

**Edward H. and Marie C. Kingsbury Graduate Award  
Guidelines 2015-2016 (Deadline: March 16, 2015)**

**ELIGIBILITY**

Competition for the Graduate Kingsbury Award is restricted to currently enrolled full-time FSU graduate students. Former winners of the Kingsbury Award are eligible.

**APPLICATIONS**

Applicants must submit a vita and a portfolio of original written work of no less than 50 pages and no more than 60 pages. Pages should be double-spaced and printed in no smaller than 12-point type. The portfolio may include one long work or several shorter pieces in any genre or combination of genres, from an informal essay through imaginative writing (poetry, fiction or drama) to the fully researched scholarly article, thesis, or report. Multiple-authored work is not acceptable. The author's name with the titles of all submitted work should appear on the application form at the front of the portfolio. The author's name should not appear on any of the pages in the portfolio.

**CRITERIA**

The Kingsbury Award will be given for writing on any subject of intellectual value representative of the disciplines at FSU. Although form and style should be appropriate to subject matter and in accord with the norms of the writer's home discipline, some criteria will operate across disciplines. Such criteria are: originality, persuasiveness, accuracy, insightfulness, clarity, reasonableness, vividness, timeliness, etc. In accord with the charge of the Kingsbury Endowment, the judges will give special weight to overall skill and precision in language use. The judges of the Kingsbury Award will, in general, favor writing whose significance and quality are evident, not to specialists alone, but to a wide intellectual audience.

**DECISION**

The Kingsbury Award is administered by the FSU Department of English, which is responsible for making the final determination. However, academic units are requested to screen their applicants. Units may submit from one to four applicant portfolios, but if more than one is submitted, portfolios must be ranked. Ranking should be in accord with the criteria above, although these do not comprise an exclusive list, and criteria specific to a given field may also play a role. Departments are invited to include a brief explanation of the basis of their selection. If in the opinion of the judges applicant portfolios do not satisfy the criteria, no award will be given.

**SIZE OF AWARDS**

The number and amount of awards will be determined by the amount currently available in the Kingsbury Fund. Award recipients must enroll in a full load as defined by their departments or programs. Award recipients may hold a quarter time research or teaching assistantship but may not hold another fellowship simultaneously.

Results will be announced at the English Department Awards Ceremony.

**Edward H. and Marie C. Kingsbury Award Application, 2015-16**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

FSUID \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate Student: Ph.D. Level \_\_\_\_\_ Master \_\_\_\_\_

School or College: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Genre of Writing Submitted for Judging:

Articles \_\_\_\_\_ Poetry \_\_\_\_\_ Drama \_\_\_\_\_

Research \_\_\_\_\_ Essays \_\_\_\_\_ Reviews \_\_\_\_\_

Fiction \_\_\_\_\_ Scripts \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the writing I submit for this competition is original work. I understand that if I receive a Kingsbury Award and any of the work submitted is found not to be original, I will be obligated to repay the University for the amount of the award received.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applications are due in the Department of English, Room 405 WMS, by March 16, 2015.**

**Important: Do not include your name anywhere on your writing sample. This form and your vita should be the only place where your name appears.**