

## **Alan K. Simpson Fellowship in Western Political History**

The American Heritage Center's Alan K. Simpson Institute invites applications for the 2025 Alan K. Simpson Fellowship in Western Political History. This fellowship is designed to support scholars conducting research in western political history, leveraging the Center's comprehensive collections. We are dedicated to supporting a vibrant and diverse research community and encourage applications from scholars of all backgrounds, including those traditionally underrepresented in academic research.

**Fellowship Overview:** The fellowship offers a \$3,000 stipend to support a 20-day research stay at the AHC, allowing researchers to explore our rich political collections. We aim to facilitate research that spans the gamut of western political attitudes and experiences, from local to national politics. We invite academic scholars at all levels—from graduate students to tenured faculty—to apply. We also encourage organizations and academic departments to submit applications for projects that align with the fellowships guidelines and could benefit from AHC resources.

**Commitment to Varied Perspectives:** The AHC values a wide range of viewpoints and backgrounds in all aspects of its fellowship program. We strongly encourage applications from individuals who contribute to the breadth of academic perspectives, including but not limited to, those from various racial and ethnic groups, all genders, diverse sexual orientations, people with disabilities, and veterans. Our goal is to create an environment that welcomes different outlooks and approaches to research.

**Research Fields:** Projects may address any topic related to western political history. The AHC's archives offer insights into the careers of a diverse array of politicians, activists, and influencers within the political landscape, including significant holdings that represent a wide range of political beliefs.

**Features of the Fellowship:**

- A one-month residency at the AHC for 20 business days, with the possibility of split residencies and/or a pro-rated stipend for shorter stays.
- Fellows will have access to personalized support from AHC staff and the opportunity to engage with the university community.

**Application Requirements:** Applicants should submit a three-page research proposal outlining the project's relevance to western political history, the specific AHC collections to be used, and the anticipated impact of the research. Proposals should also include a CV and three references. We welcome proposals that demonstrate an awareness of the importance of varied perspectives in historical research.

**Selection Criteria:** Proposals will be evaluated based on the relevance to the AHC's collections, the project's potential to contribute to our understanding of western political history, the feasibility of the research plan, and the applicant's ability to complete the project in a timely manner. Consideration will also be given to proposals that incorporate wide-ranging outlooks and methodologies. The selection committee, comprising AHC staff and University of Wyoming

faculty, is dedicated to a fair and inclusive review process, reflecting our commitment to multifaceted approaches and excellence in research.

**Application Process:** Please email all application materials to AHC Archivist Leslie Waggener at [lwaggen2@uwyo.edu](mailto:lwaggen2@uwyo.edu) by March 31, 2025. We look forward to supporting innovative and inclusive research in western political history.

For more information about the fellowship and the AHC's resources, please visit our website at [www.uwyo.edu/ahc](http://www.uwyo.edu/ahc) or contact Leslie Waggener. Join us in exploring the rich and multi-layered narratives of western political history.