

The Medgar and Myrlie Evers Research Fellowship

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

The Medgar and Myrlie Evers Research Fellowship encourages and supports research in civil and human rights history 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, to increase their life-long interest in history, and to promote continued academic and public appreciation of Medgar Evers' life and work, the Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi, and the struggle for human rights. Primary source research will be conducted in residence at the William F. Winter Archives and History Building in Jackson, Mississippi.

One competitive stipend of \$5,000 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, 2023. 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 Fellowship recipient will make an informal yet professional presentation, open to a select audience about their research.

Important Dates:

- **Application Deadline:** March 24, 2023
- **Selection Announcement:** by May 1, 2023
- **Summer Research Term:** Minimum 2 weeks, June–August

Submit the application packet electronically to lheller@mdah.ms.gov or by mail to Laura Heller, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Evers Fellowship Program, P. O. Box 571, Jackson, MS 39205-0571

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2023 Fellowship Application Form

Application Deadline: Friday, March 24, 2023 (5:00 p.m. CST)

Applicant's Name _____

Applicant's Institution _____

Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Mailing Address _____

A complete application consists of the following:

1. Fellowship 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 (20 pages maximum)

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

The fellowship recipient will be selected and notified no later than April 28, 2023.

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Eligibility

The Evers Fellowship 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 and 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?

Curriculum Vita

Sample of work (20 pages maximum)

Two letters of recommendation

- Letters must be received by the application deadline.
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