Weiss/Brown Publication Subvention Award

With support from the Roger W. Weiss and Howard Mayer Brown Fund in its endowment, the Newberry will award up to $9,000 to subsidize the publication of a scholarly book or books on European civilization before 1700 in the areas of music, theater, cultural studies, or French or Italian literature. Applicants must document that their projects have been accepted for publication and provide detailed information regarding the publication and the subvention request.

The purpose of this award is to enable the publication of works of the highest quality either:

- by making it possible to publish a work in a particularly appropriate way (with special typography, plates, or appendices, for example) that would otherwise be prohibitively expensive; or
- by significantly reducing the cover price, allowing the publication to reach a wider audience.

Once these criteria are met, preference will be given to publications that:

- are unique, unusual in concept or execution, or that represent a departure from the normal habits of a given publishing house or entity; or
- bring into print previously unpublished source materials; or
- promise to reach the broadest possible audience for the type of book envisioned.

Applications for the Weiss/Brown Award must include:

1. A complete Information Webform, including contact information for the applicant and proposal information. This form is accessible through the Newberry’s fellowship webpages.

   *In cases of an application with more than one author/editor, only one of these collaborators should submit the complete materials, including all attachments. The other collaborator(s) must complete the webform and submit only her/his own CV as a single attachment to the webform.*

2. A Publication Abstract, including title, summary, detailed physical description of the volume, and expected publication date; maximum two pages.

3. The author’s CV; maximum five pages.

4. A copy of the Publication Contract.

5. Copies of the Reader’s Reports on the manuscript or equivalent outside evaluations.

6. A Production Budget and Schedule, including specific costs for which the Weiss/Brown subsidy is requested and the publisher’s deadline for receipt of funds; maximum length one page.

Items 2-6 should be uploaded to the webform at the time of application, labeled clearly with the document titles specified in bold above. All materials must be submitted together; once begun, an application cannot be saved and continued at a later date.

All application materials are due December 15, which is the Newberry’s short-term fellowship application deadline. *Please note that this deadline is earlier than last year.*

Emailed, postal-mailed, or faxed applications will not be accepted. Awardees will be notified approximately mid-May. The award will be paid to the publisher; as a condition of accepting funds, publishers must include an acknowledgement of the award in the publication and provide the Newberry with a gratis copy of the book.

If you have additional questions, please contact research@newberry.org or (312)-255-3666.