



Call for Applications 2022–2023 Research Fellowships

The DC History Center is thrilled to present two Research Fellowships summer 2022 through spring 2023: one focused on LGBTQ+ DC and one on Black Washington (intersectional projects addressing one or both topics are welcomed), thanks to generous donor support.

Fellowships aim to nurture emerging scholars of DC history while creating visibility for our collections and resources. Through stipends, dedicated workspace, and mentorship, the Fellowships provide scholars with resources and an intellectual community to foster new research and share it with a public audience. This is aligned with our mission to deepen understanding of our city's past to connect, empower, and inspire.

DC History Center Research Fellowships

Proposed research projects should expand public understanding of DC history and must include research based on the [collections and resources of the DC History Center](#), such as the [Rainbow History Project collection](#), as well as other area repositories.

Fellowships include in-residence summer research among the DC History Center's collections, during which time Fellows will have a designated desk at the Kiplinger Research Library during regular library hours (Tuesdays and Thursdays 10–3). Fellows will receive facilitated access to collections and copyright clearance support; image file fees will be waived. The DC History Center will connect Fellows with mentors who are experts in their field of research. After initial summer research, a project proposal will be submitted for approval in September.

Deliverable

Fellows will engage with the DC History Center throughout the following academic year with a culminating deliverable that could comprise an article submitted to [Washington History](#) magazine, a presentation at the [DC History Conference](#), or a [Context for Today](#) public program. Fellows will work with the DC History Center to determine the nature of the deliverable, which should be completed by the end of the spring 2023 semester.

Stipend



Stipends are released in June (\$4,000), September (\$1,000), and upon delivery of the deliverable (\$3,000 for a total of \$8,000).

Eligibility

Fellowships are open to current Masters and PhD students; graduates who received their Masters or PhDs within 18 months of the application deadline; and assistant and adjunct professors. All applicants must be a resident of DC, Maryland or Virginia, or attend/teach at a college or university in DC, Maryland or Virginia.

Deadline and Application

The deadline to apply is May 13, 2022 at 5 pm EST. Applications should be sent in pdf form to fellowships@dchistory.org and must include:

- A completed [cover sheet](#), indicating the applicant is eligible to apply per the residency requirements and restrictions listed above
- A one- to two-page proposal describing the theme of the research project and the DC History Center resources (such as specific materials in the [Rainbow History Project collection](#)) that could contribute to the project
- A current curriculum vitae
- A short writing sample of no more than 3,000 words or ten pages
- Two letters of recommendation

Please address any questions to fellowships@dchistory.org.