
The Andrew W. Mellon Travel Fellowship Program

The History of Science Collections

University of Oklahoma

Through a generous grant made by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to the History of Science Department and the History of Science Collections, the University of Oklahoma announces a travel fellowship program for visitors to make use of its resources for research in the History of Science. The Andrew W. Mellon Travel Fellowship Program is intended to assist scholars at both pre-doctoral and post-doctoral levels.

The program is designed to provide travel expenses and a reasonable per diem to researchers who reside outside the central Oklahoma area, and who have well-defined research projects that can be served by the holdings of the History of Science Collections. Support is available for qualifying projects for periods ranging from two to eight weeks. Qualifying projects for periods under two weeks may be considered for per diem support only (not for travel expenses). It is expected that pre-doctoral applicants will be graduate students actively engaged in projects for the M.A. thesis or Ph.D. dissertation that are formally approved at the student's home institution. Although there is no limitation on the subject field of investigation, applicants must demonstrate the utility of materials in the History of Science Collections.

Application Instructions

Fellowship projects can be scheduled at any part the year during which the Collections are available. Applicants preparing proposals should contact the Curator or the Assistant to the Curator for information.

To preserve the timeliness of travel fellowships, proposals will be evaluated three times each year, with deadlines for submission October 15 (for research conducted January 1 - April 30), February 15 (for research conducted May 1 - August 30) and May 15 (for research conducted September 1 - December 30). A complete application for a fellowship consists of four parts:

Section One. The application form.

Complete the application form at the end of this document.

Section Two. A curriculum vitae, including a list of your scholarly works.

Section Three. A description of your research proposal, including:

- a narrative of your proposed project, not to exceed 1000 words, that discusses its relationship to previous and current scholarship in the field.
- a bibliography of relevant materials that require consultation at the History of Science Collections. Applicants may wish to consult reference materials, including the University

Libraries' catalogue and the History of Science Collections' Short-Title Catalogue, available on-line at www-lib.ou.edu/depts/histsc/collections/reference.html.

Section Four. References:

- Two letters of recommendation from persons qualified to judge your research skills in the proposed area and the scholarly significance of your research project. Pre-doctoral applicants will normally be expected to request letters from the project supervisor and a member of the doctoral or masters committee. Letters of recommendation should be requested well in advance to arrive by the appropriate deadline.

Applicants are encouraged to consider the fellowship program as a means of supplementing the partial funding which they may be able to obtain from their own institutions or other sources, so that program funds can be extended to as many interested scholars as possible. Applicants will be notified of decisions within two months of the application deadline.

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On the Web: www-lib.ou.edu/depts/histsc/index.htm or www.ou.edu/cas/hsci
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Application Form

Full Name	
Office Address	
Home Address	
Phone (office)	Phone (home)
Fax	Email
Citizenship	Date of birth
Social Security Number	(Please indicate grants or fellowships held previously on attached vita)
Current position	
Title of proposed project	
Names of two scholars who will be sending recommendations on your behalf:	
Have you contacted the staff at the History of Science Collections about your topic and research? It is strongly suggested that you do so, both to determine the amount of time needed to do your research, and the periods during which the Collections are available. ___Yes No___ Name of person contacted:	
Proposed dates of visit:	Alternate dates:
On back, please list other grants applied for and/or received for this project.	