

Sterling A. Brown Research Fellowship at Williams College

Williams Special Collections is soliciting proposals for support of travel expenses to visit the Sterling A. Brown papers and library. Support is available for short term visits to make use of the collections for scholarly or creative projects. The program will cover travel expenses plus a stipend of \$1000 per week for projects between one and three weeks.

In recognition of Sterling A. Brown's lifelong commitment to Historically Black Colleges and Universities, we will prioritize applicants with an HBCU affiliation.

For first consideration, submit a proposal by March 15, 2026. Awards will be communicated by April 15, 2026. Research may be carried out between July 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027. Applicants may wish to consult the [finding aid](#) for the Sterling A. Brown papers and/or [catalog](#) of his books in the Williams Library.

To apply, please email the following to specialcollections@williams.edu. Feel free to use this [template](#) as a guide.

- A proposal (less than 1000 words) that summarizes your project and how it will be advanced by researching in the Sterling A. Brown library and archives.
- Include tentative visit dates and collection materials to consult.
- A curriculum vitae or resume.
- A travel budget that estimates cost of travel and lodging. Include any other potential or actual financial support. The award will cover travel to and from Williamstown and lodging during the research period. The weekly stipend is intended to cover incidental expenses including food during the visit.
- A characterization of your affiliation with an HBCU, if applicable. Identify the name of the HBCU and your relationship to the institution (e.g. student, alum, faculty, staff, other).

Please contact specialcollections@williams.edu with any questions.