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# The Wentworth Travel Fellowship

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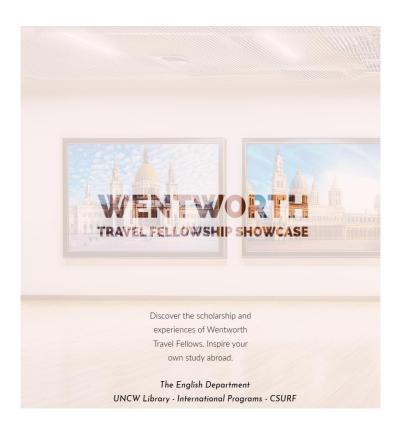
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# **Eligibility and Application**

- English majors and minors
  - Literary and Cultural Studies Track
  - Professional Writing Track
  - Teacher Licensure Track
  - MA Graduate Students







# Requirements



1 hr. Directed Independent Study (ENG 491)

Registration through International Programs



A critical and personal essay reviewing the journey



Creation and presentation of a poster in the spring semester





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# "Forster Country": Exploring the Places and Environments That Influenced E.M. Forster

By Sarah Creel, Wentworth Fellow 2025

### Who Is E.M. Forster?

Edward Morgan Forster (1879-1970) was one of the most prolific authors of early-20th century Britain. His novels and short stories often dealt with themes of class, race, and sexuality – always striving to find human connection beyond societally designated boundaries and divisions. He attended King's College, Cambridge from 1897-1901, and he was made a fellow at King's in 1946. His most famous works include *Howards End* (1910), *A Passage to India* (1924), and Maurice (1971).

### King's College, Cambridge

Forster was a student and eventual fellow at King's. The knowledge and people he surrounded himself with nourished him intellectually and emotionally, providing a foundation for his life-long artistry in writing.



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Forster at King's in 1953. Photo curtesy of the Forster Photograph Collection, King's College Archive Centre, Cambridge.



Exterior of King's College as of March 2025.



Rooks Nest House as of March 2025.



Rooks Nest House in the late 19th century. Photo curtesy of the Forster Photograph collection, King's College Archive Centre, Cambridge.

### My Wentworth Experience

For my trip, I spent a week exploring London, Stevenage, and Cambridge — all locations that impacted Forster's work. Some of the places I visited include: the Bloomsbury neighborhood, Forster's childhood home *Rooks Nest* in Stevenage, and King's College in Cambridge. The experience was bittersweet, exciting, and sentimental. Many of these locations hardly resemble their form when Forster was alive, but little reminders of his longlasting legacy remain.

# Stevenage and Forster Country

"Forster Country" is a term used to describe the area of Stevenage, England where Forster spent a significant amount of his childhood. Forster used this area as inspiration for his novel *Howards End*.







# Jane Austen



Courtesy of Google Images

And place, 1775-1817—250 Years of Jane

### Austen



The Pump Room, a place Austen visited frequently to write and a location in a few of her novels—Bath, UK



The Jane Austen Walking Trail from Alton, UK to Chawton, UK—a walk she would take frequently



Jane Austen's House-Chawton, UK





Jane Austen's portrait painted by her sister Cassandra—National Portrait Gallery, London, UK







"Poet's Corner" of Westminster Abbey and Jane Austen's Memorial Plaque—London, UK



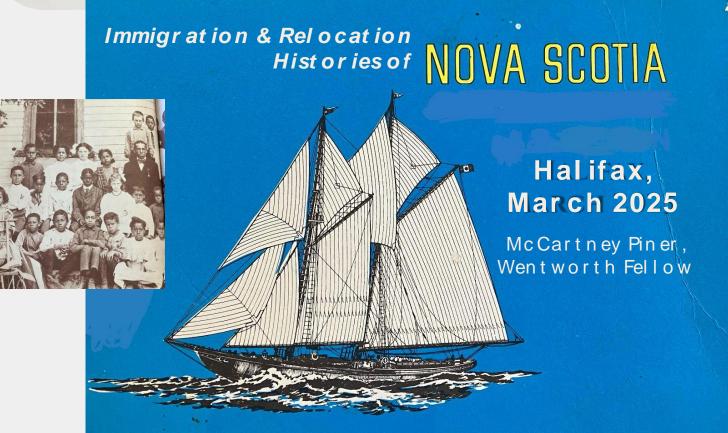
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Austen's grave at Winchester Cathedral and the plaque to commemorate her literary work—Winchester, UK













Thank you, Charles F. Green III, for this global experience!



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