

## **Jon Barry Grant for English Students**

The Jon Barry Grant is designated for research in libraries and archives beyond Colby. In recent years, an English honors thesis student visited the Derrida Archives at the University of California-Irvine and a Senior Scholar used funds to partially finance a trip to London to research Charles Dickens's involvement with and connections to the Strand Union and Middlesex Hospital by visiting The London Metropolitan Archives, The Westminster Archives Center, the British Library, King's College Special Collections, and The Wellcome Library. The English Department welcomes proposals for using these funds from all English students, especially Senior Scholars and honors thesis students. Grants will range from \$500 to \$2,500. Funds are specifically for travel, food, and lodging expenses associated with visiting libraries and archives.

Applications for both the Jon Barry Grant will be live on the DavisConnects webpage [colby.edu/davisconnects/student-funding/](http://colby.edu/davisconnects/student-funding/)

**Application Opens:** Mon., Sept. 27, 2021 @ 12:00 AM EST

**Application Closes:** Fri., Oct. 15, 2021 @ 11:59 PM EST

**Award Notifications:** Fri., Oct. 29, 2021 by 5:00 PM EST

Students will fill out a general application (please visit that DavisConnects funding page to prep all essay questions and application materials). Qualified applicants will then be asked to answer or provide the following:

1. Provide a brief abstract describing the project.
2. Research proposal:
  - a. Describe the specific research question(s) to be examined.
  - b. Provide a brief literature review (consult with your faculty sponsor for examples relevant to your field) that indicates the significance of your research questions.
  - c. Please provide a description of the material you intend to access and where it is located and its relevance to your overall project.
  - d. Please provide evidence that you have the skills necessary to gather the information in this way, usually indicated by significant coursework. Please cite relevant classes.
3. Are you applying for funding from any source other than the Jon Barry Grant?
4. If so, how much are you requesting?

5. Please choose a faculty sponsor, with enough advance notice of October 29, 2020, who will evaluate your proposal and ability to see it through. You will be asked to enter their name and Colby email address in the application. This will send them an email prompt to login and fill out a brief form for committee review. Make sure that she/he has had time to comment/suggest changes to your proposal; doing so increases the probability of success.
6. Will you be able to proceed with the project in the event that you receive only partial funding?

Further information: Contact Debra Sparks

Questions about the funding application process: Contact Scott Lamer at DavisConnects.