

English Graduate Organization

Philosophy: The English Graduate Organization (EGO) was conceived in the spirit of bridging the gaps between the English department's individual programs, providing support professionally and academically for its members, and supporting the department as a whole.

What EGO provides funding for and why: EGO is happy to reimburse you monetarily for expenses that promote your professionalism. Professionalism includes *but is not limited to*:

- Postage for mailing writings (creative or critical) to journals, litmags, etc.
- Submission/publication fees, reading fees, etc.
- Presenting or working at/for a literary conference (moderating, for example)
- Research and/or technology expenditures necessary for your work

How to apply for funding:

- Because EGO doesn't receive outside funding and doesn't require dues, fundraisers are the only source of the money that the organization provides to its fellow graduate students. For this reason, we ask that those requesting funds participate in 50% of the fundraisers during the semester in which they are applying for funds.
- Applicants are eligible for funding (up to \$100) once per semester.
- Applicants may submit a funds request form any time during the semester in which the money was spent (with a deadline of December 1 for fall semester and Apr 15 for spring semester), but money will not be distributed until the end of each semester.
- All funds requests will be considered and voted upon by EGO members at the semester's final meeting. Money will be awarded based on a) what the money is going toward, b) the applicant's activity within the organization, c) available funds, and d) any outside funding applicants may be receiving (from the English department, graduate school, etc.).
- The maximum amount granted is \$100, though smaller amounts may be granted depending on the criteria listed above.
- If an applicant plans to ask for reimbursement from a trip for travel, rooming, food, etc. that isn't already being funded from another source, he/she should submit itemized receipts along with the funds request form.