

VAGANTES GRADUATE STUDENT CONFERENCE APPLICATION TO HOST THE CONFERENCE IN 2016

Applications will be accepted until **Thursday May 1, 2014** and will be reviewed by the Vagantes Board of Directors, comprised of eight medievalist graduate students. Applications will be discussed at the Annual International Congress on Medieval Studies, where the Board may have additional questions for the applicants before reaching a decision. E-mail submissions are required. Complete this form and send to Mark Summers (mhsummers@wisc.edu).

- a) Name of university (can be a joint application with more than one university)
- b) Names of departments, institutes, and student organizations potentially involved
- c) Short statement of interest (Why would your school be a good location? What resources do you have available – student interest, funding possibilities, etc.?)
- d) The costs associated with hosting Vagantes have varied over the years, but on average have required an investment of about \$10,000. How does your institution plan to raise this sum? Please name the chief sources of funding you plan to rely upon to pay for the conference.
- e) Signatures of 5 graduate students who, by signing, will undertake the serious commitment of time to organize the conference if chosen. Please indicate (and provide an e-mail address for) one of the students who, if your university is chosen, will become the official representative and immediately take up a position on the Vagantes Board of Directors.
- f) Name of a faculty advisor who has agreed to be involved with Vagantes

Applicants must agree to the following conditions:

- a) The conference will be free and registration will be open to the general public.
- b) The conference will run from a Thursday-Saturday in or around March 2016.
- c) The 2016 conference will include a keynote by a faculty member from your school on the opening day and a final keynote by a faculty member from the 2017 host school.
- d) The conference will conclude with a final banquet.
- e) Your school will send a faculty member to serve as the final keynote for the 2015 conference at the University of Florida. You will provide the organizers with the speaker's name and contact information no later than September 1, 2014.

Vagantes is an annual, traveling conference for graduate students studying any aspect of the Middle Ages. The conference was conceived with several goals in mind, including fostering a sense of community among medievalists at the early stages of their careers, providing exposure to an interdisciplinary forum, and showcasing the resources of the host institutions, all within a student budget. For more information, visit <http://www.vagantesconference.org>. Send questions or comments to Mark Summers (mhsummers@wisc.edu).