

ACM History Committee

Call for Proposals: 2014 Program for Research in ACM History

The Association for Computing Machinery, founded in 1947, is the oldest and largest educational and scientific society dedicated to the computing profession, and today has more than 100,000 members around the world. The ACM History Committee is preparing groundwork for a special history workshop in 2015. Aiming at the workshop, we will support research projects related to ACM's professional and educational activities and/or to ACM's rich institutional history including its organization, publications, SIG activities, and conferences. We may also support synthetic projects that analyze existing historical research on ACM, identify topics needing future research, and outline themes to illuminate ACM's nearly seven-decade history.

We will support up to **four projects** with awards of up to **\$4,000** each. Successful candidates may be of any rank, from graduate students through senior researchers. All awardees must be willing to present their work to a two-day ACM History Committee-sponsored workshop, tentatively scheduled for the late spring or early summer of 2015. Workshop travel, lodging, and meals for that event will be paid by ACM History Committee, in addition to this project award.

To Apply:

Applicants should send a 2-page CV as well as a 750-word project description that [a] describes the proposed research or synthetic project; [b] identifies the importance of specific ACM historical materials, whether traditional archival collections or online historical materials (oral histories, digitized conference papers, ACM organizational records, et al.); [c] discusses any additional project outcome besides the ACM history workshop (e.g. journal article, book or dissertation chapter, teaching resource, museum exhibit, website); and [d] outlines a timeline for completing the project—including, specifically, your willingness to contribute a 10-page (2500-word) paper to a 2015 ACM history workshop. Workshop papers will be pre-circulated to workshop attendees; revised versions may be published afterwards.

In preparing a proposal, applicants should examine the document "ACM Research Materials" posted at history.acm.org/content.php?do=links as well as "Sources for ACM History," *CACM* 50 #5 (May 2007): 36-41 doi.acm.org/10.1145/1230819.1230836. Other materials relating to ACM history may also be used. Applicants should include a letter of endorsement from their home institution or an external scholarly reference.

Proposals are due by **15 January 2014**. Proposals should be submitted as a single pdf-format document to history-webmaster@acm.org. Notification of awards will be made within eight weeks.