



The Pennsylvania State Archives
Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

SCHOLARS IN RESIDENCE 2026

Application Form:

Name	Position/Title
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Institutional Affiliation (if applicable)

Institution Address

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Home Address

Home Phone

Email Address

Cell Phone

Proposed Research Title/Topic

Proposed Residency Period (up to four consecutive weeks between June 1, 2026 – September 30, 2026)

From:

To:

Month

Day

Year

Month

Day

Year

Please Explain Your Budget (your budget may include categories such as travel costs, meals and lodging, and any other category relevant to the project. Budgets may also include a reasonable researcher stipend.)

Application Deadline: March 1, 2026

Project Description

On a separate page and in approximately 1000 words, provide a clear description of your proposed project. Please keep your statement free from unnecessarily specialized language and imprecise prose, inflated claims of significance, and pedantry. Your description should include the following elements:

1. a statement of the topic under consideration, its significance, its impact on current public policy, and briefly, its relationship to past and current research in the field; a bibliography may be appended;
2. the themes in Pennsylvania history this topic will address and an assessment of how your work will contribute to new scholarship on the history of the state;
3. if the proposed research is part of a larger study, a statement of the objectives of the larger study and of the relationship between the proposed research and the larger project;
4. description of your research methodology;
5. sources for the study at the Pennsylvania State Archives that you would plan to consult while in residence (it is important to cite specific manuscript groups or record groups)
6. plans for dissemination to both the academic community and the public at large; note both the intended long-term products of your research and more immediate plans for sharing the results of your work with the Archives staff and/or the public;
7. State Archives staff members whom you have consulted about sources, residency, and plans for dissemination.

References

Please list the names and addresses of two references who you believe can comment knowledgeably on your proposed project. Send each of them a copy of your project description and one of the letter of recommendation forms, to be returned directly to the Pennsylvania State Archives by March 1, 2026.

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Please attach a copy of your curriculum vitae to your application materials. all materials, including, this cover sheet, your vitae, and your project description by March 1, 2026 to:

RA-PHMCScholars@state.pa.gov

* Please specify the preferred address to which all official correspondence should be sent.