



# DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE

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## Graduate Student Travel Support Application

**Applicant:** A. Grad Student

**Position/Title:** Graduate Teaching Assistant

**Destination(s):** Houston, Texas

**Dates of Travel:** 3.16.17-3.19.17

**Name of Conference, Meeting, Showcase, etc:** Mid America Theatre Conference (MATC)

**Session Title, Performance/Exhibition Name, etc:** Playwriting Symposium, Training Sessions and Symposium Showcase

**Brief Project Description:**

During my study of acting I have had the opportunity to learn from many great artists, and that is how I have been able to grow. It is the artists' job to take skills and tools from multiple directors, educators and fellow actors and put them into their tool box in order to hone their craft. As I begin the second half of my educational journey at Michigan State, it is time to start branching out and networking with other theatre professionals and participating in the Mid America Theatre Conference is the perfect way to do this.

Participation in this symposium is through application. I submitted my application in the middle of Fall Semester 16 and received word on December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016, that I was selected by two directors to participate as an actor in the Playwriting Symposium. Selected participants collaborate to present staged readings of new ten-minute plays. These events are juried and the call for Actors is directed at academic theatre artists in the field who seek the opportunity to participate in New Play Development alongside their peers.

Over the four days of the conference I will work with creative teams on two different scripts. The commitment to the conference begins before arriving in Houston, as the creative teams are expected to begin collaboration, research and rehearsals via Skype. Once at the conference, each play is allotted 75 minutes of rehearsal time, in addition, each play is showcased at the end of the conference.

**Total Anticipated Expenses:** **\$1,467.50**

**Itemized Budget (Registration, Travel, Lodging, M&IE Rate, etc.):**

Conference Registration: \$139 (if registered by February 17<sup>th</sup>)

Hyatt Regency Houston/Galleria  
2626 Sage Road, Houston, TX 77056, US

MATC conference attendees — \$139.00 (single/double)/ Night (\$417.00)

Reservation Discount cut-off date is 10:00PM, Central Time on February 22, 2017.

Travel:

Flight: Detroit (DTW) to LGA (LaGuardia) est: \$400.00

MI Flyer: East Lansing to Detroit (RT): \$50.00

Per Diem:  $(\$71.00 * 5 = \$355.00) + (\$53.25 * 2 = \$106.50) = \$461.50$

(<https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates>; 75% for travel days)

**Other Sources of Support (Please denote: Anticipated or Secured):**

College of Arts and Letters Travel Fund (Anticipated)

MSU Graduate School Travel Fund: (Anticipated)

*Notification of "Acceptance to Present" must be attached to application.*