



Call For Proposals:

Center for Oral History at Virginia Tech Research Project Awards, Spring 2024

Award Amount:

\$10,000 total – four accepted proposals of \$2,500 each

Purpose:

With generous support from the University Libraries and the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, the [Center for Oral History at Virginia Tech](#) is launching a Research Project Awards program. The Research Project Awards program is designed to promote a better understanding of oral history on campus and in the community. The awards support research, instruction, training, programming, and outreach in the field of oral history. We invite proposals that incorporate existing or new oral histories into classroom instruction, student and faculty research, public programming, community outreach, and documentation projects.

Eligibility:

- Full time Virginia Tech employee(s) (faculty, staff, and research faculty)
- Part time Virginia Tech employee(s), partnering with a full time faculty/staff member
- Currently enrolled Virginia Tech undergraduate or graduate student(s), partnering with a full time faculty/staff member

Guidelines and Process:

- One proposal per student/faculty member per award cycle
- Awardees should follow the Oral History Association's best practices/guidelines
- Awardees must complete a short training program before beginning their project
- A small group consisting of members of the COH Stakeholders Committee and library faculty will evaluate proposals and make awards
- Award funding will be transferred to the appropriate department or unit
- By the end of the performance period, all unspent funds will need to be returned to the Center for Oral History
- Final report and short financial statement due at the end of the project
- Any products, such as publications, presentations, digital recordings, etc. may be used by the Center for Oral History

Examples of Successful Proposals:

- Exhibits that incorporate oral history content
- Using existing oral histories for teaching or research projects
- Creating new oral histories for teaching or research projects
- Developing instructional modules that incorporate oral history content
- Oral history related educational programs
- Support for enrolled VT students to conduct oral history research for academic program purposes
- Projects that include community collaborations

Examples of Appropriate Funding Usage:

- Student (undergraduate and graduate) wages
- Promotional/educational materials
- Travel expenses

Note: This program does not support supplemental VT employees' income/stipends, software or hardware purchases, digital storage fees, attendance at conferences, or course buyouts.

Important Dates:

- Proposals Due: February 16, 2024
- Participants notified of award: February 26, 2024
- Deadline for project completion: End of summer 2024

Questions:

Any questions about the Research Awards program or the Center for Oral History should be directed to: oralhistory@vt.edu or 540-231-6442.

[LINK TO PROPOSAL FORM](#)