ACM History Committee—Call for Proposals

2021 History Fellowship Program

Submission Deadline: 15 February 2021

The ACM History Committee is pleased to announce our 2021 History Fellowship Program. This Fellowship Program is designed to support research and/or curatorial 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.

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’s charter directs it to foster the collection, preservation, and interpretation of the history of the ACM and its role in the development of computing. One way we foster development of ACM History is through our annual History Fellowship Program.

The program 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. Association with an academic institution is not required.

Application Process

Applications must include a 750-word project description, a timeline and budget for the project, applicant’s CV (limit 2 pages), and a letter of endorsement from applicant’s home institution or an external scholarly or curatorial reference.

Within the 750-word description, applicants should specifically address these points:

- What is the proposed activity and how do you plan to go about accomplishing it?
- How is the proposed work related to ACM History?
- What products/outcomes do you expect to produce? (e.g., journal article, book or dissertation chapter, teaching resource, museum exhibit, website, oral history, collection of artifacts or archive materials)
- When completed, what will be the significance of your work products?
- What is your probability of success and what are the risks?

Awardees, upon project completion and before May 2022, are required to submit to the ACM History Committee a written, one-page summary of their project’s results.

Proposals should be submitted as a single pdf-format document to history-webmaster@acm.org.

Proposal deadline is 15 February 2021. Notification of awards will be made on or before 1 April 2021.

Resources for Applicants

In preparing a proposal, applicants may wish to refer to:

- ACM Research Materials
- Descriptions of previous History Fellowship Award Projects.