

Cincinnati Museum Center (CMC)

Request for Proposal: Researcher – Emerging Scholars Fellowship

Rate: \$2000.00 per research project

Schedule: Researchers will work independently and have twelve months to complete their project.

Position Overview

The Emerging Scholars Fellowship is a new initiative that invites researchers to use CMC's manuscript collections in the Cincinnati History Library and Archives. Each calendar year, a fellowship in the amount of \$2,000 will assist one such researcher in an approved and sanctioned project. The funds may be used at the discretion of the researcher, including for transportation, housing, childcare, photocopies, etc. Recipients will receive \$1,000 at the beginning of their fellowship and the remaining \$1,000 upon completion of their research.

Requirements

Who may apply for the Emerging Scholars Fellowship?

- Applicants enrolled in and working toward an advanced degree (Masters or PhD) in history, public history, or museum studies at an accredited college or university. Undergraduates are not eligible.
- Applicants teaching as part-time adjunct professors or instructors.
- Applicants who identify as independent scholars.

To be clear, ***emerging*** suggests that applicants are either in training for their future careers or working in a teaching position that does not offer institutional support for research.

CMC is committed to diversity, equity, access, and inclusion. We acknowledge how we're alike and embrace how we're different. When we work with empathy and equity, we can build a better community together.

Application

Please share how you plan to use CMC's collections to uncover stories of our region's history. CMC's manuscript holdings represent a broad geographic and cultural footprint. Help us discover the gems in our collections. CMC encourages a variety of projects, from scholarly articles to podcasts to blogs.

In your application, please include the following:

- Working Title for Your Project
- Summary of your project, including a topical overview, a list of collections you intend to use in your research, and what you hope to discover (2 pages, double-spaced).
- One letter of reference from a guide or mentor.
- Recent copy of your C.V. (not to exceed 3 pages).
- How you plan to share your project results with CMC.

CMC will review applications by how well they:

- Demonstrate a clear plan to use CMC's manuscript collections.

- Explore new and/or compelling narratives about Cincinnati's regional history.
- Link to broader national narratives.

Send applications to: library@cincymuseum.org

Reports to: Jill Beitz – Manager of Reference and Research, Cincinnati History Library and Archives