

February 1, 2020

Dear Program Directors and Faculty Members:

With great pleasure and anticipation, we are proud to announce the 2020 Medgar and Myrlie Evers Research Scholars Program. A partnership between the Mississippi Department of Archives and History and the Medgar and Myrlie Evers Institute, the program is designed to encourage and support research using the wealth of primary resources documenting the Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi and the nation, which is available at the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

This comprehensive scholarship of \$4,000 will be awarded to an upper-level graduate student or early-career faculty member for research conducted at the Archives in summer 2020. The stipend may be used to cover travel, housing, and other expenses incurred while in Jackson.

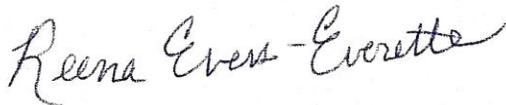
We ask that you post the enclosed poster and encourage numerous students and colleagues to apply. The deadline for applications is Friday, March 27, 2020, 5 p.m. CST. Additional information is available on the MDAH website: <http://www.mdah.ms.gov/>.

Thank you very much for your interest and assistance.

Sincerely,



Myrlie Evers



Reena Evers-Everette

February 1, 2020

To Academic Colleagues

From David Pilcher
Director, Archives & Records Services Division

Subject Medgar & Myrlie Evers Research Scholars Program

Please find enclosed information about the Medgar and Myrlie Evers Research Scholars Program, an initiative at the Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MDAH) that will facilitate increased use of the department's holdings and the publication of original research findings.

The Medgar and Myrlie Evers Research Scholars Program, a collaboration between MDAH and the Medgar and Myrlie Evers Institute, encourages work in the history of civil and human rights at the state archives in Jackson by upper-level graduate students and early-career faculty members. A stipend of \$4,000 will be awarded. The deadline for applications is March 27, 2020.

The MDAH Archives' non-circulating collection, dating from the sixteenth century to the present, is the largest, most comprehensive body of government, manuscript, print, audio visual and electronic materials relating to Mississippi and attracts researchers world-wide. Holdings include more than 43,000 cubic feet of state records and manuscript collections, 134,000 published items, and 113,600 reels of microfilm. For more information about MDAH holdings, go to <http://www.mdah.ms.gov/> and explore the "Research" menu.

Additional information about the Evers Scholars Program is available on the MDAH website in "News Releases." Interested individuals may also contact MDAH Acquisitions and Collections Coordinator Laura Heller at lheller@mdah.ms.gov.

We ask that you share information about this research stipend with colleagues and students. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



David Pilcher
Director, Archives & Records Services Division

The Medgar and Myrlie Evers Research Scholars Program

*A partnership between the Mississippi Department of Archives and History
and the Medgar and Myrlie Evers Institute*

2020 Evers Research Scholars Application Form

Application Deadline: Friday, March 27, 2020 (5:00 p.m. CST)

Applicant's Name _____

Applicant's Institution _____

Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Mailing Address _____

Please include the following items in the application package:

1. Scholars Program Application Form

2. Proposal (no more than five pages, typed, double-spaced)

- Describe the proposed research topic, methodology, use of MDAH holdings, and research product(s).
 - Explain how this research will utilize the primary resources at MDAH and explain why the MDAH holdings are appropriate to this research. Indicate by series and title the specific holdings to be used.
 - Explain the research methodology to be used for this project. Include a brief description of your preliminary research and a selected bibliography of works that directly influence the proposal.
 - Include a description of the intended product(s) which may include a paper, dissertation, article, book, lecture, exhibit, broadcast, and/or website.
- Indicate your anticipated schedule.
- Indicate your estimated expenses (travel, housing, and other research expenses).

3. Curriculum Vita

4. One sample of work

5. Two letters of recommendation (submit directly to Laura Anne Heller at address below)

The recipient will be selected and notified no later than Friday, May 1, 2020.

Further information, including Eligibility and Selection Criteria, is available on the reverse side.

Send completed application packet to:

Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Evers Scholars Program, c/o Laura Heller,
P. O. Box 571, Jackson, MS 39205-0571

Application packets may also be sent as a PDF email attachment to lheller@mdah.ms.gov

Eligibility

The Evers Scholars recipient must be an upper-level student enrolled in a graduate program at an accredited college or university, or a faculty member early in their academic career.

Selection Criteria

Scholastic contribution

- How will this proposed work contribute to the scholarly research on Medgar Evers, Myrlie Evers, and the Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi and/or the nation?
- What is the potential of this applicant to contribute to new and unexplored understandings of Evers and the Civil Rights Movement?
- How will this proposed work contribute to scholarly research on human rights, and contribute new understandings of this overall topic?
- How will the product promote or encourage future study of the topic?

Proposed research topic, methodology, use of MDAH holdings, and research product(s)

- How will this research utilize the primary resources at MDAH? How appropriate is the Medgar Wiley & Myrlie Beasley Evers Papers and other MDAH holdings to this research?
- What is the proposed research methodology?
- How innovative is the proposed research?
- What is the overall quality and clarity of the proposal?
- Is the product appropriate to the research topic?

Anticipated schedule

- Is the schedule reasonable?

Estimated expenses (travel, housing, and other)

- Are expenses reasonable?

Vita

Sample of work

Two letters of recommendation

Further Information

The Medgar and Myrlie Evers Research Scholars Program encourages and supports research in the history of civil and human rights at the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. The program seeks to nurture upper-level graduate student and faculty scholars at the beginning of their academic careers, in order to increase their life-long interest in, and promote continued academic and public appreciation of, Medgar Evers' life and work, the Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi, and the struggle for human rights overall. Primary source research will be conducted in residence at the William F. Winter Archives and History Building in Jackson, Mississippi.

One competitive scholarship of \$4,000.00 will be awarded. The stipend may be used to cover travel, housing, and other expenses related to the proposed research during a two-week minimum stay between June 1 and August 31, 2020. (Ineligible costs include computer equipment, hardware, or software and childcare.) The stipend will be paid in increments, with the final payment conditional upon submission of a summary report of research findings; the recipient will be asked to submit receipts to substantiate expenses. A local scholar will advise and provide feedback during the recipient's research stay.

While at MDAH the Evers Scholar will make an informal yet professional presentation, open to a select audience, about their research.