

Baldwin Library of Historical Children's Literature
Department of Special and Area Studies Collections
George A. Smathers Libraries, University of Florida
<https://baldwin.uflib.ufl.edu/>

The Baldwin Library of Historical Children's Literature at the University of Florida is accepting applications for the Louise Seaman Bechtel Visiting Professorship Travel Grant program.

Travel grants of up to \$2500 will be awarded to undertake research in the Baldwin, one of the largest collections of Anglo-American children's literature in the world, between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024. As part of the award, recipients will also give a work-in-progress talk to the university community during residency.

Proposals are due on Monday, May 1, 2023. Submissions should be directed to the Baldwin curator, Ramona Caponegro, at lib-Baldwin@uflib.ufl.edu. Awardees will be notified of the outcome of the proposal review process by Thursday, June 1, 2023.

To be eligible for the travel grant, applicants must be currently enrolled in a graduate program and/or hold a master's or doctoral degree. Preference will be given to researchers who must travel 100 miles or farther to visit Gainesville, Florida, as grants must be used for onsite research.

Proposals that focus on understudied people and topics within children's literature and have a tangible outcome for an audience via academic or public scholarship will be prioritized during the review of applications.

Guidelines

- You are strongly encouraged to discuss your intended project with the Baldwin curator before submitting your application.
- The dates of the research trip should be coordinated with the Baldwin curator. Research may be conducted between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024, and you will give a talk to the UF community about your work-in-progress during your campus visit.
- Each awardee is required to submit a brief report (~500 words) describing their research visit by the end of the award cycle (June 30, 2024). This report may be used for promotions related to the Baldwin.
- Each award is distributed after the report about the research visit and payment paperwork have been submitted.

Please direct submissions to the Baldwin curator, Ramona Caponegro, at lib-Baldwin@uflib.ufl.edu. Submissions must include:

- A cover sheet with applicant's name, institution and rank (if applicable), postal address, telephone number, email address, and a one-sentence statement

affirming applicant's commitment to submit a report at the end of the travel cycle, with permission to publish or use the report in promotions;

- Title and description of your proposed research project (~500 words), with identification of relevant Baldwin materials to be consulted and an explanation of the significance of the project;
- Tentative dates of proposed campus visit and a two-sentence abstract of your proposed research project;
- Budget estimate for travel, lodging, and other expenses during your research visit;
- Two-page CV or resume.

Questions?

If you have questions about the suitability of your proposal or about the application process in general, please email lib-Baldwin@uflib.ufl.edu or call 352-273-2623.

We look forward to reading your proposal.

For researchers not focused on children's literature, through separate applications, the Special and Area Studies Collections Department offers the SASC Travel to Collections Grants, and the P.K. Yonge Library of Florida History offers the Chase Family Award for Visiting Graduate Scholars. More information about these two awards and their applications can be found at <https://sasc.uflib.ufl.edu/research-teaching/travel-grants/>.