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Application

The National Postal Museum (NPM) is pleased to announce funding for the research of philatelic or postal topics leading to publication. These funds enable their recipients to spend an uninterrupted block of time to conduct research on their projects at NPM and other appropriate Washington, DC collections, and to discuss their work with other specialists. Research can include any topic supported by the NPM collections.

PhDs, doctoral students and other specialists are invited to apply. The funds, for a sum up to \$2,500, shall be a contribution toward expenses for a visit or visits to Washington.

Applications are accepted throughout the year and should include:

- a one to two-page description of the subject to be studied and how it relates to previous philatelic or postal research, including a statement on your intentions for publication of the results of your research;
- preliminary lists of the materials to be used at NPM and, if applicable, of additional places and organizations to be visited and the collections to be used;
- a short curriculum vitae or resume; and
- an accurate estimate of, and justification for, the costs of the trip(s) – air or rail fare, hotel, local travel, and the prevailing federal per diem rate for meals and incidentals in Washington, DC, available at <https://www.gsa.gov/portal/category/100120>

In evaluating submissions, the award committee will ask the following questions:

- What is the project's significance for our understanding of philatelic and/or postal topics?
- How original is its method and/or argument?
- How imaginative is its use of sources (e.g., archival materials or collection objects, trade and professional journals, or visual imagery)?
- How effectively does it engage existing scholarship?
- How well is it written?
- How can the National Postal Museum experts, collections, archives and/or library support the research?

The application materials should be scanned and emailed to npmresearchchair@si.edu or mailed to:

Winton M. Blount Research Chair
National Postal Museum
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Washington, DC 20013-7012



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RESEARCH FUNDS**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Specialty: _____

Title of project: _____

Location(s) of research: NPM _____

Amount of funding requested (maximum stipend for 4 weeks = \$2,500): _____

Potential co-sponsor (see list at <https://postalmuseum.si.edu/research/research-funding/>): _____

You can type your answers but please sign the form by hand.

Send this form along with the requested materials.

Signature

Date