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American Heritage Center

## 2024 AHC Teaching & Research Grants Call for Proposals

The American Heritage Center Teaching and Research Grants program supports the use of AHC collections in teaching, research and community engagement activities. Grants are available to University of Wyoming students, faculty, academic professionals, and staff. **The application deadline for 2024 grants is February 28.**

This grants program offers an opportunity for faculty, staff, and students to pursue independent or collaborative research projects, course development, or program proposals that deploy AHC collections in significant and substantive ways. **We welcome proposals that use AHC collections to tell stories, solve problems, frame inquiries, and engage communities.**

**The American Heritage Center (AHC) is the University of Wyoming's home for historical manuscripts, rare books, and university archives.** The AHC shares unique and significant material in all formats, documenting the lives of people, communities, organizations, and landscapes. Strengths include the American West, public policy, ranching and energy, entertainment, transportation, and military history. The collections held by the AHC serve as a laboratory for humanistic inquiry and interdisciplinary work, and support thriving communities of place, identity, and interest through documentation, stewardship, and programming.

AHC collections support a range of inquiries, offering insights into the choices and challenges that define the human experience, as well as documentation of the false starts, paths not taken, and hidden histories held in archives.

### Examples of projects eligible for support include:

**1. Independent student research projects (\$200-\$500)** Semester-long commitment for a deep-dive research project using AHC resources, disseminated via blog, mini-exhibit, research presentation, other means. Requires faculty sponsor. Example: using Toppan rare books to investigate the dissemination of images of Catholics during the Protestant Reformation.

### **2. Digital Collections projects (\$500-\$1,000)**

Creating digital content for use in the classroom; and/or deploying visualization, mapping, or data mining tools against AHC digital content. Example: using ArcGIS to map the travel journal of a 19<sup>th</sup> c. railroad surveyor.

**3. Curriculum development (full course) (\$1,500-\$3,000)** Full-semester course meeting at AHC and incorporating AHC collections in course content. Example: a special topics course in the environmental legacy of mining or a seminar on Native Americans and photography.

**4. Curriculum development (module) (\$500-\$1,500)** Course module that uses AHC collections as learning objects or primary sources. Example: a three-week research methods component in an upper-level course draws on comic books as performances of Cold War anxiety.

**5. Research symposium planning and development (\$1,000-\$1,500)** Full- or half-day symposium held at the AHC and offering substantive use of AHC collections. Example: A group of honors students completes research for a Round Table presentation using the AHC collections and hosts a symposium to present their work; an interdisciplinary look at women in the entertainment industry; a look at Western politics and leadership.

Send application (below) no later than February 28, 2024, to AHC Archivist Leslie Waggener at [lwaggen2@uwyo.edu](mailto:lwaggen2@uwyo.edu). For more information about this award, please Leslie at email listed above or call 307-766-2557.

Please submit a one-page summary to Leslie by email upon completion of the project. Grant funds will be paid at the completion of your project and receipt of the summary. The summary is important so we can evaluate the program. Funds must be spent by December 31, 2024.

For more information about the collections held by the AHC call 307-766-3756 or e-mail [ahcref@uwyo.edu](mailto:ahcref@uwyo.edu) or check out the [AHC's website](#).

**Awards are announced in March 2024 with funds available upon completion of project and receipt of one-page summary. Funds must be spent by December 31, 2024.**



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## 2024 Teaching & Research Grants Application DUE: February 28, 2024

Principle investigator(s): name, title, department:

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of project: \_\_\_\_\_

Timeframe of work: \_\_\_\_\_

Funding requested (\$): \_\_\_\_\_

For Students:

Department / major / degree / date of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and title of person supplying letter of support: \_\_\_\_\_

For Faculty:

Department Head signature (required for faculty proposals): \_\_\_\_\_

Description of project: (include specific collections, work plans, and outcomes):

Budget: Explain, in detail, how funds will be spent with an itemized budget. For example, identify students to be employed and expense items related to personnel, events, scanning, etc.

Item Description	Cost
Total:	

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Award: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_