

Residency Research Fellowship

2026-27 Call for Applications

The Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies will award Residency Research Fellowships of \$5,500 per term (up to two terms per applicant) for external faculty, journalists, independent scholars, and public historians to support historical research in the Ann Arbor area. Applicants are expected to be in residence or within commuting distance for the duration of their fellowship. This fellowship program has been funded by a generous gift from Kenneth and Frances Aftel Eisenberg.

Residency Research Fellows will join the institute's intellectual community and are expected to participate in institute programs. The fellowship includes University of Michigan library privileges and workspace in the U-M History Department.

Expectations: Recipients are expected to actively participate in institute events. The institute typically holds five paired lecture-workshop programs per term (i.e., lecture on Thursday evening, workshop on Friday afternoon), plus some special events. Fellows may serve as commentators and/or chairs in institute programs and may have the opportunity to present their research during their fellowship term.

Award: Fellowship awards will be disbursed at the beginning of each term of affiliation. Each payment will be issued as a taxable stipend.

Eligibility: The institute invites applications from individuals engaged in historical research, including:

- Faculty and researchers of all ranks at outside accredited universities, colleges, or research organizations (faculty from UM-Flint and UM-Dearborn *are* eligible and encouraged to apply). Given the fellowship expectations, scholars are expected to have reduced teaching and/or service at their home institution.
- Journalists, independent scholars, public historians, and others undertaking historical research projects that constitute a significant portion of their professional efforts during the fellowship term.

One- or two-term applications are welcome. Fellows must adhere to College of Literature, Science, and Arts policies regarding academic affiliates, including liability waivers and health insurance requirements. Fellows from outside the United States must work with the U-M International Center regarding any immigration- or visa-related questions or issues.



Application: The application consists of the following:

- A cover letter outlining interest in the fellowship (400-500 words), including:
 - how your work might benefit from affiliation with the institute—and vice versa;
 - desired residency period: fellowships should align with the U-M academic calendar: fall term (late August-December) and/or winter term (January-early May); please inquire about May-August residency;
- A project statement (400-500 words);
- A curriculum vitae.

Submit complete applications via email (eisenberginstitute@umich.edu) by March 6, 2026. Institute staff will confirm receipt.

Notification: Fellowship awards will be made by the institute's Steering Committee and applicants will be notified in March or April 2026. The institute will contact each applicant regarding the outcome of their application.