



Grants for Dissertation Research in Historic Preservation Seventh Annual Announcement 2014

Description of Grants

The SRI Foundation (SRIF) Dissertation Research Grants in Historic Preservation provide Ph.D. candidates in historic preservation-related disciplines with the opportunity to complete a dissertation that *either* (1) expands the scholarly impact of one or more completed historic preservation projects *or* (2) advances the practice of historic preservation *and* that, in either case, contributes to a greater public appreciation of historic preservation efforts. Awards of \$10,000 will be devoted to the completion of a Ph.D. (including living expenses) in a field related to historic preservation, including anthropology, archaeology, architecture, and history. The first award in this program was made in 2007 and two grants have been made in successive years, with a hiatus in 2013. Examples of previous awards can be found at http://www.srifoundation.org/ed_opp.html. In 2014, there will again be two \$10,000 awards. Applications for the 2014 award are due Friday, April 18, 2014.

Eligibility

An applicant for the research scholarship must: (1) be a graduate student enrolled in an accredited doctoral program in anthropology, archaeology, architecture, history, or a similar field related to historic preservation; (2) be advanced to candidacy and achieved ABD (All But Dissertation) status by the date of the application.

Project Requirements

Applicants must apply for one of the two classes of awards: (1) expanding the scholarly impact of one or more completed historic preservation projects or (2) advancing the practice of historic preservation. Awards will be made to the top two proposals regardless of class of award. Applicants for the first class of award (e.g., in archaeology, cultural anthropology, historic architecture) must use as their primary source of data information deriving from one or more *already completed* historic preservation projects (e.g., a large archaeological excavation, a series of compliance-driven cultural resource inventories, historic property recordation, archaeological testing). Additional fieldwork is strongly discouraged, although projects including minor supplemental field work that substantially enhances the research potential of the completed work will be considered.

Applicants from the second class of award (e.g., in anthropology, history, architecture, historic preservation planning, law, and public policy) will propose research directed primarily to understanding and improving the practice of historic preservation (e.g., designing local historic

preservation plans, developing Tribal historic preservation programs, investigating creative alternatives to standard mitigation for historic architectural resources and archaeological sites). Research that is primarily devoted to methodology will not be supported.

Applications for both classes of awards will disseminate the results of their efforts to others in their field of study and to the interested public. Proposed projects must include a product or products designed to enhance the general public's knowledge and appreciation of the past.

Selection Criteria

Selection criteria for this scholarship are:

- The application meets the Project Requirements, above
- Potential of the proposed research to substantively advance knowledge in one or more fields related to historic preservation
- Clear statement of the research problem and research goals
- Appropriate selection and use of methods for pursuing research goals
- 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
- Budget appropriate to the proposed activity (use of grant for tuition is discouraged)
- Evidence that the grant will substantially aid completion of the applicant's dissertation

Application and Award Process

The availability of 2014 SRIF Research Grants will be announced by Monday, January 20, 2014. This announcement; the required application form and details concerning the application process, required deliverables, and distribution of grant funds; a copy of the evaluation form used by the Research Grant Review Committee; and a list of research grants funded to date can be found on the SRIF website (<http://www.srifoundation.org>) and will be distributed to universities with relevant Ph.D. programs.

Applications will be accepted through Friday, April 18, 2014 and reviewed by the SRIF Research Grants Review Committee, which is chaired by a member of the SRIF Board of Directors and includes at least three additional reviewers. The Research Grant Review Committee's recommendations will be considered by the SRIF Board of Directors, which makes final decisions on the awards. Winning applicants will be notified during the week of May 12–16, 2014. Grant funds will be released within 45 days of award notification.

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