



Arlt Award Description

2025 Gustave O. Arlt Award in the Humanities Field of Competition: English and North American Language and Literature

Gustave O. Arlt (1895-1986) was the first president of the Council of Graduate Schools, a former faculty member and Dean of the Graduate School at the University of California Los Angeles, and a scholar of German language and literature. In 1971 he established the award that bears his name to provide recognition, each year, to a young scholar who has written a book that represents an outstanding contribution to scholarship in the humanities.

The Gustave O. Arlt Award Committee in the Humanities requests nominations for the 2025 competition in the field of **English and North American Language and Literature**.

Eligibility: To be eligible for competition, the nominee must meet the criteria stated below. There can be only one nominee from each institution, and nominations are to be submitted by the graduate dean or equivalent institutional officer. The nominator is asked to elaborate in a separate letter (addressed to: **Arlt Award Committee**) upon the scholarly contribution made by the nominee's book. **Three copies** of the book must be provided for the committee to review. *THE NOMINATED BOOKS WILL NOT BE RETURNED.*

Criteria:

1. The recipient must have received the doctorate within seven years of the award, and currently, teach at a U.S. or Canadian university.
2. The recipient degree must have been granted at a U.S. or Canadian university.
3. The book being considered must have been published within seven years of the award (2018-2025). The book must have been written in or translated into English.
4. The book must represent an outstanding contribution to scholarship in the field.

Important Guidance on Field Eligibility: Your university is welcome to submit a nomination that is interdisciplinary, so long as the book draws heavily from the methods and scholarship of the current year's field of competition **English and North American Language and Literature**. Since the council is not in a position to advise you on the eligibility of particular works of scholarship, **it is up to the institution to determine whether the book sufficiently meets this criterion**, and with the understanding that your nomination will be evaluated alongside other books in the field of competition.

Deadline: Nominations may be made immediately and will be accepted until **April 30, 2025** and must be accompanied by three (3) copies of the work. Books that are still in manuscript form at the deadline will not be considered.

Nomination Form: The nomination form must be completed and submitted electronically to Anna M. Naranjo (anaranjo@cgs.nche.edu).

Procedure: The Arlt Award Committee will submit nominations to a panel of scholars in the field.

Address: Nomination materials (letter and books) may be submitted immediately but must be postmarked no later than **April 30, 2025** to:

Council of Graduate Schools
ATTN: Anna M. Naranjo
1 Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 230
Washington, DC 20036-1146

Award: The Award, made at the time of the CGS Annual Meeting, carries a stipend of \$1,000, and reasonable travel expenses to attend the Annual Meeting Awards Luncheon in Washington, D.C., December 3, 2025.