

Warren N. Cordell Research Fellowship Program

Purpose: Warren N. Cordell Fellowships will be awarded annually 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. One or more awards, currently designated in amounts of \$100 to \$200 per day (based on a five-day week) for up to two weeks, will be made to a fellow after completion of research in the collection. Extensions to a 10-day award period, usually at the minimum award level of \$100 per day, are sometimes possible and may be negotiated before the receipt of a fellowship or during the course of the fellowship. Weekend hours are unavailable, but financial support may include these days at the same or reduced rate, depending on the availability of funds.

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: 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 Department of Special Collections, Cunningham Memorial Library, will be happy to archive anything that a recipient provides, e.g., unpublished speeches and offprints.

Application Process: A proposal indicating the proposed length of 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 a proposed starting date for the project, if known. The proposal should include not only a description of the proposed research project but an indication of the materials or range of materials from the Cordell Collection that will be consulted. An up-to-date database of the contents of the pre-1901 portion of Cordell Collection are available on the Internet at <http://library.indstate.edu/about/units/rbdc/databases/cordell>. A similar database, available for twentieth century and later material, concludes with “cordell20” as the final element in its URL string. Those without Internet access 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 on English-language dictionaries to establish whether the holdings will support the proposed research. In addition to these searches, we are happy to announce that the Cordell Collection is being cataloged online at this time. Users may access the online catalog at <http://luis.indstate.edu> and enter “cordell collection of dictionaries” as a phrase as part of

a keyword search to retrieve up-to-minute listings and records of the holdings as they are being cataloged.

Send the proposal to: Dr. David E. Vancil, Curator
Cordell Collection of Dictionaries
Cunningham Memorial Library
Indiana State University
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Questions: Call 812/237-2610 or email David Vancil <dvancil@isugw.indstate.edu> for additional information.

Selection: The Curator of the Cordell Collection of Dictionaries will make a determination of the individual or individuals to receive research 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. Most of the newer motels are located off Interstate Highway 70, so a rental or personal vehicle may be needed. The university library, which houses the Cordell Collection on the third floor in the Department of Special Collections, is located on the north end of campus, facing Seventh Street. 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 can usually arrange low-cost housing on campus for visiting researchers.

Description of Collection Contents: The Cordell Collection contains more than 12,000 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. Online listings of the numerous languages and subjects used in the searchable “cordell” database are available on the website. There is no comparable listing for the “cordell20” database website. Users are encouraged to contact the department by phone at 812/237-2610 or via e-mail at librbsc@isugw.indstate.edu for assistance.

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