

ACM History Committee — Call for Applications

History and Archiving Fellowship program

The ACM History Committee is pleased to announce our 2026 History and Archiving Fellowship Program, designed to support projects related to:

- ACM’s professional and educational activities,
- ACM’s rich institutional history, including its organization, publications, and conferences, and
- ACM Heritage for specific units, such as the Special Interest Groups (SIGs) and ACM committees.

The Association for Computing Machinery, founded in 1947, is the oldest and largest educational and scientific society dedicated to the computing profession, with more than 100K members worldwide. 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 the development of ACM History is through our annual History and Archiving Fellowship Program.

The 2026 History and Archiving Fellowship program will support up to **five projects**. Most awards will be for up to **\$4,000**, although some awards may not be for the full amount requested. Applicants need not be associated with an academic institution. Applicants from academia may be of any rank, from graduate students through senior professors and researchers. Awardees are required to submit to the ACM History Committee a written, one-page summary of their project’s results upon project completion and before May 2027. Proposed projects may be self-contained or one part of a larger research program. At least one fellowship will be designated for broadening perspectives in the history of computing, a selection criterion for all fellowships, along with intellectual merit, likely impact, and depth of connection to ACM history.

Application Process

Application deadline: **28 February 2026 AOE**; notification of awards about 1 April 2026.

Your application **must** include a project description (750-word limit) that addresses all of these points:

- **Where you learned about the Fellowship** (to understand where applicants learn about this)
- **Description of the activity** (how you plan to accomplish the proposed project)
- **Relationship of work to ACM history**
- **Products/Outcomes** you expect to produce, e.g., journal article, book or dissertation chapter, teaching resource, museum exhibit, website, oral history, collection of artifacts or archival materials.
- **Significance** (when completed, what will be the significance of the work products?)
- **Success/risk analysis** (what is the likelihood of success? what are the risks and mitigations?)
- **Project Timeline**
- **Project Budget** (including how you will spend the funds)

The application must also include the **applicant’s brief CV** (limit 2-pages) and a **letter of endorsement** from a scholarly or cultural organization; this letter serves as a recommendation.

Submit proposals as a single pdf-format document to fellowship@history.acm.org. Applicants are hereby notified that, if successful, their application narratives may be provided to future applicants as an example for heuristic purposes. Every effort will be made to redact information of a sensitive nature.

Resources for Applicants

- Information on the History Committee website (<https://history.acm.org>):
 - The website includes several examples of current projects for the committee
 - The ACM History Committee’s overview of [ACM Research Materials](#)
 - [Previous History Fellowship Award Projects and Sample Proposals](#)
 - Article — Thomas Haigh, Elisabeth Kaplan, and Carrie Seib (May 2007) “Sources for ACM History,” *Communications of the ACM*, 50(5) pp. 36-41, DOI: [10.1145/1230819.1230836](https://doi.org/10.1145/1230819.1230836)
- Questions? email: fellowship@history.acm.org or questions@history.acm.org