



AMERICAN HERITAGE CENTER UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AWARD USING PRIMARY SOURCES

Purpose: To reward excellence in undergraduate research using primary sources at the American Heritage Center (AHC).

Award: \$500 cash prize with no restrictions on use of the funds.

Eligibility:

- University of Wyoming undergraduates in any discipline.
- Research must be for academic credit.

Deadline: May 17, 2026.

About the Award:

This award spotlights undergraduate students who uncover new perspectives in our archives and connect them to their studies. We accept a wide range of project formats, including:

- Research papers
- Creative writing
- Individual or group exhibits
- Websites
- Podcasts
- Art projects

All submissions must be based substantially on research conducted using AHC resources such as manuscripts, archives, rare books, photos, maps, audio, film, and video.

Submission Guidelines:

1. Faculty members may submit up to two projects per semester on behalf of their students.
2. Students may initiate applications with a faculty member's supporting letter.
3. Submit a copy of the project or an active link to it.
4. Include a faculty cover memo (electronic form accepted).
5. For non-traditional research papers, include a 500-1000 word process paper explaining source usage and project development.

Submit materials to: Dr. Mary Beth Brown, Toppan Rare Book Curator, at mary.brown@uwyo.edu.

Selection Process:

A committee of AHC faculty and staff will select the winning project(s). The committee's decision is final.

Terms of Acceptance:

Award recipients must allow the AHC to use their projects for outreach efforts, unless waived due to formal publication requirements.

About the American Heritage Center:

The AHC is committed to supporting UW students' education and personal growth. Our mission is to enable historical research and interpretation across various disciplines. Major collecting areas include:

- Wyoming and the American West

- Environment and natural resources
- Journalism
- Military history
- Transportation
- History of the book
- 20th century entertainment
- Mining and petroleum industries

We provide outstanding curricular support at both undergraduate and graduate levels across various university departments. Our dedicated staff offers personalized instruction and assistance to researchers of all levels.

For more information:

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