

The NAHA Archives Fellowship

The NAHA Archives Fellowship Fund provides support for research on the Norwegian-American experience. One award of up to \$2000 will be available for a specific research project.

Purpose

The NAHA Archives Fellowship promotes exploration into new understandings of the Norwegian-American experience as articulated in the Association's research prospectus. Candidates may also propose a topic that falls outside of the prospectus.

Preference will be given to projects that rely heavily on collections in the archives of the Norwegian-American Historical Association. In addition, preference will be given to research in the following categories, as described in the NAHA research prospectus: New historical eras, new geographical areas, cross-cultural encounters, application of newer theoretical models, and other under-researched topics, such as Norwegian-American women and diplomacy. See the NAHA research prospectus for more information. The committee may also consider the suitability of the project for publication in Norwegian-American Studies, the association's scholarly journal, published annually.

In addition to publications, the award may be used to create a traveling or digital exhibit; for travel expenses associated with research at the NAHA Archives; to present at a conference; or other pre-approved expenses associated with research. Award recipients may be asked to share their research experience through an informal presentation for NAHA members and the public.

- 1. NAHA will have the right of first refusal on manuscripts resulting from the NAHA Archives Fellowship Fund; exceptions may be negotiated.
- 2. Fellows who give a final presentation of their research for the association will do so within one year of receiving the award.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants for the NAHA Archives Fellowship will be graduate students with an approved Master's thesis or PhD dissertation, as well as advanced career scholars. Non-US citizens are eligible, but NAHA is unable to provide visa support, and both foreign and U.S. taxes may apply. Applicants must be current members of NAHA.

Application

Applicants must provide these documents:

- 1. An abstract or summary of the proposed research project (approximately 300 words) 2. Project description of no more than 1,500 words. In approximately 1,000 words, the narrative should address the applicant's project and its significance, referencing specific published scholarship in the field that will be influenced, revised, or supplanted by the proposed project. In approximately 500 words, address the relevance of NAHA's collections to the applicant's project, including key archival holdings, and how the NAHA-based research fits within the larger scope of the project.
- 3. A curriculum vitae or resume
- 4. A letter of support or recommendation

All supporting documents must be received by October 1 for awarding the following year. The fellowship should be used within two years of acceptance. The application must be submitted electronically as PDF or Word files to info@norwegianamericanhistory.org.

Evaluation

A committee including scholars in the field of Norwegian-American studies, representatives of the NAHA Board of Directors, and the NAHA archivist will review the applications. Fellowship recipients will be notified by January 1.

Reporting

Within three months of the completion of research at the archives, recipients will submit a report outlining:

- A summary of activities
- An accounting of funds expended
- A description of project outcomes

Questions, application, and final report can be emailed to info@norwegianamericanhistory.org.

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