# Call for Applications: Nebraska Cather Collaborative Research Grants for Willa Cather Scholarship (2027)

The Cather Project of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) English Department, in cooperation with the Willa Cather Archive of the UNL Libraries and the National Willa Cather Center (NWCC) in Red Cloud, announces the availability of research grants for visiting scholars. These grants provide financial support for scholars to travel to and reside in Nebraska for one to four weeks to conduct research on Willa Cather in UNL Archives and Special Collections and in the Archive of the NWCC. Scholars from advanced doctoral students through senior faculty are invited to apply.

Proposed projects should reflect the need to conduct research in UNL Archives and Special Collections, although researchers are also encouraged to conduct research at the NWCC and to experience Cather's Nebraska hometown during their residence. Red Cloud is 2 ½ hours from Lincoln by car. Successful applicants will be awarded $1,250 per week for up to four weeks. The deadline for submission of materials is **DECEMBER 15, 2026,** and we will inform successful applicants by **JANUARY 1, 2027.** Weeks in residence, which need not be consecutive, should fall between **January 1, 2027 and December 31, 2027**.

The Cather Project will assist successful applicants with advice about travel and lodging. When successful applicants are in residence, they will receive advice and guidance from scholars associated with the Cather Project and the Willa Cather Archive.

The Cather Project produces the Willa Cather Scholarly Edition and *Cather Studies*, both published by the University of Nebraska Press. The Willa Cather Archive is a digital project dedicated to study of Willa Cather's life and writings and the home of *The Complete Letters of Willa Cather*. The Archives and Special Collections of the UNL Libraries holds the largest collection of letters from and to Cather; edited typescripts and manuscripts of her works; multiple editions of her works; and many other Cather-associated materials. For more on these collections, see the finding aids for the various Cather-related collections. The growing archive of the National Willa Cather Center includes books, letters, photographs, and personal items. Information about these collections can be accessed here. Please note that almost all extant letters are published as part of the *Complete Letters of Willa Cather* on the Willa Cather Archive.

These grants are funded by the Willa Cather Fund and the Roberta and James Woodress Fund, which are administered by the University of Nebraska Foundation. When schedule and availability permits, the NWCC may provide in-kind support in the form of housing in Red Cloud.

To apply, please send to Professor Melissa J. Homestead (mhomestead2@unl.edu), Director of the Cather Project, as e-mail attachments (PDF preferred) the following items:

- your c.v. (please limit to 2 pages)
- an application statement of no more than 3 pages describing your proposed research project and the importance of materials and resources at UNL and the NWCC to your project (please be specific).

Please address questions about these grants to Melissa Homestead