ACM History Committee
Call for Proposals
2015 Fellowships 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 mid-October 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. See list of past supported projects.

We will support up to four research 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 a paper to the ACM history workshop held in conjunction with the SHOT and SIGCIS annual meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico during 8-11 October 2015. A supplement for workshop travel, lodging, and meals will be provided—in addition to this research project award. Previous ACM HC awardees will be invited to the workshop and similarly supported.

We especially invite research projects that relate to the following 2015 workshop themes:

- Public policy, government relations, and computing
- Computing education and professionalization
- Organizational innovation: special-interest groups, conferences, and publications in computing

To Apply:

Applicants should send a 2-page CV as well as a 750-word project description that [a] describes the proposed research; [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, etc.); [c] discusses any 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 the mid-October 2015 ACM history workshop. Workshop papers will be pre-circulated to workshop attendees; revised papers may be published.

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 research materials relating to ACM may also be used. Applicants should include a letter of endorsement from their home institution or an external scholarly reference.

Proposals are due by 1 February 2015. Proposals should be submitted as a single pdf-format document to <history-webmaster@acm.org>. Notification of awards will be made within 6 weeks.