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Friedman Feminist Press Collection 2027 Research Grant
Application Information
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In recognition of the legacy of CSU graduate June Friedman, the Friedman Feminist Press Collection at Colorado State University Libraries' Archives & Special Collections provides research grants of up to $2,500 for researchers whose work would benefit from access to the collection's unique content.

About the Friedman Feminist Press Collection

This grant honors June Friedman, a 1981 agronomy major and student activist with the CSU Feminist Group whose life was violently cut short a year after graduation. Friedman co-organized the first Take Back the Night march in Fort Collins and was a contributor to *The CSU Feminist Newsletter*.

Friedman's love of literature by and about women and feminism led friends and family to establish the Friedman Feminist Press Collection (FFPC) to encourage students and scholars to read and study books published by feminist presses that were integral to the development of the feminist movement. The largest collection of books in the Rocky Mountain West published by feminist presses, the FFPC includes books and periodicals published by the Women's Press Collective, Shameless Hussy Press, Diana Press, Daughters, Inc., Naiad Press, and Kitchen Table: Women of Color Press, Spinsters Ink, The Feminist Press, Seal Press, and Firebrand Press.

Providing original sources in feminist/lesbian literature and second-wave feminism, the collection archives multi-genre works of fiction, poetry, memoir, and essay by feminist publishers of the 1970s and 80s that brought women and women's words out into the world. This unique collection also includes materials related to the study of feminist publishing and second-wave feminism.

Grant Information

The Friedman Feminist Press Collection research grants support projects with a focus on women and/or gender that make substantial use of holdings exclusive to the FFPC, including historical research and documentation projects resulting in dissertations, publications, exhibitions, educational initiatives, documentary films, or other multi-media works. These grants are intended to help offset the expenses of accessing the holdings of the Friedman Feminist Press Collection onsite.

Selected applicants will receive awards of $2,500 intended to support research visits and other related expenses, such as photocopies and scans. Also, they will have the opportunity to present an online talk highlighting their research.

Application Information

These grants are intended to help offset the expenses of researchers engaged in studies that will benefit from extended on-site access to the exclusive holdings of the Friedman Feminist Press Collection. A successful application will also include a connection to second-wave feminist topics with reference to holdings unique to the collection, especially those relevant to independent presses.

Successful applicants will receive monetary awards intended to support in-person research visits and additional virtual access to the collections via limited scanning requests (when resource conditions allow), as outlined above.

Applications are accepted and reviewed once a year. The application deadline is February 9, 2027. Awards will be announced, and applicants will receive written notification by International Women's Day, March 8, 2027. Up to 50 percent of an awardee's allocation of grant funds will be paid after evidence of travel arrangements have been made, with the remainder paid following completion of the requirements of the grant, which must be by the end of the calendar year.

How to Apply

Applicants should submit the following materials with their application:

- 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
- a current CV or resume
- a proposed budget
- 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.**

Send applications to:

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Evaluation and Selection

The selection committee will conduct its evaluation of the applications on the suitability of the research topic to the FFPC, including an emphasis on the use of the collection's unique holdings, especially those that focus on independent presses, and the potential of the project to make a significant contribution to historical scholarship. 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

FFPC awardees must:

- Conduct their research in CSU Archives & Special Collections
- 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
- Present a copy of any resulting research products for inclusion in CSU's digital

repository as appropriate
- 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.