

LAMPHHS Awards

GUIDELINES FOR NOMINATION

TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS

The Travel Scholarships Committee of **Librarians, Archivists, and Museum Professionals in the History of the Health Sciences (LAMPHHS)** is now accepting applications from members seeking funds to support their attendance at the 2026 Annual Meeting in Buffalo, New York, on June 3-4, 2026. LAMPHHS awards up to four annual conference travel stipends to members of the organization who are staff, volunteers, students, or early career professionals working for health science history museums, libraries, or archives. The purpose of these awards is to encourage and support continued education and professional engagement for members working in the field.

The awards are:

- Patsy Gerstner Travel Fund (\$600.00)
- Gretchen Worden Memorial Travel Fund (\$600.00)
- Joan E. Klein Travel Scholarship (two \$600.00 awards)

Important Information:

- Applicants must be LAMPHHS members to apply for the travel scholarship award. Interested individuals who are not yet members can join LAMPHHS immediately prior to submitting their travel scholarship application.
- These awards are open to students who are degree-seeking individuals attending an accredited college or university and to staff, volunteers, or early career professionals working in the history of the health sciences, particularly in libraries, archives, or museums. Early career professionals are those who have worked *in the history of the health sciences field* for fewer than five years, although they may have been employed in the library, archives, or museum profession longer.
- Applicants should submit a brief personal statement (no more than 500 words) that highlights their interest in the conference, how attendance will benefit them, and why they need financial support.
- Applicants should submit along with their application a letter of recommendation from either their academic advisor (students) or immediate supervisor (staff and volunteers).

These letters should be sent by the applicant *with the application*. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

- The deadline for the 2026 Annual Meeting is **March 27, 2026**. Late applications will not be considered.
- All applicants will be notified of the scholarship committee's decision by **April 13, 2026**.
- Successful applicants will only be eligible for one of the \$600 travel scholarships. There is no need to specify in the application which award is being sought by the applicant.
- Previous winners are not eligible to apply.
- The Travel Scholarship Committee reserves the right not to award all travel stipends in any particular year.

[Application Form](#) (Word Document)

Submit the application form, a personal statement, and a letter of recommendation to be received by the Chair of the committee, Lucy Waldrop (lucy.waldrop@duke.edu), by **March 27, 2026**.

For further information, please contact the committee chair, Lucy Waldrop, at lucy.waldrop@duke.edu.

LISABETH M. HOLLOWAY AWARD

This distinguished service award for members of LAMPHHS (including predecessor organizations) was named in honor of Lisabeth M. Holloway, who was a founder and president Pro Tem of the predecessor organization ALHHS in 1975 and was for many years the editor of *The Watermark*. The award recognizes significant contributions through leadership and service to LAMPHHS (and predecessor organizations) and the profession.

Nominations should be submitted as a one- to two-page letter describing the nominee's outstanding professional achievements and the impact of their contributions on LAMPHHS/ALHHS/MeMA and the profession. A current curriculum vitae as well as letter(s) of support (a limit of 2) are not required but provide helpful additional information to the Recognition Awards Committee. All submission materials should be in Word or PDF format. The Committee may also seek additional information on a nominee from the nominator or other sources as needed.

Criteria for evaluation include:

- Membership in LAMPHHS (ALHHS/MeMA).
- LAMPHHS (ALHHS/MeMA) office(s) held.
- LAMPHHS (ALHHS/MeMA) committee(s) chaired or served on.
- Outstanding service to one's institution.
- Contributions to the profession, i.e., to libraries, archives, and/or museums with collections in the history of the health sciences.

RECOGNITION OF MERIT AWARD

There are two categories of recognition for the Recognition of Merit Award.

The first category of recognition is for either members or non-members of LAMPHHS who make gifts of an extraordinary nature to libraries, archives, and/or museums with collections in the history of the health sciences. Gifts of magnitude would include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Materials such as rare/historical books, journals, or items in other formats, of significant value, book collections by author or subject, or furniture, computers, or other kinds of equipment.
- Artwork such as portraits, posters, paintings, photographs, sculpture, instruments, or medical objects.
- Monetary gifts sufficient to establish memorials or endowments or significant donations.

The second category of recognition is for non-members of LAMPHHS who have provided long-time excellent service to libraries, archives, and/or museums with collections in the history of the health sciences. Examples include:

- A supporter of a library/archive/museum over a long period of time.
- A person who has made an intellectual contribution to a library/archive/museum by surveying or indexing a collection.
- A person who has given extraordinary support to a library/archive/museum by serving as an advocate to the administration of the institution.

Nominations for the Recognition of Merit Award should be submitted as a one- to two-page letter describing the nominee's outstanding scope of donations, for the first category; and their achievements and the impact of their contributions on libraries/archives/museums with collections in the history of the health sciences, for the second category. Letter(s) of support (a limit of 2) are not required but provide helpful additional information to the Recognition Awards Committee. All submission materials should be in Word or PDF format. The Committee may also seek additional information on a nominee from the nominator or other sources as needed.

Recipients of the Holloway and Recognition of Merit Awards will be announced at the LAMPHHS 2026 Annual Meeting. Please submit nominations (including self-nominations) and any accompanying materials to the LAMPHHS Recognition Awards Committee chair mary.yearl@mcgill.ca by **Saturday, 28 February, 2026**.

We look forward to reading your nominations and to celebrating those who have given so much to our profession and our institutions.

Members of the LAMPHHS Recognition Awards Committee for 2026:

Mary Hague-Yearl (chair), Osler Library of the History of Medicine, McGill University
Damien Ihrig, Hardin Library for the Health Sciences, University of Iowa
Tim Pennycuff, UAB Libraries – Special Collections

PUBLICATION AWARDS

Librarians, Archivists, and Museum Professionals in the History of the Health Sciences (LAMPHHS) is seeking nominations for the Publication Awards. These awards will be presented at the 2026 LAMPHHS annual meeting.

Nominations can be in one of three categories:

- Monographs published by academic or trade publishers for the LAMPHHS Best Monograph.
- Articles published in journals, trade, or private periodicals of recognized standing for the LAMPHHS Patricia E. Gallagher Publication Award for Best Article.
- Online resources produced predominantly by LAMPHHS members for the LAMPHHS Best Online Resource.

All nominations must meet the following criteria:

- Published within 3 years of the award date.
- Author(s) must be LAMPHHS member(s) in good standing for the past 12 months.
- The nominated monograph, article, bibliography, catalog, or electronic resource is related to the history of the health care sciences or works on the management of historical collections in the health care sciences.

Nominations that meet each of the above criteria will be considered by the Publication Awards Committee. The Committee will look for the following benchmarks of excellence when evaluating qualifying nominations:

- Quality and style of writing
- Contribution to the field
- Relevance to the profession

Up to one Publication Award in each category will be presented at the 2026 annual meeting. Winners do not need to be present to win.

Each nomination should clearly identify the work being nominated, the author(s) of that work, and an address at which the designated nominee(s) can be contacted. Self-nominations are encouraged, and re-nominations are allowed if the publication date falls within the current three-year period. For electronic submissions, please include all relevant URLs. For printed nominations, one copy for each member of the publication awards committee will be required. Appropriate mailing addresses should be provided to nominators (or publishers) once a nomination to review a physical format is received.

The deadline for nominations is **March 1, 2026**. All nominations, along with any questions, should be sent to the 2026 Publication Awards Committee chair, Jason Byrd, at jbbbyrd@uab.edu.

2026 LAMPHHS Publication Awards Committee:

Gabrille Barr, Office of NIH History and Stetten Museum
 Jason Byrd, The University of Alabama at Birmingham, Chair
 Brooke Guthrie, Duke University
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