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Cokie Roberts Women's History Fellowship FAQs

What is the Cokie Roberts Fellowship for Women's History?

The Cokie Roberts Research Fund for Women's History will support one to three annual fellowships for early to mid career historians, journalists, authors or graduate students who perform and publish new research to elevate women's history for the general public using the records held by the National Archives.

Who is eligible to apply?

Applicants must be early to mid-career historians, journalists, authors or graduate students with proven writing skills, demonstrated passion for women's history and the ability to perform in-person research at a National Archives facility. Applicants can be based anywhere in the U.S.

How do I apply?

Visit archivesfoundation.org/cokiefund and view the online submission form.

Applications require written responses to project proposal questions, a resume/CV (three pages maximum), one (1) letter of recommendation, and three (3) samples of work. See website for more details.

When are applications due?

Completed applications are due to the National Archives Foundation any time between November 1, 2022 and April 11, 2023. The application window closes at 11:59 pm eastern on April 11.

How will fellowships be selected?

A panel of National Archives Foundation board members, National Archives and Records Administration staff, and women's history experts will convene to review applications and award the fellowships. Applicants selected as finalists will be interviewed by the review panel. All applicants will receive written notification on whether or not they have been selected for the fellowship. The application review will take place April - June.

When is the fellowship period?

The fellowship period will run from September 1, 2023 - August 31, 2024.

How many fellowships are available?

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Can past applicants or finalists apply again?

Yes, past applicants or finalists are eligible to apply again.

Can the letter of recommendation be submitted separately from the application?

Yes. Please email fellowship@archivesfoundation.org to learn more.

What are the responsibilities of the fellow?

The recipients of the fellowship will perform original research on women's history for a published book, article or essay to benefit the general public. Final published works can appear in a newspaper, magazine, website, book, or academic/professional publication that increases the public awareness of the National Archives.

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

What are some additional benefits of the fellowship?

Benefits of this paid, short-term research fellowship include:

- Up to \$12,000 will be available for one to three fellowships
- 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 a NARA/NAF public program
- Published on a NARA/NAF blog/website

For any additional questions, contact fellowship@archivesfoundation.org