

Warren N. Cordell Research Fellowship Program

Purpose: Warren N. Cordell Research Fellowships are awarded on an ongoing basis for scholarly research in the holdings of the Cordell Collection of Dictionaries in the fields of lexicography, lexicology, the history of English and other languages, or related areas. Awards, currently designated in amounts of \$100 to \$200 per day (based on a five-day week) and generally available for up to two weeks, will be made to a fellow after completion of research in the collection. Financial awards and the length of the residency are dependent on the availability of funding. Extensions to the two-week residency are possible but may be at a reduced rate or without financial support. If at all possible, extensions should be requested at the time of application, particularly if on-campus housing is being provided. Weekend hours are unavailable for research in the collection itself, but the library is usually open for use and is rich in secondary material in linguistics and related fields. Financial support for weekends cannot be guaranteed and, when awarded, may be at a reduced rate.

Eligibility: Individuals encouraged to apply include the following:

- Researchers with a record of publication in the areas supported by the collection;
- Recent postgraduates in applied linguistics, lexicography, and similar fields who have completed a thesis or dissertation and would like to continue their research in the holdings;
- Historiographers, historians, and researchers in subject fields who need to consult lexicological, encyclopedic, and similar source material;
- Graduate students in various fields whose use of the materials will facilitate completion of a thesis, dissertation or other publication.

Reporting: Copies of any publication or other research outcomes (papers given at conferences, for example) resulting from the research should be provided to the Cordell Collection. The Cordell Collection should be acknowledged as the source of research materials and the Fellowship Program as a source of funding.

The Special Collections Department, Cunningham Memorial Library, will be happy to archive anything that a fellowship recipient provides, e.g., unpublished papers and offprints.

Application Process: A proposal describing the study should accompany a letter of inquiry and a selected vita. These documents may be submitted at any time and should include an indication of the desired starting and concluding dates of the residency. The proposal should indicate the materials or range of materials from the Cordell Collection that will be consulted.

Databases of the contents of Cordell Collection holdings, including both post-1901 and pre-1901 imprints, may be selected for searching on the Internet on the Cordell home page at <http://library.indstate.edu/about/units/rbsc/cordell/cordell-idx.html#lists>. The database for post-1900 imprints is located at the bottom of the grouping of lists, databases and other materials to avoid confusion with the pre-1901 Cordell database. Those without Internet access or a desire to use databases may wish to consult David Vancil's 1993 *Catalog of Dictionaries: Word Books, and Philological Texts, 1440-1900* or Robert K. O'Neill's earlier catalog of English-language dictionaries in the Cordell Collection to establish whether the holdings will support the proposed research. Recently, a PDF of Vancil's book was created and may be accessed from the home page at http://library.indstate.edu/about/units/rbsc/cordell/vancil_1993_catalog_of_dictionaries.pdf. In addition, researchers should be delighted to be informed that the Cordell Collection is being cataloged online at this time. Users may access the online catalog at <http://fusionplus.indstate.edu/search/X> and enter "cordell collection of dictionaries" as a phrase on one line and other information, such as the name of a compiler, on another line to retrieve useful citations. All English-language titles through 1800 have been cataloged, while foreign titles through 1700 have been cataloged. Be aware that a program to selectively digitize the collection has been undertaken. Requests for works to be digitized are welcome.

Send proposals to: Cinda A. May, Chairperson
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Questions Etc.: 812/237-2534 or e-mail Cinda May (Cinda.May@indstate.edu).

Selection: The Chairperson of Special Collections will make a determination of the individual or individuals to receive fellowship awards. In cases of close competition, ad hoc committees composed of local faculty with linguistics or other expertise may be formed to select fellowship winners. Finalists may be contacted for additional information. Applicants will be notified within a few weeks of their application of their status.

Location and Amenities: Indiana State University, located in Terre Haute, is a downtown campus located off Highway 41, or Third Street. It is located approximately four hours south of Chicago, three hours east of St. Louis, and a little more than an hour west of Indianapolis on Interstate Highway 70. Terre Haute is a relatively small city with the usual amenities. Free local bus service is available to individuals associated with the university, but the routes are limited. Consequently, visitors may feel the need for a rental or personal vehicle. Free campus parking will be arranged for visiting fellows. The Hulman Memorial Student Union, located near the library, contains several restaurants or other eateries that are open for noon and evening meals. Other restaurants are plentiful in the community. If provided with enough lead time, departmental staff may be able to arrange low-cost housing on campus for visiting researchers.

Cunningham Memorial Library, which houses the Cordell Collection on the third floor in the Special Collections Department, is located on the north end of campus, facing Seventh Street.

Description of Collection Contents: The Cordell Collection contains more than 13,000 word books and related titles from the beginning of printing through the twentieth century and beyond. In its pre-1901 holdings are more than 130 early encyclopedias, thousands of general dictionaries and other word books in English and other languages, and many hundreds of special subject dictionaries and related materials. The post-1900 portion of the collection continues many titles or emphasizes historical treatments. The collection has provided research materials not only in linguistics, lexicology, and lexicography but also in fields as diverse as accounting, military history, literature, and music. Allied language collections are housed in the Special Collections Department and available for consultation but are ineligible for fellowship support.

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