



Archives and Special Collections Travel and Research Grants

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Archives and Special Collections at Penn State Harrisburg

The Penn State Harrisburg Library's Archives and Special Collections is located on the Penn State Harrisburg campus in Middletown, PA, just eight miles southeast of the capital city of Harrisburg and within a reasonable driving distance to Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington, D.C. The Penn State Harrisburg Library is one of the most technologically advanced academic libraries in the region. Archives and Special Collections is located on the third floor of the library, which was dedicated in the spring of 2000. The repository acquires, makes accessible, and preserves materials that document the history of Penn State Harrisburg's campus and community. In addition to serving as a steward for the documentary memory of Penn State Harrisburg, Archives and Special Collections' holdings focus on women's history and the history and culture of central Pennsylvania. The repository's premier collection, the Alice K. Marshall Women's History Collection, is considered by several scholars as one of the largest privately-compiled research collections on women's history in the United States. For more information about this unique collection, please visit <http://www.hbg.psu.edu/library/speccoll/amccollection.html>.

Travel and Research Grants

Archives and Special Collections actively supports the research of graduate students, faculty, and independent scholars throughout the United States and abroad. The travel and research grant program was established to encourage the use of the Alice K. Marshall Women's History Collection and to provide outstanding scholars with assistance in underwriting travel and research expenses.

Eligibility and Awards

Grants are awarded competitively, on an annual basis, to those researchers who plan to use materials from Archives and Special Collections at the Penn State Harrisburg Library. Research topics are not limited to women's history or the history and culture of Pennsylvania, but they must require significant use of the repository's holdings. Awards in the amount of \$500-\$1,000 are made to scholars working on master's theses or doctoral dissertations. Scholars who need to travel a considerable distance to visit Penn State Harrisburg and those completing post-doctoral research or manuscripts for publication are eligible for an award up to \$2,000. Approximately \$3,000 is available annually.

Selection

Applications for travel and research grants are reviewed by a committee that includes faculty and staff from the Penn State Harrisburg Library and Penn State University faculty. Research proposals will be reviewed against a set of selection criteria including the significance of the individual's research objectives and project, his or her scholarly research credentials, letters of support, and a need to use the materials housed in Archives and Special Collections at Penn State Harrisburg.

Recipient's Responsibilities

Recipients of a travel and research grant agree to conduct their research at Archives and Special Collections, document and submit receipts for travel and research expenses, and, prior to completing their research at the Penn State Harrisburg Library, offer a public lecture on their topic for the campus community. In addition to citing resources from Archives and Special Collections in published works or presentations, grant recipients are encouraged to donate a copy of their publications to Archives and Special Collections.

Accommodations

The Penn State Harrisburg Library will assist grant recipients in identifying local accommodations. The Penn State Harrisburg campus is easily accessible via major interstate routes and the Pennsylvania Turnpike's Exit 247. The Harrisburg International Airport is within one mile of the campus, public transportation serves the college, and rail service affords convenient access from locations throughout the nation. For directions to the campus and for more information about visiting the Penn State Harrisburg Library, please visit <http://www.libraries.psu.edu/instruction/informationfor/visitors>.

Application Process & Deadlines

In order to be considered for a travel and research grant, all applicants are required to submit the following documents:

- Completed application form, which addresses the topic, scope, and outcome of the research project, specific items or materials needed from Penn State Harrisburg's Archives and Special Collections, expected project completion date, and budget estimates for research and travel expenses.
- Current resume or curriculum vitae.
- A minimum of two letters of support from graduate advisors, scholars, publishers, etc. as appropriate.

For the 2008-2009 grant cycle, the application deadline is May 1, 2008. Recipients will be notified via email in late May 2008. Travel and research must be completed within one year of funding notification, preferably during the summer months (early June to late August).

For More Information

For more information about the travel and research grants program, please contact Heidi N. Abbey, Chair, Travel & Research Grant Committee and Humanities Reference Librarian & Archivist, Penn State Harrisburg Library, Archives and Special Collections, 351 Olmsted Drive, Middletown, PA 17057-4580, Telephone: 1.717.948.6056, Email: heidi.abbey@psu.edu.