



American Heritage Center Teaching & Research Grants

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The American Heritage Center is pleased to announce its 2009 Teaching and Research Grants program to encourage use of AHC resources by University of Wyoming students, faculty, academic professionals, and staff.

The American Heritage Center supports the University of Wyoming's charge of teaching, research, public service, and cultural outreach by enabling and promoting the study and interpretation of our nation's history. With its many manuscript collections, the records of the UW archives, and the Toppan Rare Books Library, the Center is a resource for UW faculty, students, and staff. Learn more about the American Heritage Center by visiting our Web site at www.uwyo.edu/ahc.

This grants program offers an opportunity for faculty, staff, and students to pursue projects such as independent or collaborative research projects, course development, and symposia that use AHC's resource material as the basis of the project/course/symposia. A special award is also available for the dissemination of research and projects.

Examples of possible projects and funding ranges may include *but are not limited to*:

1. Independent student research projects with faculty mentor (\$200 -\$1,500)

Example: Student requesting funding for a research project using the Toppan Library collection to research the 400 year history of *The Complete Angler*. This project would result in a published article, an exhibit in the loggia of the AHC, and/or on the AHC Web site.

2. Cross-disciplinary symposium within the structure of several classes or independently initiated by students with faculty sponsors (\$1,000-\$5,000)

Example: A group of honors students completes research for a Round Table presentation using the AHC collections and hosts a symposium to present their work. Courses in art history, history and English present a symposium of student research on "Imaging the West."

3. Full-semester course meeting at the AHC and utilizing its collections for course content (\$1,000-\$5,000)

Example: A course meets at the AHC and uses the collections as the basis of the course - could be specific content or a class on research methods.

4. Major course component in a single class (\$500-\$3,000)

Example: AHC collections used within a three-week research methods component using primary sources in a 3000 level Women's Studies course.

5. Seed money for innovative new courses using a single collection or a group of collections (\$500-\$3,000)

Example: Environment and Natural resources creates a new special topics course using AHC collections as focus of course.

6. **Special award(s) recognizing dissemination of research and projects - especially interested in projects presented beyond a regional venue (\$250 -\$500)**

Example: Awards given to student and faculty projects that best disseminate completed research using AHC collections. The award could be applied for or awarded by the AHC Board of Faculty Advisors and funds could be used for travel or conference attendance.

7. **Faculty research project (with future classroom application and use of AHC collections) (\$500-\$2,000)**

Teaching and research are often closely related and familiarity with AHC collections will encourage future use within classroom assignments and student research projects. This research project would result in a written report to the AHC. Example: Research on the 1950-60s portrayal of child-rearing and family life from the scripts of "Captain Kangaroo," "Hopalong Cassidy," and "The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet." Example: Research into the different administrative styles and issues dealt with by UW presidents, or the role of athletics, fraternities, and sororities in UW student life.

8. **Senior faculty target funding projects between faculty ranks (\$500-\$2,000)**

Example: Facilitating work between junior and senior faculty will encourage exploration of the AHC collections by individuals who may have long standing misconceptions about the AHC and a lack of knowledge of the collections. This award would result in a written report to the AHC.

Eligibility:

University of Wyoming students, faculty, and academic professionals, staff, and recognized student organizations are all eligible to apply.

Applications:

Complete application packages must include the following:

- q Application sheet (available on AHC Web site)
- q Project description (available on AHC Web site)
- q Resume/Vita (maximum of two pages)
- q Budget (available on AHC Web site)
- q Letter(s) of support from faculty mentor or sponsor required for students.

One copy of each proposal must be submitted **no later than December 18, 2009**, to:

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For more information about the collections held by the AHC call 766-6385 or e-mail ahcref@uwyo.edu or check out the AHC's website (www.uwyo.edu/ahc) and go to the online catalog.

Review Process:

The American Heritage Center's Board of Faculty Advisors will review proposals and reserve the right to adjust individual awards.

Announcement of Awards:

Awards will be announced in December 2009 with funds available immediately to the appropriate department.