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## Amos E. Simpson Travel Awards

### LHA Travel Awards

The Louisiana Historical Association will offer two short-term travel awards for 2026. Each grant will provide a stipend of \$1,500 for research in Louisiana archives and collections. These grants are designed to assist scholars interested in Louisiana history, for whom distance and expense present a substantial obstacle to research in the state's rich archives. **Complete applications are due by February 1, 2026**, for travel between May 1, 2026 and September 15, 2026.

### Eligibility

These awards are open to independent scholars, advanced graduate students, and holders of the Ph.D. or the equivalent, with current members of the LHA receiving preference. Those without significant means of institutional support will receive special consideration. Applicants who do not reside in the U.S. must indicate their citizenship. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or already hold the J-1 visa or equivalent documents that will allow them to accept the stipend. The LHA cannot facilitate visas.

### To Apply

Submit the following in one PDF document to James Wilson at [info@lahistory.org](mailto:info@lahistory.org). A letter of recommendation, if required (see below), should be sent directly from the recommender.

1. Cover letter.
2. Curriculum vita of no more than 4 pages.
3. Description of the research project (2 pages, double-spaced) to include:
  - a. a title and description of the project.
  - b. a statement explaining the historiographical significance of the proposed work.
  - c. an indication of the specific archives and/or collections in Louisiana the applicant will use.
4. One-page bibliography of the most relevant secondary works on the topic.
5. Brief project budget.
6. Letter of Recommendation (only for those applicants who do not hold a Ph.D.). The letter must come from a tenured scholar who is familiar with the applicant's work and the project being proposed. Letter writers should send their recommendation electronically to James Wilson at [info@lahistory.org](mailto:info@lahistory.org) from their university e-mail account, with "LHA Letter for [Applicant's Name]" in the subject line.

### Requirements

Recipients will be required to submit a 1-2 page report to [info@lahistory.org](mailto:info@lahistory.org) detailing their research itinerary and how the grant furthered their project by October 1, 2026. LHA financial support must be acknowledged in any publication resulting from this funded research. Please address all LHA grant-related questions to James Wilson at the e-mail address above.