

Leelanau Press Research Fellowship



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Located in Northwest Lower Michigan, Leelanau County presents exciting possibilities for research on the peninsula's rich cultural history. The Leelanau Press Research Fellowship provides monetary support for an independent researcher to conduct original research on the cultural history of Leelanau County. College students may apply but Leelanau Historical Society staff, trustees, and their families are excluded.

Independent researchers in the fields of history, American studies, ethnic and area studies, museum studies, folklore, architectural history, historic preservation, documentary studies, film studies, women's studies, and related disciplines are encouraged to apply. Research areas are broadly defined, and include, but are not limited to: Great Lakes maritime history and culture, agricultural history and culture, resort history and culture, Anishinaabek history and culture, family and genealogical history, historic preservation, environmental history, folklore, and oral history. Creative research projects may involve fieldwork and/or utilize the Leelanau Historical Society or other regional historical organization's archival collections. Creativity is strongly encouraged focusing on Leelanau history.

At the end of the twelve-month period, the Leelanau Press Research Fellow will provide a finished product from a range of options of their choice: scholarly article, essay, book, research file for a museum, exhibit, presentation or audio/video recording such as a documentary, podcast, YouTube or Vimeo. This final product will be archived in the Leelanau Historical Society collection or otherwise made publicly available through publication or print. The stipend is \$2,500. This Fellowship is made possible by a Leelanau Press contribution by Barbara and Frank Siepker.

Candidates must submit an application and two letters of recommendation. Applications may be submitted by mail or email. All application materials are received and reviewed on a rolling basis.

Questions about the Leelanau Press Research Fellowship can be directed to Kim Kelderhouse, Executive Director at (231) 256-7475 or info@leelanauhistory.org.

*Receipt of the fellowship does not promise or guarantee publication by Leelanau Press publishing company.

Leelanau Press Research Fellowship Application

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Proposed Project Title: _____

The following are required to complete the application:

- 1) **Statement of Purpose.** Describe the research you will pursue as the recipient of the Leelanau Press Research Fellowship and the final product you hope to produce. Also describe the relevance of the fellowship to your studies and the research's relevance to the Leelanau community. Include pertinent information about your background and the objectives of your study. Please limit your statement of purpose to three pages.
- 2) **Budget.** Explain how you propose to utilize the \$2,500 stipend. Uses may include but are not limited to personal expenses involved with conducting research, travel expenses to conduct research outside of the local area (such as a visit to the National Archives), payment for services associated with your research (contracting a researcher to visit an archival facility outside of the local area on your behalf), or publication, production or design costs.
- 3) **Timeline.** Develop an appropriate timeline for the 12 -month period of the fellowship.

- 4) **Curriculum Vitae/Resume.** Include education, relevant employment and professional experiences, publications, and presentations.
- 5) **Sample of previous work.** Work is broadly defined, and include, but are not limited to: essays, course papers, newspaper articles, books or book chapters, audio or video recordings, and photographs.
- 6) **Two Letters of Recommendation.** Letters must be from people familiar with you and your project. Letters may be submitted with the application or directly from the recommender.

The Leelanau Historical Society is a non-profit, equal opportunity organization.

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Application Deadline for 2024 Fellowship is Nov. 30th, 2023.

Submit Applications to:

MAIL:

Leelanau Historical Society
Attn: Leelanau Press Research Fellowship
PO Box 246
Leland, MI 49654

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Subject: Leelanau Press Research Fellowship