MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING: UNDERGRADUATE ENGLISH INTERNSHIP

♦ This internship constitutes training that is part of student education. The intern is not an employee, the training is for the student’s benefit and intern is not entitled to a job in the future or any employee benefits.

♦ The intern will have an onsite supervisor at the organization in which the student interns and a faculty supervisor from the English Department. The onsite internship supervisor and the intern will mutually strive to develop an effective working relationship, with the supervisor providing an appropriate level of support and encouragement to the intern. The onsite internship supervisor will make every effort to ensure that the student participates in as many facets as possible of the work within his or her area of responsibility.

♦ While every position requires some clerical tasks, these tasks should be incidental to the main duties of the internship. When feasible, every attempt will be made to permit the intern to observe or participate in various levels of decision-making in which the supervisor participates.

♦ Title IX/Clery Act Notification:
Sexual misconduct (including sexual harassment, sexual assault, and any other nonconsensual behavior of a sexual nature) and sex discrimination violate University policies. Students experiencing such behavior may obtain confidential support from the PEACC Program (852-2663), Counseling Center (852-6585), and Campus Health Services (852-6479). To report sexual misconduct or sex discrimination, contact the Dean of Students (852-5787) or University of Louisville Police (852-6111).

Disclosure to University faculty or instructors of sexual misconduct, domestic violence, dating violence, or sex discrimination occurring on campus, in a University-sponsored program, or involving a campus visitor or University student or employee (whether current or former) is not confidential under Title IX. Faculty and instructors must forward such reports, including names and circumstances, to the University’s Title IX officer.

For more information, see the Sexual Misconduct Resource Guide: (http://louisville.edu/hr/employeerelations/sexual-misconduct-brochure).

♦ The Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA): The Department of Labor has determined that an unpaid internship is acceptable for public and governmental agencies, religious, charitable, or other nonprofit organizations so long as the intern doesn’t have any expectation of compensation.

Internships become more problematic for a for-profit employer if the intern’s work provides any immediate advantage to the employer. In such cases, the internship is covered under FLSA, meaning the intern should be paid minimum wage. If the internship offers a greater benefit to the intern than it does to the employer, the Department of Labor has six requirements, all of which must be met for unpaid internships. The one that is the most important is that the work must be done mainly to benefit the intern, not for the benefit of the employer. The work should also not displace regular employees or take the place of their work. Please review the U.S. Department of Labor’s Fact Sheet #71 for more information. (https://www.dol.gov/whd/regs/compliance/whdfs71.pdf) The company is solely responsible for determining whether the activities of the internship qualify for non-paid exemption under federal employment guidelines.

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Student Printed Name        Student Signature         Date

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Onsite Supervisor Name      Onsite Supervisor Signature  Date