

## Scholarships and Academic Awards Committee Meeting (Fall Board Meeting)

24 September 2020, 3pm ET, MS Teams

### Members present:

Lexey Bartlett, Leigh Dillard (chair), Kaine Ezell, Elfi Gabriel, Tim Helwig, Felicia Steele, Kassia Waggoner

Committee agreed to offer Classroom Library Grants and Summer Program Awards for Fall 2020 cycle (applications open 12 October, due 9 November) but to temporarily suspend Study Abroad Scholarships in accordance with current travel restrictions. Leigh will provide an announcement for Elfi to post on the website.<sup>1</sup>

Scholarly Paper Awards will be suspended for the Spring 2021 cycle. When they return in Spring 2022, applicants can submit papers presented since March 2020. The budget will be doubled for this category in 2021-22 to grant more awards.

In the Spring 2021 cycle, we will consider tiered award amounts for the Regents' Scholarships (\$1000, \$500) to distribute awards more widely.

### Changes to Summer Program Scholarships:

- Include budget as part of application process (Elfi will make this adjustment in AwardSpring.)
- Continue to clarify that "summer program" cannot be part of a regular session at one's home institution or summer teaching. Good examples of viable summer programs include summer writers' colonies and the Publishing Institute at UDenver.
- Virtual programs will be considered.

### Changes to Study Abroad Scholarships in future award cycles:

- Include budget as part of application process (Elfi will make this adjustment in AwardSpring.)
- Virtual programs will not be considered.

The committee will collaboratively create two essay prompts based on the convention theme. Felicia shared a [Google Doc](#) for this purpose. Prompts will be shared with Elfi by 1 October.

### Continuing discussions:

- Adjust the evaluation process for the William C. Johnson Scholarship to lighten the load and eliminate lower tier applications.
- Create separate short- and long-term Study Abroad Scholarships.

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<sup>1</sup> Highlighted items indicate further action by the Central Office.