



The Hesse Grant Award

The Hesse Grant was established in honor of the founder of the Bulletin of the Comediantes and early AHCT supporter Everett Hesse to recognize outstanding scholarship by graduate students working on early modern Hispanic theater and performance studies.

This award sponsors a one-year membership to the AHCT along with conference registration for the recipient to present their winning paper at the upcoming AHCT conference. Additionally, the grant includes a \$600 travel stipend to help defray the costs of attendance at the AHCT conference.

As part of their annual membership, the grant winner will also receive a copy of the next issue of Comedia Performance, the journal of the association. In keeping with AHCT's mission of mentorship and collaboration, the evaluation panel provides constructive feedback on all submissions to support students as they develop their projects for conference presentation and potential publication. The winning paper will be considered for publication in Comedia Performance.

Deadline: June 15, 2026 – 11:59 PM EST

Eligibility and submissions

Eligibility:

- Current graduate students (master's or PhD level)
- Research focus on early modern Hispanic theater and performance studies

Submission Guidelines:

- Original research essay of approximately 8-10 pages in length (double-spaced, 12-point font)
- Complete bibliography (not included in page count)
- Essays should follow a consistent citation style (MLA preferred, but not required)
- Cover page including contact information, institutional affiliation, and degree program
- Submissions may be in English or Spanish

Submission Process:

- Please submit all materials electronically to hmeadow1@utk.edu with the subject line "AHCT Hesse Grant Submission – [Your Last Name]."

Evaluation Criteria

Submissions will be evaluated based on:

- Originality and significance of research
- Quality of scholarship and methodology
- Clarity of writing and argumentation
- Contribution to the field of early modern Hispanic theater studies

Selection Process

- A panel of AHCT board members and affiliated scholars will review all submissions.
- The winner will be notified by July 1, 2025, with sufficient time to prepare for the September 2026 conference presentation.

AHCT Hesse Grant Submissions Committee:

- Committee Chair: Harrison Meadows, University of Tennessee, Knoxville / AHCT Board Member
- Matthew Ancell, Brigham Young University
- Rona Feit, Nassau Community College

Please direct any questions about the conference to Harrison Meadows.

The Association of Hispanic Classical Theater is committed to fostering excellence in scholarship and supporting the professional development of emerging scholars in our field. We look forward to receiving your innovative research contributions.

The logo for the Association of Hispanic Classical Theater (AHCT) features the letters 'AHCT' in a large, bold, black serif font. The letter 'H' is stylized with a small silhouette of a person standing on a balcony or stage, looking out. The letter 'C' is also stylized with a small silhouette of a person standing on a balcony or stage, looking out.