

## **Tom and Dolores Bruce Historical Research Fellowship**

Applications are now being accepted for the first Tom and Dolores Bruce Historical Research Fellowship.

The fellowship will assist scholars, teachers, graduate students, documentary producers, and other researchers who use materials held by at least two of the following institutions: the Arkansas State Archives, the CALS Butler Center for Arkansas Studies, the Historical Research Center at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock's Center for Arkansas History and Culture. Possible outcomes include publications, media productions, web-based presentations, or curricular resources. Any topic relating to the state's history is acceptable, but research in under-studied topics is encouraged. The award is to be used to help defray expenses, which can include reproduction of materials, travel, or lodging. Funded by an initial gift by Dr. Tom Bruce and matched by the Central Arkansas Library System, this award was renamed in 2017 to honor Dr. and Mrs. Bruce after Dr. Bruce's death.

### **Application Requirements**

Applications for research assistance will consist of a 250-word abstract of the proposal; a letter describing prospects for public accessibility of the finished work; expressions of interest from prospective publishers, media outlets, or, in the case of web-based and curriculum materials, likely users; the applicant's resume; the names and contact information of three references who may be asked to write letters of support; a projected timeline; an estimated budget; and a preliminary list of collections to be used at the archival institutions.

### **Deadlines and Notification**

Applications must be received by May 15. Recipients will be notified by June 1 and will have until July 1 to accept or decline the award, at which point either the recipient will be announced or a runner-up will be notified.

### **Award Value and Payment Details**

The award has a maximum cash value of \$1,000, for reimbursement of approved out-of-pocket expenses. Recipients will be asked to sign an award letter attesting to their willingness to follow expense and reimbursement guidelines. Documentation will be required for reimbursements, and award recipients will be required to report on how award funds were used within six months of visiting the archival facilities.

### **Submit Applications by May 15 to:**

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