



THE WHITE HOUSE  
HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

## White House Historical Association

### Research Fellowships

The David M. Rubenstein National Center for White House History is the research and educational hub for the White House Historical Association. It is also the repository of the Digital Library and related digital resources. The Center offers comprehensive, authoritative, and accessible content about the history of the Executive Mansion, including those who have lived and worked there as well as its traditions and complex role as a national symbol. The goal of the Center is to promote awareness of the past, provide deeper historical appreciation and understanding, and inspire engagement for learners of all ages.

The Rubenstein Center invites applicants to apply for its inaugural class of research fellows. These fellowships will facilitate new research related to the White House, its occupants, workers, staff, and/or its fine and decorative arts collections. They are designed to support early career scholars and doctoral students who have advanced to candidacy; however, PhD students who have not advanced to candidacy may apply. Graduate students from a variety of disciplines (History, Political Science, Art History, American Studies, Public History) are encouraged to apply, and students from other disciplines not listed may be considered as well.

Candidates are encouraged to think creatively about their proposals in terms of diverse topics, perspectives, and methodologies. While the Association does not have an archive, applicants are allowed to conduct research at other repositories and libraries in the greater Washington, D.C. area. This includes the National Archives, the Library of Congress, the Smithsonian Institution, etc., and any other local archives.

The inaugural class will feature two one-month fellowships (\$5,000 each) and one two-month fellowship (\$10,000). These funds should be used for travel, housing, and any expenses incurred during the fellow's residency.

Applicants must submit the following materials:

- Curriculum vitae
  - This should not exceed three pages in length.
- Proposal
  - This should not exceed two double-spaced pages. A successful proposal will outline the following: the topic, as well as its connection to the White House

and relevancy; the archives, collections, or sources to consult; a tentative research schedule; and the requested length of fellowship.

- One letter of recommendation (for Ph.D. candidates/students only)
  - This should not exceed two pages in length. For PhD candidates and PhD students, this letter must be from your dissertation advisor explaining your candidacy as well how this research is significant for your dissertation/specific field of study.
- For post-graduate applicants, we require two references for your application. Please include full contact information.

Please email your curriculum vitae and proposal as a single Word document or PDF with your name in the subject line to [fellowships@whha.org](mailto:fellowships@whha.org). Letters of recommendation can also be sent to this email address with the candidate's name in the subject line.

To be considered for one of these fellowships, all materials must be received electronically by January 31, 2023. Rubenstein Center staff will review applications and announce the selected class of fellows in March.