

MEDICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION - PUBLIC SERVICES SECTION

MLA PSS ANNUAL MEETING TRAVEL STIPEND

PURPOSE

MLA'S Public Services Section (PSS) offers one stipend of \$500 to assist a section member in attending the annual meeting who would otherwise have difficulty in doing so. The hope is that the stipend increases professional contacts, projects, and involvement for the recipients, and expands the pool of active members of PSS. In order to encourage additional participation, any member may receive this stipend one time in a 5 year period.

CRITERIA FOR RECEIVING AWARD

Must be a current member of PSS and MLA

May not have received the award within the past 5 years

Preferential selection will be given to applicants who document that they (in order of preference);

- Are presenting a paper at a PSS section sponsored program

- Are presenting a paper at any section program (content should be relevant to PSS members)

- Are presenting a poster at the meeting (content should be relevant to PSS members)

- Are a chair or member of a PSS committee

- Have formal obligations at the MLA Annual Meeting relevant to PSS

ACCEPTABLE CONFERENCE EXPENSES

- MLA Conference registration fees

- MLA conference continuing education course fees

- Travel expenses (air fare, rail, or daily parking/transit fees)

SELECTION OF RECIPIENT

The Recipients of the awards will be determined by a jury made up of the Chair of PSS and at least two (2) other PSS members.

CONDITION OF RECEIVING AWARD

Stipend recipients will document their experiences at the MLA conference for the PSS mailing list by July 1 of each year. An essay of 500-1000 words is sufficient, although greater length is fine. Some possible themes: people you met, ideas you gained and implemented, or projects that grew out of these contacts.

Recipients are required to attend the PSS business meeting during the conference (unless there is a conflict with their presentation) and are expected to attend the PSS sponsored program when possible or (in case of conflicts) other programming relevant to PSS activities.

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APPLICATION FORM

NAME:

JOB TITLE:

LIBRARY:

INSTITUTION:

EMAIL:

PHONE NUMBER:

MLA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER:

1. In 200 words or less, describe what you hope to gain from attendance at the annual MLA meeting. *(Note: This part of the application will carry the most weight with our review committee.)*

2. Would this be your first MLA meeting? YES ___ NO ___

If not, what is the last year that you attended an MLA Meeting?

3. Are you presenting a paper or poster at the MLA meeting? YES ___ NO ___

Please send or attach a copy of the acceptance letter or provide title and abstract and specify section program.

4. Do you have any formal obligations (such as a section business meeting or other commitment) at the MLA meeting? YES ___ NO ___

If yes, please briefly describe them in the space below.

5. Are you active on any PSS committees? YES ___ NO ___

If yes, please specify.

6. Have you previously received this stipend? YES ___ NO ___

If yes, please provide the date of the meeting.

Send completed application form by **March 15, 2016** to Lisa Traditi, PSS Section chair, lisa-traditi@ucdenver.edu