



## Guidelines for Andalusia Institute's Jean M. and William C. Laidlaw Junior Scholar Fellowship

Andalusia Institute, 2022-23

The Andalusia Institute of Georgia College offers the Jean M. and William C. Laidlaw Junior Scholar Fellowship to Flannery O'Connor scholars whose work would benefit from access to materials in Ina Dillard Russell Library's Special Collections and the Collection at Andalusia: The Home of Flannery O'Connor. For O'Connor scholars, the Flannery O'Connor Collection is the starting and ending point for all serious research on O'Connor. Other collections at the library, such as Milledgeville/Baldwin County history and culture, (local/regional) women's history, the Alice Walker papers, and Georgia College history, provide greater insight to one of the greatest short story writers of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. For more information about Special Collections, visit the main [Special Collections](#) page.

Grants are awarded to junior scholars pursuing significant research that requires on-site use of materials housed in Russell Library's Special Collections. These \$2,000 grants are intended to provide support for travel and living expenses during the tenure of the grant. Half the grant will be awarded prior to the scheduled time for research (the visit will need to be scheduled with Special Collections and the Andalusia museum at the time of award; all visits need to be within a year of the date of the award).

### **Eligibility**

The Andalusia Institute's Jean M. and William C. Laidlaw Junior Scholar Fellowship is available to faculty, graduate students, and recognized independent scholars and artists who are within five years of starting their study of Flannery O'Connor at a professional level, who reside more than 60 miles from the main Georgia College campus (Milledgeville), and who are conducting research directly related to the Flannery O'Connor materials in Russell Library's Special Collections. Genealogy projects, church history projects, researchers-for-hire, current Georgia College employees and students will not be considered for this grant. Additionally, those who have previously received an Andalusia Institute Jean M. and William C. Laidlaw Junior Scholar Fellowship will not be considered.

### **Due Date**

May 30, 2022

## **Application Process**

Please go to <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/59a0dc8c5c6f428e9ed1e44146a11e85> to register. You will be asked to fill out several questions including:

What is your intended research outcome? Thesis, dissertation, book, journal article, other (describe)  
Research Topic (title and short summary)

Project description (include an explanation of how Special Collections materials will benefit your research project) (2000 words or less)

Proposed Dates of Travel (may be changed)

We will also direct you to send a copy of your CV or professional resume as well as two or more confidential letters of recommendation from faculty or other scholars familiar with the research project to a separate email address when you finish the application.

## **Notification Process**

A committee of scholars will award the grants on the basis of the relevance of the proposals to unique holdings of Flannery O'Connor Collection, the merits and significance of the projects, and the applicants' scholarly qualifications. **PLEASE NOTE:** Research must be scheduled with Special Collections staff before making your travel plans (and if you wish to use the Andalusia museum collection, with their staff).

Each grant recipient will acknowledge the Andalusia Institute, the Jean M. and William C. Laidlaw Junior Scholar Fellowship, and the Ina Dillard Russell Library, Georgia College, in his/her final publication. If use of the Museum collection occurs, that too must be recognized. Further, each recipient will deposit a copy of his/her publication in Special Collections and/or the university's institutional repository as well as at the Andalusia Institute.

For more information, contact Irene Burgess, Executive Director at the Andalusia Institute, [irene.burgess@gcsu.edu](mailto:irene.burgess@gcsu.edu)

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## **Undergraduate Student Competition 2022**

Submit your paper on Flannery O'Connor and her work for the annual Andalusia Institute Undergraduate Student Competition. The winning paper as judged by an independent committee will be awarded \$500.

**Eligible for participation:** all undergraduate students at Georgia College

**Guidelines:** Submit a paper on Flannery O'Connor and/or her work to the online portal <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/e899e147c80a47ce9d192d8eea698a05>. Papers should be between 5 and 15 pages long, accurately cited, double-spaced, and typed into Word format. While

the paper does not necessarily have to be from a class this year, only undergraduates are eligible to participate.

**Evaluation:** An advisory board will evaluate the work on: creativity, analysis, and clarity.

**Application to participate:** due March 14, 2022

**Announcement of award:** Award will be announced April 15, 2022

**Award:** \$500

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