

CELTSS Faculty Development Funding Application

Travel to Present Research

This form should be submitted to Blackboard. Only complete applications will be considered. The application deadlines are October 4, November 8, and March 6. **Up to \$1,500 may be awarded**, for tuition, registration fees, travel, housing, food, and other reasonable expenses directly related to the approved professional development activity. Travel grants may be awarded to applicants for 1) presenting research at a regional, national, or international professionally sponsored conference; 2) presenting research at intensive workshops and seminars, 3) attending conferences as an officer or member of a committee of the sponsoring organization. Travel expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with state travel allowances and regulations. Applicants must use their departmental travel allocations before seeking CELTSS funding. Ordinarily, applicants are limited to \$1,500 for travel to present research in one academic year.

Name:	Kelly Matthews	Department:	English	Today's date:	11/3/20
Employment status (Tenured or Tenure-track OR Full-Time Temporary):	Tenured		Date of hire:	9/1/09	

Date of travel:	March 31-April 4, 2019	Destination:	Houston, Texas		
Name of the conference and a URL that documents your presentation on the program: (You may also provide an email from a conference organizer confirming the acceptance of your presentation.)	American Conference for Irish Studies, http://www.stthom.edu/ACIS				
If this application is for group attendance at a conference, please indicate the names of those in the group:	n/a				
Date department chair notified of this application (applications require notification of chair):	10/4/2019				
I have deducted my departmental travel allocation from my funding request.	\$0				
If you have not deducted departmental money, please explain why:	Using departmental travel funds for a regional conference in Fall 2019				

If you received funding from CELTSS in the last year, attach a copy of your end-of-year report (either at the end of this application or uploaded as a separate file).

Project Title (will be included in A Day in May program, if approved):	Captivity and Exile: <i>The Blind Mice</i> by Brian Friel
Project Abstract (will be included in A Day in May program, if approved):	In 1961, as Brian Friel was just beginning to make his name in Irish theatre, his success was tempered by the Abbey Theatre's rejection of his play <i>The Blind Mice</i> . The script tells the story of an Irish priest released from prison by the Chinese government and sainted by his local community, until they discover that he has lost his faith while in captivity. It was based on material Friel had been trying to write in various genres: the plight of the returned missionary for whom Ireland has become a foreign land. This paper will discuss Friel's little known play, as well as its later transformation into a subplot for his Broadway hit <i>Dancing at Lughnasa</i> three decades later.

PROPOSAL

Please explain your reasons for applying for the travel grant and provide specific details about its contribution to your professional development (2 pages). You should include (1) a list of specific and tangible results of the travel, emphasizing its benefit to Framingham State University; (2) and the dates and timeline showing when you expect results.

A CELTSS travel grant would allow me to present a paper on my current research project at the annual international meeting of the American Conference for Irish Studies (ACIS), to be held at the University of St. Thomas in Houston, Texas, April 1-4, 2020.

My work on this project, "Captivity and Exile: *The Blind Mice* by Brian Friel," will benefit me directly as a faculty member as I continue to develop my book project on Irish playwright Brian Friel. It will indirectly benefit FSU in that I will be able to share my knowledge of Friel's work with students in my Irish literature classes, and I will be able to attend presentations by fellow scholars who can introduce me to new texts and new ideas in teaching Irish literature.

For example, in my Fall 2019 course, ENGL 232 Irish Literature, I am integrating a new play co-authored by Bisi Adigun, a Nigerian immigrant to Ireland, and I was able to obtain rights to teach the script through a fellow scholar I met at last year's ACIS conference. I am also bringing an ACIS colleague, Dr. Sarah Townsend, to FSU as an Arts & Ideas speaker on the topic of "Irish Literature and Multiculturalism," which is her research topic while on fellowship at Wellesley College.

Over the summer of 2019, I led a group of 20 students to Ireland, and we traveled to Donegal, the setting for most of Brian Friel's work, where I arranged a workshop with a native speaker of the Irish language (Gaelic). I am also coordinator of FSU's interdisciplinary minor in Irish studies, which gives Framingham students increased opportunity to consider Irish culture and history, and its relevance to the world at large.

ACIS is a multidisciplinary scholarly organization with approximately 700 members in the United States, Ireland, Canada, and other countries around the world. Its international meeting will include plenary speakers, academic sessions in all fields of Irish Studies, poetry and fiction readings, films, and performances of Irish music.

I have taken a leadership role in ACIS and was elected Vice President of the organization earlier this year, when I hosted our 2019 conference at the Boston Park Plaza, with over 400 participants from twelve countries and 175 U.S. colleges and universities.

In accordance with the organization's bylaws, I will become President of ACIS in 2021. Participating in this year's conference will bring me into contact with numerous other scholars in my field, whose research and ideas can help me to develop and improve my teaching and scholarship.

I am uploading the following materials to support my application for a travel grant, including agendas, brochures, and a copy of the work being presented: n/a

BUDGET INFORMATION

All CELTSS funding is administered by the University Business Office and is subject to university policy. For travel, please follow routine procedures for travel reimbursement. Visit <https://www.framingham.edu/academics/academic-affairs/information-for-faculty/travel-information/index> for information and forms on Faculty/Staff travel. To complete the portion of the budget form that applies to you, double click on the table below and fill in the fields:

Transportation		
Personal car:	Enter number of miles:	0
	Standard mileage rate:	\$0.53
	Total mileage:	\$0.00
City/State you are traveling to:	Houston, Texas	
Parking:		\$0.00
Airfare:		\$298.00
Luggage fees:		\$0.00
Rental car:		\$0.00
Fuel (only applies to rental car):		\$0.00
Taxis/ground transportation:		\$52.00
	Total transportation:	\$350.00
Lodging		
Hotel:	Enter number of days:	4
	Daily rate:	\$186.03
	Total hotel:	\$744.12
Hotel parking:		\$0.00
Hotel other:		\$0.00
	Total Lodging:	\$744.12
Meals		
Breakfast	How many days of breakfast:	5
	Per breakfast:	\$7.50
	Total breakfast:	\$37.50
Lunch	How many days of lunch:	5
	Per lunch:	\$12.50
	Total lunch:	\$62.50
Dinner	How many days of dinner:	4
	Per dinner:	\$20.00
	Total dinner:	\$80.00
	Total meals:	\$180.00
Other		
Conference fees:		\$225.00
Postage/office supplies/photocopying:		\$0.00
Equipment*:		\$0.00
Licenses*:		\$0.00
(*all materials purchased with CELTSS funding are property of FSU)		
	Total other:	\$225.00
	Total travel estimate:	\$1,499.12
Enter amount of departmental travel allowance you will be using:		\$0.00
(Applicants are expected to use their departmental travel allowance before seeking CELTSS funding.)		
	Total cost:	\$1,499.12