Cokie Roberts Fellowship FAQs

What is the Cokie Roberts Fellowship for Women’s History?
This fellowship will support the recipient’s original research for a published article or essay that will elevate women’s history.

Who is eligible to apply?
Applicants must be currently enrolled in a graduate degree program or be an early-career journalist or author with proven writing skills, demonstrated passion for U.S. history and women’s rights and the ability to perform in-person research at a National Archives facility. Applicants will be able to work remotely and be based anywhere in the U.S.

How do I apply?
Visit archivesfoundation.org/cokiefund and submit your resume/CV, along with a project proposal, three (3) samples of your work and one (1) letter of recommendation. See website for more details.

When are applications due?
Completed applications are due to the National Archives Foundation by March 12, 2021.

How will fellowships be selected?
A collection of Foundation Board Members, women’s history experts, archivists and more will convene to review applications and award the fellowships. Application review will take place from March 12 through May 1, 2021.

When is the fellowship period?
The fellowship period will run through December 2021.

How many fellowships are available?
The Cokie Roberts Research Fund for Women’s History will support one to three annual fellowships.

What are the responsibilities of the fellow?
The recipients of the fellowship will perform original research on women’s history for a published article or essay. Final published works can appear in a newspaper, magazine, website, book, or academic/professional publication.

The research and publication will be featured in a National Archives public program in the William G. McGowan Theater at the National Archives Museum and online, email
newsletters, on the website, as well as on social media channels. The fellow will be asked to guest author a blog post for National Archives.

**What are some additional benefits of the fellowship?**

Benefits of the fellowship include:

- A paid, short-term research opportunity. Up to $10,000 will be available for one or two fellowships in 2021.
- Fellowship recipients will receive on-site research training from a National Archives staff archivist
- Meetings with the Archivist of the United States and Deputy Archivist of the United States
- Meeting with other National Archives staff related to the research topic
- Featured in NARA/NAF public program
- Published on NARA/NAF blog/website