

A Global Program for Modern Cultural Heritage Preservation

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

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS (2022-23)

MEAP invites applications for its fifth cohort of projects designed to preserve, document, and digitize collections at risk from environmental conditions, political uncertainty, inherently unsustainable media, inappropriate storage, or communal and social change. Funding is now available for Planning Grants to survey or inventory archival collections and for Project Grants to digitize and publish existing collections.

Applications open September 12, 2022

Preliminary Applications due November 14, 2022

Detailed Applications (for invited applicants) due February 13, 2022

All applications must be submitted through the online MEAP application system available at meap.smapply.io. All applications must be submitted in English.

AVAILABLE GRANTS

MEAP offers two grants during this funding round:

PLANNING GRANTS of up to \$15,000 for up to one year of work.

Planning Grants can be used to **evaluate** or **survey** collections for digitization and/or curation. Successful projects create survey reports or item level inventories that document collections and prepare them for digitization.

PROJECT GRANTS of up to \$50,000 for up to two years of work.

Project Grants can be used to digitize archival content or curate already-digital assets. Grant funded projects should be ready to start digitization once funding is available and address the full lifecycle of digitization, including imaging, content description (metadata creation) and digital asset delivery.

All digital objects created through MEAP projects will be published online by the UCLA Library. Project teams are responsible for securing necessary permissions for open access publication during the application process. Planning Grant projects may build in time to explore rights related questions.

PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

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 aspects of history, society, culture, and politics, preferably 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, Central America, Latin America, the Middle East, Central Asia, South and Southeast Asia, and Oceania.
- **FORMAT** - Materials may be in a variety of formats, including print, audio, video, photographs, ephemera, and born-digital files (including but not limited to blogs, cell phone videos, website pages, 3D images, magnetic tape, and social media content).

The 2022-23 Call for Applications is available in [Arabic](#), [English](#), [Farsi](#), [French](#), [Hindi](#), [Indonesian](#), [Malay](#), [Portuguese](#), [Spanish](#), [Swahili](#).

Additional details and resources for applicants are available at meap.library.ucla.edu.