

HAROLD B. HANCOCK RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP  
5/19/2020

SCOPE:

The Friends of the Delaware Archives, Inc. (FODA) offers a fellowship in memory of Delaware's noted historian, Harold B. Hancock. The fellowship is intended to: produce works that will promote research that contributes to a greater public knowledge of some aspect of Delaware state or local history; improve and multiply the ways in which an understanding of the history of the state is communicated to its citizens; as well as support access to and use of the holdings of the Delaware Public Archives (DPA). The majority of the research is to be conducted using the holdings of the Delaware Public Archives (DPA).

The fellowships will provide the recipients with an opportunity for a period of research, reading and collegial discussion at the Archives, which houses the largest collection of the records of Delaware governments from all levels. Research and study carried out under these fellowships may focus on virtually any subject within the general area of Delaware history and culture before 1980. This does not include family genealogies. The end products of research developed under these fellowships may include but is not limited to: historical novels; documentary films and television programs; radio broadcasts; nonfiction works of history designed for general audiences of adults or children; and magazine or newspaper articles.

A list of topics in which the DPA is currently interested is available upon request. However, projects are not limited to those appearing on the list.

ELIGIBILITY:

Successful applicants will be individuals with a demonstrated interest in undertaking research in important primary and secondary collections in order to produce imaginative, high-quality work for the general public. The Friends are looking for applicants who would both benefit from and contribute to a sharing of ideas and perspectives within the inclusive and welcoming community of DPA staff and Friends, etc., and may be

asked to participate in a more public setting such as a seminar, lecture or other forum.

Applications are welcome from scholars, public sector professionals in history-related disciplines, writers working independently as well as college and university teachers, librarians, archivists, museum curators, and scholars from fields other than the humanities, staff of other historical research facilities and local historical societies statewide, faculty from colleges and universities in the state, elementary and secondary school teachers and librarians, filmmakers and students. Applicant should live, work, or attend college or university in Delaware. Applications from Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania will also be considered as the history of these states is closely connected to Delaware. Delaware Public Archives employees and FODA board members are not eligible. The Friends do not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin or disability. Individuals with disabilities who require assistance or accommodation to participate in this program should contact the Friends.

#### APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Applications will be accepted every other year, in the spring, and must include:

1. Fellowship application form.
2. Copy of current resume or curriculum vitae.
3. A description, no more than 5 pages, of the proposed research project. Please provide information on the significance of the work, your research methodology, your plan of work and a statement describing your experience as it relates to the project you wish to pursue. Competitive proposals will demonstrate the relevance of the project to DPA's fields of interest and include a discussion of the holdings to be used and their importance to the plan of work.
4. The names and addresses of two references who may be contacted for letters of evaluation.

#### SELECTION:

Applicants for fellowships will be reviewed by a selection review committee that may include representatives from the following groups: FODA members, scholars and public history professionals, members of local historical societies, and DPA professional staff who are familiar with the holdings.

Selection Criteria will include:

- the clarity of the proposal
- the quality of the work anticipated and the likelihood that the project will be completed successfully
- the value of DPA holdings to the proposed research, including the imaginative use of material culture sources
- the relevance of the research topic to ongoing DPA programs
- plans for dissemination of the results of the research to both the academic community and the wider public.

#### CONDITIONS OF AWARD:

Project should be completed in the twelve months following its award. An extension may be granted, depending on the situation. The recipient must agree to submit interim and final project reports. The recipient will receive \$500 when the grant is awarded, \$500 upon submission of an interim report at the 90-120 day mark, and \$1500 upon successful completion of the work. At the conclusion of the project, the recipient and the committee should review the process.

#### OWNERSHIP/PUBLICATION RIGHTS FOR THE PRODUCT:

The fellow will retain ownership of the product. However, FODA will be granted the right to reproduce excerpts from the product. The recipient must acknowledge FODA support in resulting publications and presentations, and give the DPA two copies of any publication, one copy of film, or other product.

To qualify for the current year's fellowship, five hard copy of the completed application must be received no later than October 31. Send to:

Harold B. Hancock Research Fellowship  
Friends of the Delaware Archives  
P. O. Box 1934  
Dover, DE 19903

An electronic copy should be sent to *Friendsofthedelawarearchives.gov*  
by the deadline.