



English

Our Impact

Remember the hard work you devoted to reading Shakespeare, Ralph Ellison, or Charlotte Brontë? Or the long hours you spent talking with classmates about a poem, a story, a play, or an idea? The skills you gained turned into personal and professional strengths!

- Our students develop the ability to **analyze** literature with pleasure and understanding. One alumnus has gone on to become **Executive Director at the National Book Foundation**.
- Our students, including 425 undergraduate majors and minors and 50 M.A. and Ph.D. students each year, conduct **research** on the literature they experience in the classroom. Recent alumni have pursued **postgraduate degrees in the humanities, education, law, science, and business**.
- Our students work to strengthen their ability to **communicate** a persuasive argument in writing and discussion. One graduate of the master's degree is now **the Executive Vice President of Original Programming and Production for the American cable television network VH1**.
- Our students acquire the critical, linguistic, and imaginative **skills** required to comprehend literary and cultural texts in their social and historical settings. One alumnus has applied his literary education to **organizing pledge-based fundraisers and helping nonprofit organizations cultivate donors and raise over \$1 billion in contributions**.
- Our students **close read** literature assigned by accomplished and productive faculty. Since 1948, our professors have won more than 80 outside **awards**, ranging from the Guggenheim to **the Nobel Prize in Literature, won by Saul Bellow and Derek Walcott**.



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Your impact

How can you help build on this kind of momentum? By supporting the department that launched you into the professional world. Here are a few ideas:

- \$100 to \$1000 will help fund student research trips to archives and conferences.
- \$4,000 to \$5,000 will support student clubs, such as “Willing Suspension Productions,” a student theatre company established and run by students in our department; this amount will also boost student travel for research, conferences, and study abroad.
- \$10,000 to \$20,000 will help jumpstart new faculty or student research projects, and establish student prizes for excellence in writing and research.
- \$100,000 will provide an endowment for an annual lecture or conference fund, and help support student internships in local literary and media related businesses and organizations, providing crucial networking and hands-on experience.
- \$300,000 to \$500,000 will provide an endowed scholarship for highly deserving undergraduate or accomplished graduate students.
- \$1 million to \$1.25 million will endow a visiting faculty chair—an especially critical need for our department—that could be offered to an outstanding scholar on sabbatical in Boston, providing a great benefit to our students and aiding our efforts to recruit the very best faculty.

Be as generous as you can, and remember the importance of your impact on BU English.

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