



## THE BRITISH UNIVERSITIES SUMMER SCHOOL (BUSS) FELLOWSHIP

**A scholarship opportunity for teachers & professors to study over the summer in the United Kingdom**

**Sponsored locally by  
The Lessels Scholarship of the Albany Branch of the English-Speaking Union**

**The Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region** is an independent, non-profit, publicly-supported, tax-exempt organization founded in 1968 to meet the existing and future needs of the Capital Region's educational, health, cultural, civic and charitable organizations. The Community Foundation's scope goes beyond social service and welfare; its purpose is to improve the overall quality of life in the Capital Region.

The Community Foundation administers a variety of charitable funds. Recognizing the importance of scholarships, especially with decreasing dollars for education at the federal level and increasing educational costs for students, the Foundation is pleased to administer the Lessels Scholarship of the Albany Branch of the English-Speaking Union Fund, which is described below.

**The English-Speaking Union of the United States** is committed to promoting scholarship and the advancement of knowledge through the effective use of English in an expanding global community. E-SU programs promote successful methods of teaching English and provide opportunities for both native and non-native English speakers to improve their communication skills.

The Albany, New York, branch of the E-SU is one of 80 E-SU branches across the United States. In addition to participating in and supporting the E-SU's national programs, the Albany Branch engages in a variety of projects, including scholarship programs, current affairs seminars, community service programs and cultural presentations.

**The Lessels Scholarship** was established through a bequest by Ivy A. Lessels, a 50-year member of the E-SU and President of the Albany Branch for 6 years and Regional Director from Region II on the National Board. This scholarship program enables residents of the Capital Region between the ages of 25 and 40 to study and travel in England. The scholarship will be awarded annually or as often as feasible, if not annually. **The 2010 award is for approximately \$4,200.**

### **The Program:**

The English-Speaking Union of the United States, through its nationwide network of branches, is pleased to **offer fellowships to professors and secondary school teachers for summer study at distinguished British institutions.** In addition to the coursework, the scholars will have the opportunity to participate in numerous field trips and social activities arranged by both the educational institutions and the English-Speaking Union of the United States. The courses offered are of a duration of either three or six weeks and each English-Speaking Union Branch determines the amount of scholarship assistance available. The fellowships offered are for tuition, room and many, although not all, meals. Detailed brochures and applications for each program are available online or upon request from The Community Foundation.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

1. Applicant must be between 25 and 40 years of age.
2. Applicant must be a resident of the Capital Region of New York State.
3. Scholarship finalists may be asked to attend a personal interview with the Scholarship Committee in Albany, New York.

**NOTE: Each program has its own additional eligibility requirements – see below**

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**The Courses:****Shakespeare's Globe, London, UK**

Teaching Shakespeare Through Performance – A Course for Teachers **July 5 – 23, 2010**

*Teachers will work with Globe Education staff and practitioners to explore practical, active approaches to the teaching of Shakespeare.*

- Participants in the Shakespeare's Globe program must be middle or high school teachers with experience teaching English Literature or Drama

**Oxford University International Summer Schools, Oxford, UK**

English Literature Summer School (at Exeter College) **July 4 – 24, 2010**

*Examining literary movements and the work of significant literary figures from Chaucer to the present day*

History, Politics & Society Summer School (at Exeter College) **July 4 – 24, 2010**

*Providing insight into issues and events that have influenced the contemporary world*

Creative Writing Summer School (at Exeter College) **July 25 – August 15, 2010**

*Offering specialist seminars for anyone wishing to explore and enhance their ability as a writer*

International Politics Summer School (at St. Antony's College) **August 1 – 14, 2010**

*Tackling questions and problems that shape politics in the modern world*

- Participants in the Oxford University programs must be high school or college teachers, graduates with a relevant background, **OR** senior undergraduates with at least two years' study at university level in a related academic discipline

**Scottish Universities' International Summer School, Edinburgh, UK**

British & Irish Modernism **July 12 – 24, 2010**

Scottish Literature from 1900 – present **July 26, August 7, 2010**

British & Irish Contemporary Literature **August 9 – 21, 2010**

Creative Writing **August 3 – 21, 2010**

- Participants in the Oxford University programs must be high school or college teachers, graduates with a relevant background, **OR** senior undergraduates with at least two years' study at university level in a related academic discipline

More information on these courses is available upon request from the Community Foundation or online at [http://www.esuus.org/programs\\_British\\_Universities\\_Summer\\_Program.htm](http://www.esuus.org/programs_British_Universities_Summer_Program.htm)

**Scholarship Fund Disbursement:**

A one-time scholarship award will be made directly to the program or university at which the candidate will be studying. The 2010 award is for approximately **\$4,200**.

**Application Procedures:**

1. All scholarship applications must be completed in full and submitted to The Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region by **February 19, 2010**. The scholarship selection committee may wish to interview final candidates.
2. In addition to this Lessels Scholarship application, you will need to complete an application from the program of your choice (*Shakespeare's Globe, The University of Oxford, Scottish Universities International Summer School*) which can be requested from the Community Foundation or found online at [http://www.esuus.org/programs\\_British\\_Universities\\_Summer\\_Program.htm](http://www.esuus.org/programs_British_Universities_Summer_Program.htm)  
This should also be submitted WITH this scholarship application.
3. The following information is also required and should be submitted with the application:
  - Two letters of endorsement from persons, other than family, who have had an opportunity personally to observe the applicant and who can comment on the character, industriousness, and purposefulness of the applicant. These letters must be submitted directly to the Scholarship Committee of the Foundation by the persons writing the letters, before the application deadline date.
  - A copy of the applicant's birth certificate, driver's license, or other proof of age.
  - A copy of transcripts from college or university.
4. The applicant should complete the application by typing or printing all answers. Pages may be added to answer the questions under the "Proposed Course of Study" section. If possible, answers should be typed and double-spaced. The applicant's name should appear at the top of each page. The application should not exceed 5 pages.
5. Completed applications should be submitted to:

**The Lessels Scholarship of the Albany Branch of the English-Speaking Union  
The Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region  
Six Tower Place, Albany, New York 12203**



**The Lessels Scholarship of the Albany Branch of the English-Speaking Union**

**Personal/Educational Information**

Student's Name:

Last	First	M.I.

Address:

Street	City	State	Zip Code

Permanent Address (if different)

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Street	City	State	Zip Code

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

List the accredited colleges and/or universities attended, with degree(s) earned

<i>Name of College/University</i>	<i>City and State</i>	<i>Degree Earned</i>

Overall GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Activity Profile**

***Employment/self-employment activities:***

<i>Name of Employer</i>	<i>Dates Employed</i>	<i>Job Title</i>

***Civic Activities (activities that demonstrate a commitment to community and social involvement):***

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***Leadership Activities (school and civic offices held and/or special achievements):***

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***Honors and Awards Received:***

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***Proposed Course of Study***

Please attach answers to the following:

1. Describe the project you will pursue with inclusive dates and locations. If this project is part of a larger course of a study or research project, briefly describe the overall project.
2. As it is not likely that the Lessels Scholarship will be sufficient to cover all costs associated with your trip, it is important that the Scholarship Review Committee be assured that you are prepared for the financial obligations of this trip. Please submit a budget for the length of your trip. The expense portion of your budget should include travel to and from England, travel within England, lodging, food, tuition, books, fees, and other expenses associated with your course of study. The income portion of your budget should include this scholarship, other scholarships or financial aid and their sources, and your personal resources.

**Signature of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_