

Arizona Historical Society

Research Fellowship Application Instructions

The Arizona Historical Society (AHS) awards short-term research fellowships to visiting scholars for one to three weeks of residency in Arizona. It is preferred that fellows spend most of their research time at AHS's archives in Tucson and/or Tempe, but they may spend time in other archives across the state. Applications for the 2024 cycle are due at AHS by November 10, 2023. Awardees will be notified by December 20, 2023. Awardees are required to register in the state procurement portal. Fellows must use the funds within calendar year 2024. At the end of the project, fellows are expected to submit a 3–5-page report on their research experience. Researchers can apply for fellowship support as needed, but awards will not be given to the same recipient in consecutive years. Applicants working on doctoral dissertations and those at the postdoctoral level are especially encouraged to apply. Applications from international scholars are welcomed.

Preference is given to projects that have a high probability of publication in the *Journal of Arizona History*. Following their research visit, fellows are encouraged to make a presentation about their research as part of AHS's virtual programming series. Projects involving alternative uses of archival records, such as background research for multimedia projects, exhibits, and documentary films, are eligible, as are projects that will utilize AHS's 3-D object collections for research purposes.

Awards range between \$500 and \$2,000 per project and are intended to defray travel and living expenses and/or other research-related costs.

Applications should be emailed (as a single Word or PDF document) to Jaynie Adams at jadams@azhs.gov. If you have any questions, please contact AHS at the above email address or at 520-617-1154.

Applicants must submit a cover page, curriculum vitae, and prospectus.

The cover page should state the applicant's **name, address, daytime phone, email address, title of project, and anticipated dates of visit. The title page should also include institutional affiliation (if applicable), field(s) of study, and classification (MA, ABD, PhD, independent historian, etc.)**. Scholars without institutional affiliation will be considered for funding.

The two-to-three-page prospectus should describe your current project and emphasize how it would benefit from research at AHS. Include a project overview, sources, methods, work completed to date, necessity of AHS collections research, significance of the project, and a proposed budget. The prospectus must also include an annotated bibliography of the AHS

collections you wish to consult. AHS supports research on all aspects of Arizona, including work that occurs at other repositories in the state. If you wish to also visit other archives in Arizona, you must identify the repositories you intend to visit and include those visits in your proposed residency timeline; however, two-thirds of your time needs to be spent at AHS archives. The budget should estimate how you would use your fellowship to maximize your research time.

Applicants should consult our website, <https://arizonahistoricalociety.org/research/library-archives/>, for up-to-date information and hours of operation. **Note, AHS's two reading rooms (in Tucson and Tempe) are open Tuesday–Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Arizona MST) by appointment only. Prior to scheduling your visit, please email AHS Library and Archives staff at ahsreference@azhs.gov to schedule your visit.**

In the prospectus, make sure to cover the following points:

- What is the end product of your project?
- What AHS collections or resources will aid you?
- How will these resources contribute to your project?
- How much time do you intend to spend at AHS?
- What is the estimated timetable for your project?
- What are your proposed dates of residency?

Relevant materials can be found in the AHS Library Collections Catalog, which includes AHS collections in Tucson, Tempe, and Flagstaff: <https://catalog.azhsarchives.org/>.

For information on other repositories across the state, please see Arizona Archives Online: <http://azarchivesonline.org/xtf/search>.

And for a wide-range of digital collections and examples see Arizona Memory Project: <https://azmemory.azlibrary.gov/>.

Budget

You must submit a preliminary budget for your research expenses. Please consider the following:

- Eligible costs: Travel, lodging, meals, photocopying, photo reproduction.
- Include information on: Dates for requested project support (start and end dates; number of days you plan to visit archives; location of archives to be visited).
- Provide an itemized breakdown for travel, hotel, per diem (rate based on what is generally available in the region), parking, photocopying and other research expenses, and other expenses as deemed eligible. Please note: parking at AHS archives is free.

All applicants are responsible for making sure the application package is complete and received by the deadline. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.