

Western Association of Women Historians
Founders' Dissertation Fellowship

Purpose: The awards shall be given to those graduate students who show promise of significant contribution to historical scholarship. Funds from these awards may be used for purposes directly or indirectly related to the dissertation such as research expenses, attendance at scholarly conference, and the preparation of the dissertation.

Criteria: All recipients must be members of the Western Association of Women Historians at the same in history, advanced to candidacy, writing the dissertation at the time of the application, and expecting to receive the Ph.D. no EARLIER than December of the calendar year in which the award is made.

Submission: Applicants must submit the following:

- 1) Three copies of a completed WAWH application form
- 2) Three copies of a prospectus on the dissertation, consisting of no more than five double-spaces pages, and including a summary of the dissertation project, and explanation of its significance for historical scholarship, a survey of the major sources, a summary of research already accomplished, and an indication of plans for completion of the dissertation.
- 3) Three copies of one confidential letter of recommendation from your dissertation chair (a file of references maintained by a university office is not an acceptable substitute).

Selection: Recipients will be selected using the following criteria:

- 1) Scholarly potential of the graduate student
- 2) Significance of the dissertation project for historical scholarship
- 3) Progress already made towards completing necessary research.

Application: The application, prospectus, and letters of reference must be postmarked by January 15th.

Please send a copy of your application packet to each committee member listed on the application.

For Questions, contact:

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