Graduate Student Research Fund Application

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Program:
Literature

Program Director:
Tenney Nathanson

Projected Graduation Date (MM/YY):
05/2020

Research/Project Name:
Correspondence, Anecdote, and Oral Traditions in the estates of J. Leslie Mitchell (Lewis Grassic Gibbon) and Sir Walter Scott

Research Location:
National Library of Scotland, Edinburgh;
Edinburgh University Library, Edinburgh;
Abbotsford, Melrose;
Grassic Gibbon Center, Aberdeen;
The Sir Duncan Rice Library, Aberdeen

Travel Dates (should correspond w/ Travel Authorization Form):
October 27th - November 25th (more or less, contingent on airline fares)

Research Start Date:
October 28th

Expected Completion Date:
November 24th

Proposal: See Attached

Amount Requested: $500.00

Budget: Attach GTA Research Budget Spreadsheet in email to program assistant.

Research Proposal:
I intend to research in the unpublished correspondences and personal papers of J. Leslie Mitchell and Walter Scott. As my dissertation project will provide a feminist revaluation of both authors, I will demonstrate how personal writings, private correspondences, manuscript notes, and other unpublished papers, suggest a strong connection with the feminine and the subjective as remedies to the overtly masculine socio-political pressures found in their literature. As most of this information has not been published, it is essential that I do primary research for my dissertation and provide innovative scholarship on these authors. By highlighting their personal relationships with women, their unpublished private thoughts and feelings, and the marginalia and other material not traditionally used to form their academic reputations, I will introduce a new mode of interpretation for their works that reinvisions the subversive feminist possibilities in their novels for a twenty-first century literary audience. My research may provide additional material and insight to be used in the Grassic Gibbon Center and in Abbotsford, as I have developed relationships with the teams that work in these heritage sites and have been invited to add to their educational resources. My research will help restore the literary reputations of these authors for a modern audience as it interacts with gender theory in literary criticism and works to provide a vision of Scottish literature that relates to the current political debates of nationhood and independence. I intend to research in Mitchell's correspondence with Jean Baxter, to whom he dedicated *Sunset Song*, and Helen Cruickshank, an important poet and literary mentor, as well as his letters to his wife, former schoolmaster, and any correspondence or papers relating to his daughter and his mother. I will also research in his school essays which provide a glimpse into the unrestrained passions of the future novelist. For Scott, I will be searching through his 14,000+ letters and additional papers for the references to his first, misguided love affair that set the pattern for many of the relationships in his novels, and descriptions of his wife and her impact on his work. In addition, I will be looking through various letters, from friends and strangers, that relate oral traditions, supernatural remedies, legends, and family lore. Furthermore, I hope to use my experience researching to help instruct students of the possibilities of primary research and the importance of anecdote and oral tradition when understanding history.
Emma Rose Miller

Travel Budget for Research in Scotland

Airplane ticket (current cheapest option): $997.00
Mid-October to Mid-November
Tucson-Edinburgh-Edinburgh-Tucson

Accommodation in Edinburgh: $1000.00
20 nights @ $50.00

Accommodation in Aberdeenshire $175.00
5 nights @ $35.00

Accommodation in Borders $225.00
5 nights @ $45.00

Rental car in Aberdeenshire $100.00
5-days

Rental Car to Abbotsford $100.00
5-days

Airport ground transportation $30.00

Food
30 days @ $15 $450.00

Total Expenses $3,077.00
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# The University of Arizona

## Travel Authorization

**Date**: 02/11/2018

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- **Employee**: ✔️
- **Student**: ✗
- **Other**: ✗

### Business Purpose of Trip: (Conference dates)

**Research** (October 28 - November 24)

- **Mode of Transportation**: Plane, rental car
- **City, State Departing From**: Tucson, Arizona
- **City, State Returning From**: Edinburgh, Scotland
- **Departure Date**: 10/27/18
- **Return Date**: 11/28/18

**International Travel Registry #**: 48430

If you are traveling internationally, you must register your trip through the UA International Travel Registry prior to departure: [http://ua-risk.terradotta.com](http://ua-risk.terradotta.com)

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**Payee Signature**

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### Approvals

I hereby certify that the travel authorized above is for a valid public purpose and that the funds have been appropriated or are otherwise available for payment of any claims made hereunder, and that if the available funds are from a Federal grant, Contract or source, this travel is authorized under the terms of such grant, contract or source, this authorized departmental approver/p.i. and/or college/division agrees to all exceptions noted on this travel order.

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