



The Laurence Shine Undergraduate Research Fellowship

\$2000.00 Award

Eligibility

To be eligible for the scholarship, you must:

1. have completed at least 45 credit hours
2. have at least two more semesters remaining at Buffalo State after this semester to complete your bachelor's degree
3. demonstrate the qualities of the public intellectual through your academic work, activism, and community engagement
4. agree to engage in a year-long scholarly research project, culminating in a presentation of your work in a public forum. You also will enroll each semester in a 3-credit course-by-contract or independent study, overseen by Professor Shine or his designee (the project mentor).

Deadline: April 1st, 2016

Application

To apply for this fellowship, please submit a letter

1. describing your interests and background, including why you are interested in becoming a Shine Fellow
2. proposing a research project on a subject related to Irish and/or Irish American Writers, modernist writers, immigrant writers, writers of working class backgrounds, or literature and the City of Buffalo.

You should also submit an academic writing sample of 5-15 pages. Your name should not appear on the letter or the writing sample—provide a separate cover letter giving your name, the topic of your proposed project, and the title of your writing sample.

About Professor Shine

Laurence Shine tirelessly serves the Buffalo State community, and indeed the larger community of Western New York, through his unique brand of fierce intellectualism and warm humility. He has given presentations for the general public on topics including the early roots of Irish rock, reading Ulysses, Irish music in America, Joyce and visual arts, Yeats and Beckett. He has co-written and narrated documentary films on James Joyce and Buffalo, and has chaired, coordinated, or sat on the board of directors of at least eight cultural and academic organizations.

Professor Shine has done all of this in addition to his tireless work as a mentor and teacher to the students at Buffalo State College. A 2016 winner of the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Adjunct Teaching, Professor Shine sets a high bar for what scholarship, activism, and public engagement looks like and his work has created a strong and vibrant legacy within the English Department, Buffalo State College, and the Western New York community.

The Laurence Shine Research Fellowship, funded through Buffalo's riverrun foundation, is an annual award honoring the example of Professor Laurence Shine. Professor Shine is a model of what it means to be a public intellectual, as his work is not confined to the halls of academia, but exists in the city, in the theater, in the classroom, in street theater and performance, and public work.