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Colorado History and Land Research Award

Application Information
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The Colorado State University Libraries established the Colorado History and Land Research Award, with the assistance of the Paul R. and Anna Lee White Family Charitable Foundation, to encourage research on Colorado's rural land topics and facilitate the creation of research products that can be shared with CSU and the scholarly community.

About CSU's Archives & Special Collections

Providing original sources about Colorado's land-grant institution and the state it serves, the Archives holds a wealth of materials untapped by scholars. Within Archives & Special Collections, the Agricultural and Natural Resources Archive documents the histories of Colorado agricultural experiment station and Extension work, agricultural organizations for ranchers and/or farmers, and industries that market agricultural products. Collection strengths include the history of cattle ranching, sugar beet production and processing, grasslands and soil research, conservation, natural resource stewardship, and wildfire mitigation efforts. Other collecting foci include materials relating to the legalization of recreational cannabis and marketing of products, and Colorado's craft brewing industry.

Grant Information

In support of western agricultural research, the Colorado State University Libraries provides research grants for researchers whose work would benefit from access to the Archives. These grants are intended to help offset the expenses of researchers to access the holdings of the Archives as well as costs associated with presentations, publications, or other products resulting from that research.

For 2027 grants, the total amount of funding is capped at $2,500, to be allocated to a maximum of two applications.

Priorities for the funding include:

1. Historical research into the development of Colorado agriculture or natural resource stewardship, including technological and scientific advancements of farming and/or ranching, rural veterinary medicine, rural community history, land conservation, regenerative practices, and/or wildfire management, using original documents housed in the CSU Archives & Special Collections.
2. Sharing of findings of agricultural history research gained from the first priority (above). Education and outreach opportunities may include participation in seminars, conferences, and/or in-person tours, as well as production and promotion of papers/articles resulting from research.

Application Information

The Colorado History and Land Research Award supports research projects that make substantial use of the CSU Archives & Special Collections, including projects resulting in dissertations, publications, exhibitions, educational initiatives, documentary films, or other multi-media works. Research projects must include a focus on Colorado's rural lands.

Successful applicants will receive monetary awards intended to support in-person research visits, virtual access to the collections via scanning requests, or sharing of research products, as outlined above.

Researchers should apply if their research interests and objectives would be, or already have been, significantly advanced by work in the holdings of the CSU Archives & Special Collections. The annual application deadline is **February 20**. Awards will be announced and applicants will receive written notification on or before March 20. Up to 50 percent of an awardee's allocation of grant funds will be paid upon receipt of documentation that travel arrangements have been made, with the remainder paid following completion of the requirements of the grant, which must occur by the end of the calendar year.

Applicants should submit the following materials as their application:

- for priority 1: a brief description (no more than two pages) of the project and a preliminary list of collection materials to be consulted to conduct the research
- for priority 2: a brief description (no more than two pages) of the research already completed (substituting a draft is acceptable) and desired venue for delivery
- a current curriculum vitae or resume

- a proposed budget (priority 1: can be used for travel, scans, and photocopies; priority 2: can be used for travel, conference fees, article processing charges for open access publications, and similar). See State of Colorado mileage and per diem rates.
- information regarding how they learned about this opportunity
- Graduate students should also submit a letter of support from their graduate advisor, attesting to the value of the research for their master's or doctoral thesis.
- **All materials must be submitted electronically in a single PDF file**.

Email application to:
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Instruction and Outreach Archivist
Colorado State University Libraries

Evaluation and Selection

The History and Land Research Award Selection Committee will conduct its evaluation of the applications under priority 1 on the suitability of the research topic to the CSU Archives & Special Collections and the potential of the project to make a significant contribution to historical scholarship on Colorado agricultural history. Under priority 2, the evaluation will be based on quality of research already conducted and potential impact of the output and outreach. The award is made on merit without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, marital status, or political affiliation.

Requirements of the Recipient

The History and Land Research Scholar will be required to conduct their research in the CSU Archives & Special Collections. The Scholar must agree to submit a brief report on the achievements under the award to the Instruction and Outreach Archivist by the end of the calendar year and present a copy of any resulting research products for inclusion in CSU's digital repository as appropriate. The Scholar also must acknowledge the award in any resulting research products.

Grant recipients are invited to present their research, including how the archival collections support their work, with presentations open to the CSU and broader community within six months of their onsite visit. This is a non-service fellowship award. The individual receiving this award is not required to perform any services in exchange for the award.