



JANE AUSTEN
— UNC CHAPEL HILL —
SUMMER PROGRAM

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY:

A Gothic Austen

Ghost Story Challenge...!

Just as Byron once challenged Percy and Mary Shelley to a ghost story duel, we challenge you to the same – with a twist. The question we would like to know is: how would the heroes and heroines of Jane Austen’s Regency England fare in the dark and gothic world of Mary Shelley’s *Frankenstein*?

THE CHALLENGE: Create a story in which you place a character from Austen into a gothic setting similar to that of *Frankenstein*. **Your first line must be borrowed directly from the text of Mary Shelley’s *Frankenstein*, but the rest of the story will be entirely your own.**

- Your story should be between 500-1000 words.
- Your setting should be early 19th-century England.
- Your protagonist must face an unimaginable challenge.
- All middle and high school students in the Triangle region are eligible.
- Submission due by April 20th, 2018 – please send stories to janeaustensummer@unc.edu.

GRAND PRIZE: Full admission to the Jane Austen Summer Program, June 14-17, where this year’s topic is “*Northanger Abbey* and *Frankenstein*: 200 years of horror.” The event includes:

- Seminars, panels, & lectures
- Daily warm buffet breakfast & Elevenses
- Discussion groups
- Rare book tour at Wilson Library
- JASP tote bag
- Dance lessons
- One ticket to the Regency Theatricals
- One ticket to the Regency Masquerade Ball, including a light meal
- Opening banquet and additional meals as indicated on the schedule

Additional book awards will be offered for 1st and 2nd runners up.

