

Travel to Collections Grants: Call for Proposals
Department of Special and Area Studies Collections
George A. Smathers Libraries
University of Florida, Gainesville, FL



The Department of Special and Area Studies Collections (SASC) at the George A. Smathers Libraries offers competitive research **travel grants of up to \$2,500** for visiting scholars whose research cannot progress satisfactorily without consulting materials onsite. Travel to Collections grants will be awarded to individual scholars to conduct research within the Special and Area Studies Collections at the University of Florida between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025.

Proposals are due on Monday, April 15, 2024. Submissions should be directed to the SASC Travel to Collections Grant Committee at lib-sasctravel@uflib.ufl.edu. Awardees will be notified of the outcome of the proposal review process by Friday, May 31, 2024.

Proposals that include interdisciplinary research, the use of more than one collection, the use of holdings related to understudied people and topics, and a tangible outcome for an audience (academic or public scholarship) will be prioritized during the review of applications. Preference will also be given to researchers who must travel 100 miles or farther.

Grants must be used for onsite research and are available in any of the department's collections (<https://sasc.uflib.ufl.edu/our-collections/collections-a-z/>). In addition to these general funds, dedicated funding is available for research on the following topics:

- Jewish culture, life, and religion in Florida, Latin America, and/or the Caribbean;
- African American experience and history;
- The Panama Canal, the Canal Zone, and the Republic of Panama;
- History of science, biomedicine and the humanities, and intellectual property.

You are strongly encouraged to discuss your intended project with the relevant curator(s) before submitting your application. Contact information for the collections' curators is available on the SASC website (https://sasc.uflib.ufl.edu/about-us/faculty_staff/).

Program Requirements

- Research must be conducted between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025. The dates of the research trip should be coordinated with appropriate curatorial staff.
- Awardees are required to submit a report (~500 words) describing their research visit by the end of the award cycle (June 30, 2025). This statement may be used for promotions related to the collections.
- Award funds will be distributed after the report has been submitted and the payment paperwork is complete.
- International Applicants: Payments are subject to compliance with regulations set forth by the US Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

Submissions must include:

- A cover sheet with applicant's name, institution and rank (if applicable), postal address, telephone number, and email address.
- A one-sentence statement affirming applicant's commitment to submit a report at the end of the travel cycle, with permission to publish or use the report in promotions.
- Title and description of your proposed research project (~500 words), with identification of relevant collection(s) and materials to be consulted.
- Two-sentence abstract of proposed project and tentative dates of your proposed research visit.
- Budget estimate for travel, lodging, and other expenses during your research visit.
- CV or resume.

Questions?

If you have questions about the suitability of your proposal for a specific collection, please contact the curator of that collection. If you have questions about the grants or application process in general, please contact lib-sasctravel@uflib.ufl.edu.

We look forward to reading your proposal.