The UCLA Library Special Collections Research Fellowships Program supports the use of special collections materials by visiting scholars and graduate students. Collections that are administered by UCLA Library Special Collections and available for fellowship-supported research include rare books, journals, manuscripts, archives, printed ephemera, photographs and other audiovisual materials, maps, oral history interviews, and other items in the humanities and social sciences; medical, life, and physical sciences; visual and performing arts; and UCLA history.

Kenneth Karmiole Endowed Research Fellowships will allow scholars to pursue research lasting from one to three months in UCLA Library Special Collections. One annual fellowship will be awarded in the amount of $5,000.

The award is funded by an endowment established by Kenneth Karmiole, an internationally-renowned antiquarian bookseller who earned his master’s degree in library science from UCLA in 1971. The benefactor previously made gifts to the UCLA Library for the Kenneth Karmiole Endowment for Rare Books and Manuscripts, and to the William Andrews Clark Memorial Library and the UCLA Graduate School of Education and Information Studies. He has owned and operated Kenneth Karmiole, Bookseller, since 1976.

Eligibility

United States citizens and permanent residents with the legal right to work in the U.S., who are engaged in graduate-level, post-doctoral, academic, or independent scholarly research are invited to apply. Research residencies may last up to three months between January 7 and December 13, 2019.

Potential applicants are welcomed to make inquiries about specific UCLA Library Special Collections’ holdings, or to request a consultation with a curator or public services specialist, by contacting: <spec-coll@library.ucla.edu>.

Application Deadline

Applications must be received on or before November 1, 2018.
Application Contents

Applications must include:
- Cover letter
- Curriculum vitae
- Outline of research topic and special collections to be used (five pages maximum)
- Dates to be spent in residence
- Two letters of recommendation from faculty or other scholars familiar with the research project. Please note that the committee cannot consider letters of recommendation from librarians or staff of the UCLA Library.

Application Instructions

Application materials for the fellowship, including letters of recommendation, may be submitted in PDF format by email to <lib_lscfellowships@library.ucla.edu>. Please indicate “Kenneth Karmiole Endowed Research Fellowship” in the subject line. Letters of recommendation in PDF format can also be sent by email, either by the person writing them or by the applicant.

Review Process and Notification

A committee will evaluate the research proposals, and applicants will be notified of the committee’s decision by email on or before December 7, 2018.

Fellows will be introduced to and meet with Kenneth Karmiole near the beginning of their residence.

Each fellow will be required to speak about his or her research in a “work-in-progress” presentation or program during their visit to UCLA Library Special Collections. This interaction is intended to inspire the fellows and both UCLA and local scholars to write scholarly papers, articles and books, and to contribute to the academic and intellectual life fostered by the UCLA Library.

Fellowship recipients will be asked to cite the Kenneth Karmiole Endowed Research Library Fellowship in UCLA Library Special Collections in presentations and publications originating from their research visits.

Contact Information

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