The Vice Admiral Edwin B. Hooper Post-Doctoral 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: Hooper Grant
805 Kidder Breese SE
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 beginning in 2019. The grant is named in honor of the late Vice Admiral Edwin B. Hooper, USN, a former Director of Naval History for his contributions to the field of U.S. naval history. The grant is intended to assist a scholar in the research and writing of a book or article on U.S. naval history by helping defray the costs of travel, living expenses, document duplication related to the research.

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 – One scholar, meeting the requirements, will have the opportunity of receiving an award of up to $2,500. The award will be made on a competitive basis and will be announced by 1 June 2019. 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 and must demonstrate attainment in the research and writing, especially previously published works on U.S. naval history or associated field.

5. Applications - Applicants should send an e-mail to the address listed above stating the purpose and scope of the research project, including a proposed budget. Applicants should also submit a
completed pdf application form, as well as a CV that provides evidence of professional qualifications. In addition, two letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with the applicant’s field of study will be required. Allow sufficient lead time so that all supporting documents are received by NHHC in advance of the 15 April 2019 deadline date. E-mail submission is particularly encouraged, as postal delivery at NHHC headquarters is often significantly delayed due to security screening measures. Application forms are available from the Histories Branch Head, at the address above, and online at at

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 Hooper Grant engages to work on a study of U. S. naval history intended for publication. The recipient will be asked to provide the Navy Department Library any published work resulting from the research supported by the grant. The recipient 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.