program Coordinators:**

**English**

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**History**

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**Music**

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APPLICATION FORM

Student Name: ______________________________________________________________

917 Number: __________________________ Phone: ____________________________

Email: ________________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________________________________

Department (Check one)

☐ English ☐ History ☐ Music

Minority Status (Please Check)

☐ American Indian or Alaska Native ☐ Hispanic/Latino

☐ Asian ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

☐ Black or African American ☐ Other

Application Materials Checklist

☐ Application Form ☐ One Letter of Recommendation

☐ Statement of Interest and Need

*Music Applicants (In addition to the above)

☐ Qualifying Exam ☐ Performance Evaluation

*Music applicants contact Dr. Dawn McCord for details: dmccord@westga.edu // 678-839-6266

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