

# Modern Endangered Archives Program (MEAP) Call for Applications (2019-2020)

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The Modern Endangered Archives Program (MEAP) is a UCLA Library granting program funded by Arcadia Fund. We aim to digitize and make accessible endangered archival materials from the 20th and 21st Centuries, including print, photographic, film, audio, ephemeral, and born digital objects.

MEAP invites applications for projects designed to preserve, document, and digitize collections from around the world at risk from environmental conditions, political uncertainty, inherently unsustainable media, inappropriate storage, or communal and social change. All digital objects from funded projects will be published online by the UCLA Library.

## What kinds of grants are available?

MEAP has two possible grants.

**PLANNING GRANTS** of up to \$15,000 to evaluate or survey collections for digitization and/or curation. Planning grant projects can be up to one year in length.

**PROJECT GRANTS** of up to \$50,000 to digitize archival content or curation of already-digital assets. Grant funded projects should address the full lifecycle of digitization, including the imaging as well as content description and digital asset delivery to the UCLA Library. Project grants can be up to two years in length.

## Who can apply?

Institutions that hold at-risk materials as well as faculty, researchers, and cultural heritage specialists affiliated with an institution can submit applications. [Find more program details online.](#)

### Eligible Applicants:

- Any accredited member of teaching or research faculty at a university or similar higher education institution
- Archivists and librarians with responsibilities for special collections in archives, a national or research library, or a similar institution
- Administrative leaders of not-for-profit organizations that hold at-risk cultural heritage materials

### Eligible Institutions:

- Grants must be administered by not-for-profit organizations.
- Host institutions should be a university, archive, library, research or cultural institution.
- Applications from state institutions requesting support for the preservation of their own holdings should demonstrate some contribution in kind, such as the provision of staff time, training or workspace.

## Project Scope

MEAP will support projects to organize, collect, convert and describe archival material or existing digital assets. Materials must fit within the following scope.

- **AGE OF MATERIAL:** From the early 20th century to the present, preferably with a majority of the material dating from the 1950s or later.
- **CONTENT:** Materials should document history, society, culture, and politics, with an emphasis on social justice, human rights, and under-documented communities.
- **GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS:** Materials from regions outside North America and Europe are preferred. We encourage applications from Africa, the Caribbean and Latin America, the Middle East, Central Asia, South and Southeast Asia, and Oceania. Applications from North America and Europe are eligible to apply if resources are limited for preserving archival material.
- **FORMAT:** Materials may be in a variety of formats, including print, audio and video materials, photographs, ephemera and digital files.

## Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated by an international panel of scholars based on the following criteria.

- Urgency of the project, as reflected by the vulnerability of the materials, due to environmental conditions, political uncertainty, inherently unsustainable media, inappropriate storage, or communal and social change.
- Scholarly significance of the materials proposed
- Viability of online publication based on the grantees' rights and privacy analysis
- Project feasibility according to timeframe and resources requested, including physical space and personnel to conduct the activities proposed
- Expertise and experience of the applicants and project team
- Commitment and planning within the proposed project to create metadata in English and the language of the culture in which the materials were created

## How To Apply

The call for preliminary proposals opens on **September 30, 2019**. All applications must be submitted through our online system. The application process will have two steps. [Find more application details online.](#)

1. First step: Applicants submit a preliminary proposals, which is due on **November 8, 2019**.
2. Second step: Select applicants will be invited to develop detailed applications, which are due on **January 30, 2020**.

## Contact us

More information on the Modern Endangered Archives Program can be found on the website at [meap.library.ucla.edu](http://meap.library.ucla.edu)

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