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AALL Grants Committee Announces Grants for Boston Annual Meeting

AALL grants are available to cover the cost of registration for the Annual Meeting, to be held in Boston July 21-24, 2012, or workshops associated with the Annual Meeting.

Grants are available for experienced AALL members, as well as for students and new members. Eligible experienced librarians include those who have been members of AALL or an AALL chapter for five or more years. New members are defined as active members with less than five years of AALL or AALL chapter membership. Students must hold a membership in AALL or an AALL chapter to qualify for a grant. For experienced and new applicants, preference is given

to those who are active in AALL or in one of its chapter organizations.

To apply for a grant, go to AALLNET, link to "Grants" in the drop-down menu under "Member Resources," and then link to "AALL Annual Meeting Grants." As part of the application process, each grant applicant must submit two letters of recommendation and a personal statement. These documents are vital because they give the Grants Committee insight into the unique qualifications, experiences, and aspirations of each applicant. The application page has links to two *AALL Spectrum* articles: "Putting Your Best Foot Forward: Writing effective personal statements for AALL

Annual Meeting/workshop grants" and "Lending a Hand: Suggestions for writing better letters of recommendation for AALL Annual Meeting/workshop grants." These articles provide helpful suggestions regarding what to include in your documents.

The application deadline is April 1, 2012. If you are thinking of applying for a grant, give yourself a head start and review the application requirements now. Please contact **Michele Finerty** at mfinerty@pacific.edu with any questions. Good luck, and we hope to see you at the AALL Annual Meeting in Boston.