

**THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY  
CLAREMONT MCKENNA COLLEGE**

The Department of History is pleased to announce two new awards for CMC students majoring in history or who have demonstrated a strong interest in the discipline of history.

**The Joseph A. and Ruth N. Stasneck Oral History Fellowship**

This fellowship is made possible by the generous support of the late Joseph Z. Stasneck. The recipient is required to conduct research under the supervision of, or in the collaboration with, a CMC faculty member. This program is designed to encourage and support students to utilize oral history while conducting summer research related to a senior thesis in history or an oral history project inspired by a CMC history course. The award is from \$500 to \$2,000 (one or two awards per semester).

Application for the summer and Fall 2016 due May 6, 2016

**The Joseph A. and Ruth N. Stasneck History Award for Archival Research**

This fellowship is sponsored through a generous grant from the late Joseph Z. Stasneck. This program is designed to encourage CMC students writing their senior thesis in history. Priority will be given to proposals that demonstrate originality and will benefit from utilization of archival research. The award is up to \$2,000 (one or two awards per semester).

Application for the spring 2016 due February 23

Application for the summer 2016 due March 23

If funds are still available, the department will entertain late proposal at the end of April.

*Those who are interested should consult Professor Arthur Rosenbaum, [arosenbaum@cmc.edu](mailto:arosenbaum@cmc.edu) Kravis 213, 607-7985, and a member of the history faculty who can help them fashion a proposal.*

**Joseph Z. and Ruth N. Stasneck Oral History Award**

The Department of History at Claremont McKenna College announces a new award made possible by the generous support of the late Joseph Z. and Ruth N. Stasneck to support CMC students pursuing research projects that use oral history methods. The Stasneck Oral History Award is designed to encourage students to utilize interviews, participant-observation and other oral history methods while conducting research related to a senior thesis in history or another formal written project. The recipient is required to conduct the project under the supervision of, or in collaboration with, a CMC faculty member. Priority will be given to proposals submitted by CMC history majors although other CMC students may be awarded. The award will provide grants of \$500-\$2,000 to be used for travel, equipment and other expenses related to conducting the research, and will be awarded twice a year in the Spring and Fall semesters.

*To apply for a grant, applicants should submit the following materials.*

- a. A cover sheet, available from Bridgette Stokes, Administrative Assistant of the History Department, Faculty Support West.
- b. A two-page research proposal that addresses the importance and scope of the project. Applicants should explain the nature of the project they are researching, provide details about the interviews planned, give the time line for completion of the project, and make a case for the importance of using the oral history methods they propose to use.
- c. A research budget that demonstrates how the grant funds will be spent. Typically, funds will be spent for travel, per diem, equipment, and/or transcription costs.
- d. A letter of recommendation from the faculty member who will supervise the work.
- e. A copy of the applicant's academic transcript (an unofficial transcript is sufficient).
- f. Suggested arrangements for preserving the interviews and making them available for future use.

Spring Application Deadline: February 15

Fall Application Deadline: October 1

For further information consult:

- The Frequently Asked Questions page
- The Stasneck Awards Committee: Arthur Rosenbaum, Lily Geismer, and Nita Kumar
- A faculty member of the History Department who could serve as a faculty supervisor

## **The Joseph Z. and Ruth N. Stasneck History Award for Archival Research**

The Department of History at Claremont McKenna College announces a new award made possible by the generous support of the late Joseph Z. and Ruth N. Stasneck to support CMC students pursuing projects that utilize research in historical archives. The Stasneck History Award for Archival Research is designed to encourage students to utilize primary sources from archives while conducting research related to a senior thesis in history or another formal written project. The recipient is required to conduct the project under the supervision of, or in collaboration with, a CMC faculty member. Priority will be given to proposals submitted by CMC history majors although other CMC students may be awarded. The award will provide grants of \$500-\$2,000 to be used for travel, equipment, archival fees, and other expenses related to conducting the research, and will be awarded twice a year in the Spring and Fall semesters.

To apply for a grant, applicants should submit the following materials.

- a. A cover sheet, available from Bridgette Stokes, Administrative Assistant of the History Department, Faculty Support West.
- b. A two-page research proposal that addresses the importance and scope of the project. Applicants should explain the nature of the project they are researching, provide details about the archives to be utilized, give the time line for completion of the project, and make a case for the importance of using those archives.
- c. A research budget that demonstrates how the grant funds will be spent. Typically, funds will be spent for travel, per diem, and the copying of materials.
- d. A letter of recommendation from the faculty member who will supervise the work.
- e. A copy of the applicant's academic transcript (an unofficial transcript is sufficient).
- f. Upon their return from the archives, students must submit a report to their supervisor describing their findings from the archives and how those findings will contribute to their senior thesis or research project.

Application Deadline for Summer and Fall: May 6, 2016

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## EXTENDED DEADLINE – MAY 6, 2016

### Joseph Z. and Ruth N. Stasneck History Awards

#### Frequently Asked Questions

#### What are the Joseph Z. and Ruth N. Stasneck History Awards?

The Department of History offers two types of Stasneck Awards: The Stasneck History Award for Archival Research provides a grant of \$500-2000 to allow students to utilize primary sources from archives while conducting research related to a senior thesis in history or to another formal written project. The Stasneck Oral History Award is designed to encourage students to utilize interviews, participant-observation and other oral history methods while conducting a formal research project based on their own interest or related to a senior thesis in history.

The awards are made possible by the generous support of the late Joseph Z. Stasneck and his wife, Ruth N. Stasneck.

#### What types of projects are eligible?

- Student projects tied to a senior thesis or another formal writing project in history are eligible. To qualify the student must work with a member of the History Department. Dual and double majors writing a senior thesis in another department may qualify so long as they have a member of the department serving as the second reader and the thesis has a historical component. Students may start their projects in the summer before their senior year.
- Formal projects not related to a senior thesis that will generate a substantive research paper, a documentary, or a comparable project. The project should be inspired by an issue raised by a history course or by a special interest of the student. The funds may not be used to fulfill the requirements of a course the student is currently taking.
- We encourage projects that will be undertaken during summer and winter breaks, although smaller projects are possible during the spring and fall breaks.

#### When are projects due?

The due date for a project will be decided in consultation with the faculty supervisor and approved by the appropriate History Department committee. Normally the project will be due by the second week of the start of the semester following the grant.

#### Deadline for applications for Summer and Fall 2016: May 6, 2016

<http://www.cmc.edu/sites/default/files/hist/2016-Announcement-history-awards-and-materials.pdf>

### **What is required to apply?**

Applications are available at <http://www.cmc.edu/sites/default/files/hist/2016-Announcement-history-awards-and-materials.pdf>, request from <mailto:bstokes@cmc.edu>, or the History Department office in Kravis LC 23. In addition to the brief application, you will prepare a two page research proposal outlining your research project. A copy of your transcript is also required (printout from CMC portal is sufficient).

You will need to obtain a **Faculty Sponsor** to sponsor your application. The role of the Faculty Sponsor is to guide you in your proposal and to provide ongoing support and guidance of your research should your fellowship be granted.

### **Can I apply for more than one fellowship?**

No, a student may apply for only one fellowship in a given semester.

### **Do I have to be a CMC student to apply?**

Yes.

### **Am I eligible for a fellowship as a freshman?**

Yes, but only if you will have completed a history course by the time you begin the project.

### **Can I apply for a fellowship while studying abroad?**

Yes, as long as you are under the supervision of or in collaboration with a CMC faculty member. Your faculty sponsor can provide their approval of your application by email to us.

### **Can I apply if I have received a Stasneck Award in the past?**

You may apply but only for the type of award you have not yet received.

### **Am I still eligible if I am not a History major?**

Yes, as long as have taken history courses, your supervisor is a member of the History Department, and your research topic falls within the field of history. However, preference will be given to history majors and potential history majors.

### **Is it possible to view previous Stasneck Award projects?**

In the future this will be possible. We will make them available on our website.

### **What happens to the projects?**

The projects will be read by the Stasneck Awards Committee in the History Department, copied, edited and posted to our website. The reports will be kept in the History Department for use by students and faculty. In addition, you may be asked to present your work in various settings.

### **What should I do if I have other questions?**

- Talk to the person you want to be your supervisor
- Consult a member of the Stasneck Awards Committee: Arthur Rosenbaum, Lily Geismer, and Nita Kumar.