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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 (2023-24)

MEAP invites applications for its sixth 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.

- Applications open **September 12, 2023**
- Preliminary Applications due **November 13, 2023**
- Detailed Applications (for invited applicants) due **February 9, 2024**

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

NEW GRANT OPPORTUNITY

MEAP invites applications for a new grant opportunity in 2023. REGIONAL GRANTS provide additional funding (up to $100,000) to create multi-institutional digital collections.

Regional Grants provide an opportunity for previous MEAP grantees to activate the networks they have built through years of archival work, training and community building. Grant projects should result in the digitization of archival collections from multiple institutions and apply consistent metadata practices to these different materials. Projects should create new opportunities for research by linking together disparate collections.

Projects can apply for funds to augment available hardware and enable more project partners to participate in the digitization and documentation process. Grantee holders will be responsible for managing funds across the project and for ensuring that all digital files and metadata are submitted according to MEAP requirements.

Note: Only previous MEAP grant holders are eligible to apply for Regional Grants. Prospectives applicants for Regional Grants are required to contact the MEAP team before applying. All proposed projects should be discussed with the team ahead of submitting an application.

AVAILABLE GRANTS

MEAP offers three grants. **Grants have increased funding available for 2023-24.**

PLANNING GRANTS now offer up to $20,000 for up to one year of work.
Planning Grants should be used to evaluate, survey or catalog 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 now offer up to $70,000 for up to two years of work.
Project Grants should 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.

REGIONAL GRANTS offer up to $100,000 for up to two years of work.
Regional Grants should be used to create digital collections that include cultural heritage materials from three or more institutions, families, or archival repositories but related to one theme, community or historical event. Projects should focus on digitization and metadata creation that enables findability for materials that are not physically held in one location. Project should also include training and community engagement that ensure representative communities and stakeholders are included in the digitization and description process.

OPEN ACCESS REQUIREMENT

All materials created with MEAP funding will be published on an open access platform hosted by the UCLA Library. This includes digitized archival objects, surveys, and inventories.

Project teams are responsible for securing necessary permissions for open access publication. Project and Regional Grant applicants must provide evidence of permission for publication at the Detailed Application phase. 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 2023-24 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.