

Oregon Students Researching Oregon Oregon Heritage Fellowship 2024

Oregon Heritage, part of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, will award up to three \$2,000 fellowships to enrolled students of an Oregon university or college for researching, writing and presenting a topic related to history, geography, archaeology, cultural heritage, or historic preservation in Oregon.

Fellowship recipients will present their research process and findings at the 2024 Oregon Heritage Conference, April 17-19 in Forest Grove, and may be invited to submit their project paper for possible publication in the Oregon Historical Quarterly. Fellows' research papers will also be posted on the Oregon Heritage website at www.oregonheritage.org.

The Oregon Heritage Fellowship is provided to encourage thoughtful inquiry of Oregon's heritage by emerging scholars. Many new topics remain to be studied, and fresh perspectives on current topics are needed to keep the exploration of Oregon's history fresh and relevant. The fellowship offers a financial incentive for these research efforts and an opportunity to publicly share what is learned with the heritage community. The hope is that these efforts will stimulate further inquiry and discussion, and even lead to broader distribution through publications and other media.

DEADLINE: Apply online no later than November 2, 2023.

TIMELINE:

- Deadline – November 2, 2023
- Notification - November 2023
- Public Presentation- April 2024
- Project deadline – June 14, 2024

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY & PROJECT CRITERIA:

- Enrolled student at a university or college in the State of Oregon in good academic standing.
- Completion of at least 135 quarter hours (or 90 semester hours) as an undergraduate student, or be enrolled as a graduate student.
- Research project must have Oregon's history, geography, cultural heritage, archaeology, or historic preservation as its central focus. Examples include history education, architectural history, political history, environmental history, art history, literary history, gender studies, ethnic studies, the teaching of history, and historic preservation.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Relationship and significance of the research project to Oregon's heritage.
- Relevance and thoroughness of research methods and sources.
- Ability to complete and present the project by April 2024.

FELLOWSHIP AWARD PROCESS:

Recipients will be the subjects of binding agreements between the State and the recipient. Typically, scholarship funds are dispersed on a reimbursable basis. Half of the fellowship will be paid when the award is made. The other half will be paid when the project is satisfactorily completed. Exceptions may be considered if the student demonstrates a need for the money for the project itself and substantial progress toward completion.

HOW TO APPLY:

- Complete the [online Oregon Heritage Fellowship Application](#). (Review the instructions for the online system [here](#)).
- The online application will ask you to include the following:
 - a no more than 700 word prospectus describing the research project, including principal research questions and prospective research methods and sources.
 - Two letters from faculty members describing your experience, research skills, and capacity to complete the project and presentation. One letter must be from your advisor and should state how s/he will assist you with the project.