

**SRI Foundation
ANNOUNCEMENT
Second Annual Research Scholarship
2008–2009**

Purpose of Scholarship

SRI Foundation (SRIF) Research Scholarship Recipients will receive a scholarship of \$10,000. The research scholarship will be awarded annually to a Ph.D. candidate in anthropology, history, architecture, or similar field related to historic preservation. In 2007, we awarded one scholarship, in 2008 we awarded two scholarships; this year we again will make two \$10,000 awards.

The goal of this scholarship is to provide academic opportunities through which the research potential of historic preservation projects and programs can be realized. Under this scholarship program, scholars are to use data from one or more **completed** historic preservation projects to pursue a substantive research topic that forms the basis of a doctoral dissertation. Additionally, a product or products that enhance the general public's knowledge and appreciation of the past must be developed. Scholarship recipients will disseminate the results of their efforts to others in their field of study and to the interested public.

Eligibility

An applicant for the research scholarship must: (1) be enrolled in an accredited, academic program leading to a doctoral degree in anthropology, history, architecture, or similar field related to historic preservation, (2) be admitted to candidacy for Ph.D., and (3) have passed his or her qualifying examinations and achieved ABD (All But Dissertation) status by March 1, 2009.

Application and Award Process

The SRIF Executive Director will announce the scholarship by November 14, 2008. Announcements (and the application form) will be posted on SRIF's web site and will also be sent to universities with relevant Ph.D. programs. Applications will be accepted until Friday, February 20, 2009 (Copy of application is attached). The SRIF Scholarship Review Committee will review the applications and prepare their recommendations by March 20, 2009. The SRIF Scholarship Review Committee's recommendations will be submitted to the SRIF Board of Directors and discussed during the spring 2008 Board meeting. The SRIF Executive Director will then notify the winning applicants. Scholarship funds will then be released in May, 2009.

Application Review Process

Selection criteria for this scholarship are as follows:

- Potential of the proposed research to substantively advance knowledge in one or more fields related to historic preservation
- Clearly statement of the research problem and research goals
- Appropriate selection and use of methods for pursuing research goals
- Appropriate use of information from a completed historic preservation project
- Applicant's promise for significant scholarly achievement, as indicated by academic record, awards, publications, and/or presentations
- Potential of the public project(s) to result in a significant increase in public understanding of and appreciation for historic preservation endeavors
- Evidence that the Scholarship funds will notably aid completion of the applicant's dissertation

A copy of the application and details concerning the application process, required deliverables, distribution of scholarship funds, and example projects can be found on the SRI Foundation website: <http://www.srifoundation.org>. See **Educational Opportunities and Resources**.

The SRIF Scholarship Review Committee is chaired by the SRIF Director of Preservation Research and includes a minimum of three outside reviewers. The Committee will review all applications (see Research Proposal Evaluation Form on the SRIF website: <http://www.srifoundation.org>). Highest scoring applications will be recommended for award. Recommendations will be forwarded to the SRIF Board of Directors, which will make all awards.

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