

The Rear Admiral John D. Hayes Pre-Doctoral Fellowship

Closing Date for Applications: 15 April 2021

Announcement of Award: 31 May 2021

Submit application and supporting documents electronically to:

NHHC_Fellowships@navy.mil

Hard copy materials can be sent to:

Naval History and Heritage Command
ATTN: Senior Advisory Historian, Grants and Fellowships
805 Kidder Breese SE
Washington, D.C. 20374-5060

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1. Naval History and Heritage Command (NHHC), Department of the Navy, using gift/trust funds, is offering one pre-doctoral fellowship in U.S. naval history for the academic year 2021-2022. The fellowship is named in honor of Rear Admiral John D. Hayes, USN, for his enthusiastic encouragement of naval scholars and his own significant contributions to the field. NHHC will provide financial and scholarly aid for dissertation research and writing. The fellowship is intended to support research and writing of doctoral dissertations in history and associated national security studies fields that significantly enhance knowledge of U.S. naval history or closely related fields.
2. Naval History and Heritage Command – The headquarters of NHHC are located in the Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D.C. The library, archival, and museum resources of the command are extremely rich and are augmented by proximity to the U.S. National Archives and the Library of Congress. The command also holds significant collections at several of its museums, including the U.S. Navy Seabee Museum and the National Museum of the American Sailor. The location of other work on the project is at the recipient's discretion.
3. Stipend – A stipend of \$10,000 for the fellowship year (September 2021-June 2022) will be provided in two payments. The first half of the grant will be paid in in September 2020; the second half paid in January 2021, once the dissertation director certifies with NHHC that satisfactory progress has been made since October.
4. Travel Grant – Depending on Covid-19 restrictions, the successful applicant may be asked to travel twice to NHHC headquarters, once at the beginning of the fellowship period to meet with command historians, and once at the end of the fellowship period to make a presentation on their dissertation research. A single travel grant of up to \$2,500 will be made to finance these two visits.

5. Eligibility Requirements – Applicants must be citizens of the United States, not on active duty in the Armed Forces, be enrolled in a recognized graduate school, have completed requirements for the Ph.D. except the dissertation by June 30, 2021, and have an approved dissertation topic that significantly enhances knowledge of U.S. naval history.

6. Renewal of Fellowship – Current fellows applying for continuation of the fellowship for a second year will be considered on an equally competitive basis with other applicants.

7. Documents to be Submitted – Applicants should submit a completed pdf application with supporting data attached, including a copy of an approved dissertation prospectus or equivalent.

Additionally, candidates must arrange for submission of official transcripts of undergraduate and graduate course work, and letters of recommendation as specified on the application form. Allow sufficient lead time so that all supporting documents are received by NHHC in advance of the 15 April 2021 deadline date. E-mail submission is strongly encouraged, as security measures may delay postal mail significantly.

8. Evaluation and Selection – Applications will be screened by the professional staff of NHHC.

9. Director, NHHC, who will make the final selection. All awards are based on merit, regardless of race, color, creed, or sex.

10. Area of Study and Topics – Topics in all periods of U.S. naval history will be considered, as well as all aspects, including operations, biography; technology and science, strategy and tactics, administration, social, diplomacy, etc.

11. Role of Director, NHHC – The Director, NHHC will administer the selection of the fellow and will designate staff historians to furnish advice to the fellow as appropriate. Responsibility for direction, control, progress, and final approval of the dissertation will remain with the sponsoring academic institution.

12. What Is Expected of Fellows – In addition to measurable progress on the dissertation, in the form of collections researched and chapters written, recipients will be expected to present a bound copy of the finished dissertation to the Navy Department Library, subject to author and institution restrictions.

13. Applications – Application forms are available from the Histories Branch Head, at the address above, and online at <https://www.history.navy.mil/get-involved/grants-and-fellowships.html>.

14. Application and Award Dates – Deadline for filing applications and all supporting documents is 15 April 2021. Candidates are responsible for insuring that completed applications are received before the closing date. Director, NHHC will notify all applicants of final action by an award notice or letter on or about 31 May 2021.

15. Presentation at NHHHC – The successful applicant will be encouraged to make presentations on his or her research at NHHHC or some other appropriate setting, such as a lecture in one of the Navy's official museums.

16. Taxes – For the tax implications of the award, recipients should consult the Internal Revenue Service and their state revenue offices or their tax advisors. Recipients will be required to report their social security numbers before receiving payments.