

Graduate Student Handbook Spring 2011

The Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies is a multidisciplinary project dedicated to providing educational support for graduate students interested in the study of Ireland. There are no formal requirements for enrollment as an Irish Studies graduate student, but preference for funding will be granted to graduate students who either complete three semesters of the Irish language or demonstrate fluency in the language.

As part of a collegial community of scholars, graduate students are always invited to contribute to the program. Student input for the Institute website irishstudies.nd.edu is a vital part of having a first rate presence among Irish Studies programs on the Internet. Graduate Students are also invited to participate in the Institute's vibrant intellectual atmosphere by attending and, eventually, presenting at regular Friday seminars throughout the Fall and Spring semesters.

The Keough-Naughton Institute places a high priority on the educational and professional success of its graduate students and, to that end, a number of sources of support have been created for graduate students.

Library Resources

The University of Notre Dame's Libraries support Irish studies with an excellent collection of books and journals, particularly in Irish history and Irish literature in Irish and English. Extensive collections on microform and subscriptions to online resources complement the collections which include the unique Loeber Collection of Irish Fiction, the O'Neill Collection of Irish Music, and valuable collections in Irish history, language, literature, and medieval studies. A detailed record of the Hesburgh Library's Irish Studies holdings can be found at http://www.library.nd.edu/subjects/irish_studies. Graduate students interested in familiarizing themselves with library resources should contact the Irish Studies Librarian, Aedin Clements at aclemen1@nd.edu.

Irish Studies Conferences

Students are encouraged to participate in the Irish Studies community not only at Notre Dame but also at regional, national and international conferences, and can apply to the Keough-Naughton Institute for funding support (granted on an "as funds are available" basis). The annual American Conference for Irish Studies (ACIS) is a key event for North American scholars of Ireland. Regional ACIS conferences also provide excellent opportunities for students to present their work in a professional environment. Conference listings and calls for papers can be found at acisweb.com. The International Association for the Study of Irish Literatures (IASIL) offers students conference opportunities all over the world. For more information go to iasil.org. Partial funding is available for graduate students.

The IRISH Seminar

Each summer the Keough-Naughton Institute hosts a prestigious international seminar. The Institute's/University's offices are housed in the Daniel O'Connell House on Merrion Square, and the Newman House on St. Stephen's Green in Dublin. Director Brian O'Conchubhair and

the Board of Directors provide graduate students and faculty from all over the world with an opportunity to engage with key figures in Irish cultural, intellectual and political debates.

Funding for one round trip ticket (no more than \$1000), tuition, and accommodation, plus a modest stipend are available to Irish Studies graduate students for no more than four trips to the Seminar.

Information on Seminars past and present can be found at oconnellhouse.nd.edu/academic-programs/the-irish-seminar/

Application Materials: students should complete the application for the IRISH Seminar by **March 15th**.

The form is currently available online at <http://oconnellhouse.nd.edu/academic-programs/the-irish-seminar/application-form/>. Notre Dame graduate students are not required to furnish a writing sample, letter of reference, or statement of purpose with their application.

The Field Day Fellows

Every academic year one Irish Studies graduate student will be awarded the opportunity to intern in Dublin for Field Day Books. The successful applicant can expect to work for the press for an average of 17.5 hours a week and will be provided with one round trip ticket from Chicago to Dublin, accommodations for nine months, and a stipend in the amount of \$15,000.

Information on Field Day Books is available at fielddaybooks.com.

Application: Students should submit a *curriculum vitae* and a 500 word essay explaining their interest in the internship and the value a year in Dublin will add to their dissertation. Preference will be given to students who demonstrate an interest in publishing and/or editorial work. All applications for additional funding are due by **March 15th**.

Graduate Student Pre-Doctoral Fellowship

The Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies offers, subject to availability, a one-year fellowship available to an Irish Studies student who has defended his/her dissertation proposal. The Graduate Fellow will be an active participant in the intellectual life of the Institute and teach one class each semester for a stipend.

Interested students should submit a proposal for a 20XXX -level Irish Studies course, a curriculum vitae and a letter (two pages or less) explaining how the Fellowship will help further his/her research, teaching and preparation for the job market. The deadline for all applications is **February 16th**.

Please address all materials to:

Graduate Fellowship
Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies
422 Flanner Hall

Notre Dame IN 46556

Additional Funding

In the past the Institute has awarded grants to students for Irish language school, research, writing and conference travel. These awards are subject to availability.

Application: Irish Studies graduate students interested in additional funds should submit a 500 word essay describing the value these funds will add to their educational experience, their *curriculum vitae* a detailed budget of their expected expense and a list of other institutional funding applied for. If students are applying for language school they should have a brief letter from their Irish instructor explaining the value of continued study sent to the Institute. If students are applying for a research trip, they should have a brief letter from the supervisor explaining the relevance of their research sent to the Institute. All applications for additional funding are due by **March 15th**. Reasonable accommodations will be made for conference travel opportunities, as long as the application is turned in well in advance of the event.

The Graduate Program Website

Located at <http://irishstudies.nd.edu/graduate/graduate.htm>, the Graduate Program Website is run for students past, present and future. The Institute promotes its graduate students at the site <http://irishstudies.nd.edu/graduate/students.htm>. All graduate students should forward a brief biographical statement to sobrien1@nd.edu and either provide a digital photograph of their own or make arrangements to have a professional photograph taken through the Institute.

Resources for the Profession

The Keough-Naughton Institute is committed to placing Irish Studies graduate students in the best jobs available in their individual fields. Students contemplating the job market should immediately inform the Graduate Director to plan candidate preparation, recommendations and practice job talks through the Irish Seminar.

Teaching Opportunities

Irish Studies graduate students may have the opportunity to teach 20XXX-level courses through the Keough-Naughton Institute. Available teaching slots in various disciplines will be advertised through the Institute and students will be invited to submit a course title and description, along with any other materials demonstrating their ability as an instructor by the **1st week of the semester before their course begins.**

Keough-Naughton Institute Graduate Student Funding Application

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Irish Studies graduate students interested in additional funds should

- Complete the application below.
- Submit a 500 word essay detailing the value these funds will add to their educational experience
- Proffer an updated curriculum vitae.
- If you are applying for language school ask an Irish instructor to tender a brief letter explaining the value of your continued study to the Institute.
- If you are applying for a research trip, ask your supervisor to give a short explanation of the relevance of your research to the Institute.

All applications for additional funding are due by **March 15th**. Reasonable accommodations for this deadline will be made for conference travel, as long as the application is turned in well in advance of the event.

1) Where have you applied for primary funding for this project? Please list amount received.

Department of English	
Department of History	
Department of Sociology	
Department of Irish Lang. & Lit.	
Ph.D. in Literature Program	
Other Department (please specify	

2) Indicate which of the resources below you have applied for? For additional funding opportunities, please consult the [Graduate Fellowships Newsletter](#) and the [Graduate Fellowships Database](#). If your application was successful, please list amount received.

The Graduate Student Union Robert E. Gordon Conference Presentation Grant Program	
Zahm Travel Grant	
Kellogg Institute Seed Travel Grants	
Nanovic Institute Student Research Grants	
Farabaugh Fund	
William Thomas Kirby Memorial Fund	
Downes Travel Grant	

3) Have you applied for outside funding through resources such as the [Social Science Research Council](#) or the [IRIS Database](#)? Please give details below.

4) Please list your funding history as a graduate student at the University of Notre Dame below (not including tuition or stipend). Please include the sources of all grants and the amount of funding you received.

5) Please list all previous and current funding from the Keough Institute and/or Keough-Naughton Institute below.
