

Application Guidelines for the
Linda and Richard Kerber Fund
for Research in the Iowa Women's Archives

In honor of Linda and Richard Kerber's enduring support for scholarship in the history of women, the Iowa Women's Archives (University of Iowa Libraries) announces a grant of \$1000 to fund travel to Iowa City, Iowa, to conduct research in the Iowa Women's Archives. We welcome applicants from a variety of backgrounds, including graduate students, academic and public historians, and independent researchers and writers, although preference will be given to graduate students. The grant is intended to offset travel and lodging expenses of researchers whose work will benefit from using collections in the archives. The strengths of the Iowa Women's Archives include rich collections on the history of the women's movement, political activism, African Americans, rural women, and Latinas, especially in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. The collections are global in scope. (See <http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/iwa/viewshare/>).

Researchers will have the opportunity to participate in a brown bag discussion of their research either during or after their time in the archives. Grant recipients are expected to donate a courtesy copy of any publications that make use of the collections, and to acknowledge support of the Iowa Women's Archives in any theses, dissertations, and publications.

Proposals must be postmarked by April 15, 2014. Notification of awards will be made by June 1, 2014.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Who is eligible?

- We welcome applications from graduate students, academic and public historians, and independent researchers and writers who reside outside a 100-mile radius of Iowa City, Iowa, and whose research projects would be substantially enriched by the use of materials held by the Iowa Women's Archives.
- Research topics should be strongly supported by the collections of the Iowa Women's Archives. We encourage each prospective grant applicant to discuss his or her research project and the collections that might support it with the Iowa Women's Archives staff before submitting an application.
- For information about the collections, please see our [collection guides](#).

What expenses does the award cover?

- The award may be used for travel and lodging but not for meals or photocopying. Prior to applying, non-US citizens should contact the library regarding visas or other required paperwork.

How do I apply?

The application packet consists of the following:

- A one-page letter of application. Be sure to state your name, mailing address, email address, and phone number.
- A research proposal of no more than 500 words describing the purpose of the research, the Iowa Women's Archives holdings to be consulted, and the significance of these holdings to the overall project
- A curriculum vita of no more than two pages
- A proposed budget (not to exceed \$1000) indicating how the funds will be spent

Mail four copies of the above materials to:

Iowa Women's Archives
The University of Iowa Libraries
125 West Washington Street
Iowa City, Iowa 52242-1420

Please include a self-addressed, stamped postcard with the statement 'Your application has been received by the Iowa Women's Archives.'

What dates do I need to remember?

- Applications must be postmarked by April 15, 2014.
- Grant recipients will be announced by June 1, 2014.
- Grants must be used between June 1, 2014 and May 31, 2015.

For questions about the program, please contact: karen-mason@uowa.edu or janet-weaver@uiowa.edu and write TRAVEL FUND in the subject line.