# English

## What Does Central Have to Offer?

- The **McNair Scholars Program** that pairs students in one-on-one faculty research mentorships and provides guidance through the graduate school application process, including GRE preparation!
- The University Writing Center
- *Manastash*, CWU’s literary journal
- An English Honors Program
- The Lions Rock Visiting Writers Series

### Some Top Grad Programs in English:

- Harvard University
- University of California - Berkeley
- Yale University
- Princeton University
- Cornell University
- Stanford University
- University of California - Los Angeles

### A note on rankings:

"Typically, students may pay some attention to rankings in choosing, but they are more likely to make a choice based on available support like graduate assistantships and the strength of the program in some particular field like Medieval literature or African-American literature. They may also want the opportunity to work with particular scholars." - Dr. George Drake, Chair of the CWU English Department

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## Featured Ph.D. Holders:

**Diana G. Abu-Jaber**  
Ph.D. in English,  
State University of New York at Binghampton

Dr. Abu-Jaber is an author and professor in the English Department at Portland State University. Her book “Crescent” was awarded the 2004 PEN Center USA Award for Literary Fiction. She writes about issues of identity and culture.

**Ed Wiltse**  
Ph.D. in English,  
Tufts University

Dr. Wiltse is an associate professor and chair of the English Department at Nazareth College. He leads a project that allows students to work with inmates at a local correctional facility to interact and raise awareness about prison issues, having profound effects on both inmates and students.

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## Careers possible with a Ph.D. in English:

- College or University Teaching  
- Academic Administration  
- Writing  
- Editing  
- Marketing  
- Public relations

## Helpful Links:

- The Council of Graduate Schools’  
  “From Rumors to Facts: Career Outcomes of English Ph.D.s”  
  [http://tinyurl.com/cgsenglish](http://tinyurl.com/cgsenglish)
- Sigma Tau Delta, International English Honors Society:  
  [http://www.english.org/sigmatd/](http://www.english.org/sigmatd/)
- Modern Language Association:  
  [http://www.mla.org/](http://www.mla.org/)
- National Council of Teachers of English:  