

# The Medgar & Myrlie Evers Research Fellowship

*A partnership between the Mississippi Department of Archives and History  
and the Medgar and Myrlie Evers Institute*

The Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MDAH) is pleased to offer the 2024 Medgar and Myrlie Evers Research Fellowship to support scholarly research using the [Medgar Wiley and Myrlie Beasley Evers Papers](#) and [related materials at MDAH](#). The program seeks to nurture upper-level graduate student and faculty scholars at the beginning of their academic careers, to increase their life-long interest in history, and to promote continued academic and public appreciation of Medgar Evers' life and work, the Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi, and the struggle for human rights. One research fellowship with a stipend of \$5,000 will be offered to a graduate student enrolled in an accredited college or university.

The recipient is expected to be in residence for a minimum of two weeks during the summer to conduct research at the William F. Winter Archives and History Building in Jackson, Mississippi. At the conclusion of their stay, the fellow will be asked to give an informal yet professional presentation and submit a summary report on the fellow's research findings.

The stipend may be used to cover travel, accommodations, and other expenses during the recipient's time researching at the archives. (Ineligible costs include computer equipment, hardware, or software; childcare, and photo framing/matting.) The stipend will be paid in increments, with the final payment given upon submission of the summary report.

The Medgar and Myrlie Evers Institute and MDAH will have the opportunity to utilize the product(s) if they are deemed appropriate and of benefit to the sponsoring parties.

Please visit our [FAQ page](#) for more information about conducting research in the Medgar and Myrlie Evers Papers using the online catalog and at the William F. Winter Building.

## **Important Dates:**

- **Application Deadline:** March 1, 2024
- **Selection Announcement:** by early April 2024
- **Summer Research Term:** Minimum 2 weeks, May–September

Submit the application packet electronically to [lheller@mdah.ms.gov](mailto:lheller@mdah.ms.gov) or by mail to  
Laura Heller, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Evers Fellowship Program,  
P. O. Box 571, Jackson, MS 39205-0571

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## 2024 Fellowship Application Form

**Application Deadline: Friday, March 1, 2024** (5:00 p.m. CST)

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

**A complete application consists of the following:**

**1. Fellowship Application Form**

**2. Proposal** (no more than five pages, typed, double-spaced)

- Describe the proposed research topic, methodology, use of MDAH holdings, and research product(s).
  - Explain how this research will utilize the primary resources at MDAH and explain why the MDAH holdings are appropriate to this research. Indicate by series and title the specific holdings to be used.
  - Explain the research methodology to be used for this project. Include a brief description of your preliminary research and a selected bibliography of works that directly influence the proposal.
  - Include a description of the intended product(s) which may include a paper, dissertation, article, book, lecture, exhibit, broadcast, and/or website.
- Indicate your anticipated schedule.
- Indicate your estimated expenses (travel, housing, and other research expenses).

**3. Curriculum Vita**

**4. One sample of work** (20 pages maximum)

**5. Two letters of recommendation** (submit directly to Laura Heller at address below)

The fellowship recipient will be selected and notified no later than April 30, 2024.

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## **Eligibility**

The Evers Fellowship recipient must be an upper-level student enrolled in a graduate program at an accredited college or university, or a faculty member early in their academic career.

## **Selection Criteria**

### **Scholastic contribution**

- How will this proposed work contribute to the scholarly research on Medgar Evers, Myrlie Evers, and the Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi and/or the nation?
- What is the potential of this applicant to contribute to new and unexplored understandings of Evers and the Civil Rights Movement?
- How will this proposed work contribute to scholarly research on human rights, and contribute new understandings of this overall topic?
- How will the product promote or encourage future study of the topic?

### **Proposed research topic, methodology, use of MDAH holdings, and research product(s)**

- How will this research utilize the primary resources at MDAH? How appropriate is the Medgar Wiley & Myrlie Beasley Evers Papers and other MDAH holdings to this research?
- What is the proposed research methodology?
- How innovative is the proposed research?
- What is the overall quality and clarity of the proposal?
- Is the product appropriate to the research topic?

### **Anticipated schedule**

- Is the schedule reasonable and does it include adequate research time on-site during the two-week minimum stay?

### **Estimated expenses (travel, housing, and other)**

- Are expenses reasonable and in accordance with the guidelines presented?

### **Curriculum Vita**

### **Sample of work** (20 pages maximum)

### **Two letters of recommendation**

- Letters must be received by the application deadline.
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