Western Michigan University
Department of Comparative Religion
Bischoff Graduate Professionalization Award
— 4/25/15 Deadline

The Bischoff Award was established to support the professional development of graduate students in Comparative Religion. Applications can be submitted for travel to conferences or for research expenses related to an independent research project, field practicum, or thesis project. Requests for conference travel will be prioritized when students are presenting a poster or paper, or when the subject matter is related to the student’s scholarly focus. Maximum award amount is $1,000.00.

Eligibility:

1) Must be a full time graduate student in comparative religion in good standing with a 3.0 or above grade point average.

2) Eligible expenses include travel and lodging for conferences or a fieldwork project, conference registration or training/workshop fees related to a field practicum. We will also consider requests for small equipment, software, books, and supplies/expenses related to an independent research project.

3) Students who received the award in the previous year are welcome to apply again, but their applications may be prioritized lower than students who have not previously had the award.

Application guidelines:

1) Students must apply at least one semester prior to the semester in which the funding would be used. The next deadline is 4/25/15.

2) To apply, email a request letter to alisa.perkins@wmich.edu. Your letter should be sent as a word document or pdf attachment.

3) Your letter should be addressed to “Members of the Comparative Religion Department Scholarship Committee”
In your letter, please include: 1) The amount requested. 2) The total cost of the professionalization activity. 3) A brief description of the activity. 4) An explanation of the educational value that the conference, field work/research project or field practicum program will have for the student in relation to their MA or certificate program.

For any questions, please contact:

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