

Short-Term Research Fellowship in Black History or Indigenous History

The Paul Revere Memorial Association seeks proposals for short-term research fellowships on topics related to Black or Indigenous history in Boston's North End neighborhood. **We are currently accepting proposals for research that will take place in 2027.**

The Paul Revere Memorial Association (PRMA) owns and operates the Paul Revere House museum and an adjacent visitor center, and our site includes buildings from the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries. The PRMA will use the research to enrich our interpretation of our properties for the general public, our school programs and teacher resources, and our adult programs. This may include updates to our on-site interpretation, blog posts, articles for our quarterly newsletter and our website. The researcher would be encouraged to work with the Association in developing some of these products.

Due to the ongoing 250th anniversary of the American Revolution and the upcoming 400th of the founding of Boston, we are especially interested in proposals related to the period between 1600 and 1800. However, proposals related to any time period will be considered. Between the three buildings on our site, we interpret extant residences that were lived in from the 17th through mid-20th centuries. We are interested in projects that would shed light either the general population or specific individuals in the North End or on our site.

The fellow would be awarded $6,000 for eight weeks of full-time research or the equivalent amount of part-time research over a longer period of time. We will also consider proposals for a longer or shorter project, with the award pro-rated as appropriate. Limited information may be available in the PRMA's own collections, including information from previous archaeological excavations of the site, but the bulk of research is likely to be in other institutions' collections. The physical location of the fellowship (remote or on-site) is flexible dependent on research needs.

Apply by December 15 for priority consideration; proposals will be considered on a rolling basis after this date. To apply, please send a CV and a letter of interest to Tegan Kehoe, Research and Adult Program Director, at tegan@paulreverehouse.org. The letter should be one to three pages and describe the topic or research question, and how this project will advance your career or your larger research goals. If your research is informed by your own relationship to a group that you study, we encourage you to include this information.

We welcome proposals from academic or public historians at any stage of career, including current students who have completed at least an M.A. degree. We strive to be an inclusive organization at all levels, and welcome proposals from scholars who identify as part of groups that are underrepresented in the history and museum fields.