

Call for Proposals OAH Visiting Room Research Grants



Deadline: February 10, 2024

Through the generous support of [The Visiting Room Project](#), a fiscally sponsored project of the Proteus Fund, the [Organization of American Historians](#) (OAH) will award two grants of \$10,000—one for an advanced Ph.D. student or early-career scholar, and the other for a mid/late-career scholar—to support research in [The Visiting Room archive](#), a collection of over 100 filmed interviews with incarcerated individuals at the Louisiana State Penitentiary Angola who are serving life sentences without the possibility of parole.

The objective of these grants is twofold: to facilitate scholarly engagement with The Visiting Room archive, and to support scholarly output that contributes to a number of historical fields including carceral studies, race and ethnicity, gender, economics, and civil rights.

The OAH anticipates awarding the grants in spring 2024. Recipients will submit a final report of grant-supported activities to OAH no later than November 30, 2024.

Eligibility

Graduate Student/Early Career Grant

Ph.D. candidates with ABD status and scholars no more than three years out from receipt of the Ph.D. are eligible to apply.

Mid/Later-Career Grant

All scholars beyond three years from receipt of the Ph.D. are eligible to apply.

Submission Process

One complete PDF clearly labeled “Visiting Room Grant Proposal,” must be emailed to VisitingRoom@oah.org 11:59pm (PST) on February 15, 2024, consisting of the following items in the following order:

- Cover letter, including a brief summary of the research project;
- Project abstract of no more than 1,000 words (double spaced) including a summary of the research project, anticipated engagement with the Visiting Room archive and its importance to the research project, an explanation of the project’s scholarly significance and contribution, and anticipated scholarly output from engagement with the Visiting Room archive;
- Timeline explaining research plans for the grant term;
- Curriculum Vitae;
- Graduate students must also include a letter from their dissertation adviser or department chair attesting to their ABD status.

About the OAH

Founded in 1907, the [Organization of American Historians](#) (OAH) is the largest professional society dedicated to the teaching and study of American history, guided by the principles of advocacy, professional integrity, and advancement of scholarship. An international non-profit organization, the OAH represents more than 6,000 member historians, who are college and university professors, pre-collegiate teachers, archivists, museum curators, public historians, students, and professional historians working in a variety of institutional settings including national parks and historical societies. The mission of the OAH is to promote excellence in the scholarship, teaching, and presentation of U.S. history, to encourage wide discussions of historical questions, and to serve as the leading voice for the equitable treatment of all history practitioners.