

The Rear Admiral Ernest M. Eller Graduate Research Grant

Closing Date for Applications: 15 April 2019

Announcement of Award: 31 May 2019

Submit application and supporting documents electronically to:

NHHC_Fellowships @navy.mil

Hard copy materials can be sent to:

Naval History and Heritage Command

Histories Branch Head

ATTN: Eller Grant

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Washington, DC 20374-5060

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1. Naval History and Heritage Command (NHHC), Department of the Navy, using gift/trust funds, is offering one research grant in U.S. naval history for the academic year 2019-2020. The grant is named in honor of Rear Admiral Ernest M. Eller, USN, a former Director of Naval History, for his contributions to the field of naval history. The grant is intended to assist a graduate student in the research and writing of U.S. naval history in fulfillment of the requirements of a master's or doctoral degree by helping defray the costs of travel, living expenses, and document duplication related to the research process for the master's thesis or doctoral dissertation.
2. Naval History and Heritage Command - The headquarters of NHHC are located in the Washington Navy Yard, Washington, DC. 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 - The stipend is an amount up to \$2,500, depending on the research expenses anticipated. The award will be made on a competitive basis and will be announced by June 2019. In accepting the award, an applicant engages to work on a study of U.S. naval history intended for publication. Payment will be made according to a mutually agreeable arrangement after commencement of research.
4. Eligibility Requirements - Applicants must be citizens of the United States enrolled in a master's or doctoral degree program in history or closely related field in a recognized graduate school.

5. Applications - Applicants should submit a completed pdf application with supporting data attached, including an approved master's thesis proposal or dissertation prospectus. 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. 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>. Allow sufficient lead time so that all supporting documents are received by NHHC in advance of the 15 April 2019 deadline date.

6. Evaluation and Selection - Applications will be screened by the professional staff of NHHC. Recommendations on those applicants considered best qualified will be submitted to the Director, NHHC, who will make the final selection. All awards are based on merit, regardless of race, color, creed, or sex. Evaluation is based on evidence of ability, the letters of recommendation, and the nature of the proposed research and its potential contribution to the history of the U.S. Navy.

7. What Is Expected of the Recipient – Recipients of the Eller Grants are expected to make substantial progress on the research and writing for which they receive the grant and to present a bound copy of the completed dissertation, thesis or other written project to the Navy Department Library, subject to author and institution restrictions. Recipients will be encouraged to make presentations on their research as part of the command's speaker's series or some other appropriate setting, such as a lecture in one of the Navy's official museums

8. 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.