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Call for Rising Scholar Nominees

American Journalism, the official journal of the American Journalism Historians Association, announced Wednesday that it is seeking applications for the annual Rising Scholar Award.

The award is intended to provide research assistance of up to \$2,000 for a junior faculty member who has not yet achieved tenure. The proposed research project must be related to media history, but all methodological approaches are welcome.

Applicants must be current AJHA members at the time the proposal is submitted. Proposals may be for sole-authored or co-authored work. If two or more individuals apply together, the award amount will be shared.

The award is not intended for dissertation completion research, and undergraduate and graduate students are not eligible.

To be considered, applicants must submit:

- A cover letter with name and contact information for applicant(s).
- A three-to-five-page prospectus of the project that describes the topic and justifies its contribution to the historiography of the mass media.
- An itemized budget of no more than one page. This budget should include what, if any, additional funding sources will be used.
- If appropriate, the applicant should include the Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval from the university.
- A list of possible publication venues for the finished project.
- A letter of support from the applicant's department chair or dean.
- A curriculum vitae of no more than three pages.

The application deadline is June 1, and proposals should be submitted to Vanessa Murphree, School of Mass Communication and Journalism, 105-C College Hall, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS 39406; or via e-mail to vanessa.murphree@usm.edu.

Founded in 1981, the American Journalism Historians Association seeks to advance education and research in mass communication history. Members work to raise historical standards and ensure that all scholars and students recognize the vast importance of media history and apply this knowledge to the advancement of society.

For more information on AJHA, visit <http://www.ajhaonline.org>.

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