

The Evans Johnson Research Fund

Goals

The *Evans Johnson Research Fund* is a privately endowed restricted fund, distributed by the History Department, designated to support students who wish to conduct primary source research in national and international archives, libraries, or research institutes, and/or need to obtain research not otherwise accessible locally, online, or via the duPont-Ball Library. Funding is aimed primarily, though not exclusively, at supporting junior History majors embarking on Senior Research, normally during the summer after the junior year. Sophomore and senior majors with exceptionally strong projects might also apply. The maximum award in a given year is 2,000.00, but this sum may be supplemented by additional monies for significant expenses (e.g. international travel, lodging in an expensive location) or reduced should the recipient receive another grant for the same project (e.g., a SURE Grant).

Eligibility

Applicants must typically be declared History majors of sophomore or junior standing. They must also have a minimum 3.0 GPA, both overall and in the major. Students who have equivalent funding (e.g., SURE Grant funding) for the same project during the same period will normally not be eligible for the full 2,000.00, but may apply for supplementary research support.

Application Process

By the deadlines indicated below applicants must submit: a) a current curriculum vitae, b) a *confidential* letter of support from a Department Faculty member, and c) a five to six-page (1,500 word) proposal to the Department Chair (lseah@stetson.edu), copying the Department Administrator (mpsepiol@stetson.edu). The proposal must indicate: 1) the scholarly background of the project, including its value and originality and the student's own suitability for conducting research, including language training and other requisite technical training; 2) the goals and outcomes of the research, including a clear timetable indicating when the research will begin and end and how it will be incorporated into a substantial independent research paper (normally, but not exclusively, senior research); 3) a preliminary bibliography of secondary sources for the project and description of the primary sources the student plans to consult; and 4) a list of itemized expenses and explanation of why the funding is necessary to complete the project. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis, but students must submit their applications no later than **October 15th** for Winter Break or Spring Semester funding and **March 20th** for Summer or Fall Semester funding. Applicants will normally be notified within two weeks of submitting the application.

Requirements

All applicants must submit a two-page (500 word) report to the Department Chair, copying the Department Administrator, within four weeks of completing the research. The report should summarize the applicant's work and explain how the research will be employed in completing the project as delineated in the original proposal.