

**Call for Submissions:  
Nurse Practitioner History Research Scholar Award**

The Bjoring Center for Nursing Historical Inquiry invites applications for the **Nurse Practitioner History Research Scholar Award** and the **Nurse Practitioner History Preservation Award** for 2026.

The **Nurse Practitioner History Research Scholar Award** is intended for researchers who are pursuing topics related to the history of nurse practitioners, the category of advanced practice nurse first introduced in the United States in the 1960s. The award provides up to \$5,000 of support to doctoral students, faculty, and independent researchers. Its goal is to advance historical scholarship on nurse practitioners and disseminate it to an international audience.

**The deadline for proposals is Jan. 15, 2026**, with the intention that the recipient use the award during the 2026 academic year.

**Eligibility:** Any doctoral students, faculty, and independent scholars pursuing research on the history of nurse practitioners.

Applicants must provide a full research proposal, not to exceed 6 double-spaced paged, including:

- A concise statement of the research they wish to conduct
- A narrative describing the project, within the context of the present state of historical knowledge, including background, sources and appropriate citations
- Identification of resources to be used
- A plan for disseminating the results of the research
- An itemized budget detailing how the funds will be used
- A current CV

The **Nurse Practitioner History Preservation Award** is intended for nurse practitioners, archivists, scholars, and students who are pursuing projects related to the preservation of the history of nurse practitioners. Such topics might include (but are not limited to) the collection, curation, and preservation of historical materials related to nurse practitioners; oral history or qualitative interviews that seek to document and preserve the history of nurse practitioners; or the development of digital exhibits that document and share knowledge about the history of nurse practitioners.

**The deadline for proposals is Jan. 15, 2026**, with the intention that the recipient use the award during the 2026 academic year.

**Eligibility:** Any nurse practitioner, archivist, scholar, or student interested in the history and/or legacy of nurse practitioners.

Applicants must provide a project description, not to exceed 6 double-spaced paged, including:

- A concise statement of the project they wish to conduct
- A narrative describing the project, including a description of resources to be used and the historical materials to be preserved
- A plan for disseminating the results of the project
- An itemized budget detailing how the funds will be used
- A current CV

**Send proposals and supporting materials to:** Dominique Tobbell, PhD, Director of the Bjoring Center for Nursing Historical Inquiry at the University of Virginia, at [dtobbell@virginia.edu](mailto:dtobbell@virginia.edu). Notification of awards will be made in early February 2026.

The recipients of these awards must agree to provide a report upon completion of the project, plus a letter of thanks for the donor.