

2026-2027 Archives Research Fellowship

Sponsored by the History and Archives Committee of the American College of Surgeons

Purpose:

To support an individual research scholar to engage directly with the archival collections of the Archives of the American College of Surgeons [ACS].

Who is eligible:

The fellowship will be awarded to the most qualified applicant submitting a proposal which focuses on an aspect of American surgical history that capitalizes on the resources available in the ACS Archives.

Award:

\$2,500 stipend to cover costs associated with research such as travel and lodging. The recipient will hold the Archives Fellowship from July 1 – June 30 of each year. It is expected the recipient will make a physical trip to the archives to carry out research to then present at the following History of Surgery Community Breakfast at Clinical Congress.

Qualifications:

- applicants should have a strong background in history, as evidenced by peer-reviewed publications (or, if a student/resident/junior scholar, have a letter of support from an advisor/co-author with such credentials).
- applicants must submit a clear outline of their project and the steps necessary to execute it.
- applicants must demonstrate how the ACS collection is integral to the completion of the project.
- applicants must: be a member of the American College of Surgeons, or become a member at the appropriate level if chosen as the award recipient*

*If the individual selected for the award is not a current ACS member, they must apply for and be accepted as a member at the appropriate level [affiliate member, medical student, resident, etc.] prior to receiving the stipend.

Deliverable:

The recipient will be expected to discuss their research through a 10–15-minute presentation at the History of Surgery Community Breakfast at Clinical Congress following the fellowship year. The recipient will also be invited to submit an article for publication consideration in the *Bulletin of the American College of Surgeons* post Clinical Congress.

Resources:

The Fellowship recipient will have access to the holdings of the ACS Archives and the support of its staff. The recipient is strongly advised to travel to the ACS Archives in Chicago, or the Orr Collection in Omaha, in person to access these resources.

Selection Process:

The recipient will be selected by the History and Archive Executive Committee.

To Apply:

Please submit the following material no later than Friday May 29th, 2026:

- Archives Fellowship Application Form
- Project proposal including a clear written outline of the project and the steps necessary to execute an article submission [limit 1000 words]
- Summary of how the collections of the ACS Archives are integral to the completion of the project [limit 500 words]
- A current curriculum vitae [CV]
- Letter of recommendation (optional) for students/residents/junior scholars by a senior scholar who can attest to the quality and importance of the work

2025-2026 Research Timeline:

30 March 2026: Fellowship open to applications

29 May 2026: Fellowship closed to applications

30 June 2026: Award recipient announced

1 July 2026: Fellowship begins

30 June 2027: Fellowship ends

18 Oct 2027: Presentation of research at Clinical Congress 2027 in San Diego, CA.

15 January 2028: Submit article to the *ACS Bulletin* for consideration to be published in early 2028.

Please Send completed applications or questions to:

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