

The Organ Historical Society

Dr. Rollin Smith Research Grant

THE GRANT

In support of its mission to enrich public knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of the pipe organ, the Organ Historical Society invites applications for its 2026 OHS Research Grant. An annual Grant of up to \$2,000 supports research projects related to the pipe organ: its builders, construction, history, styles, reception, composers, repertoires, organists, performance practice, and more. The Grant may be used to cover travel, housing, and other research-related expenses.

ELIGIBILITY

The Society encourages all interested persons to apply.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

There is no application form. Applications must be in English and should include:

- ▶ a cover letter;
- ▶ a curriculum vitae;
- ▶ a brief description of the project, including a statement of objectives, a plan for conducting the research, a description of phases of the research already completed or in progress, and an estimate of the time required to complete the project;
- ▶ a basic budget itemizing anticipated expenses associated with the project, including those to be funded by the Grant;
- ▶ two letters of recommendation sent directly (under separate cover) to the OHS Publications Advisory Committee, addressing the merits of the proposed project, the suitability of the applicant to carry it out, and the likelihood of its successful completion.

Proposals are particularly encouraged that include contact and/or work with the OHS Library and Archives (OHSLA) housed primarily at Stoneleigh in Villanova, Pa. The OHS Archivist and Librarian Anne Walkenhorst may be contacted by email (annew@organhistoricalsociety.org or archives@organhistoricalsociety.org) or over the OHS website contact portal <https://tinyurl.com/ohs-archives-1>. Please note that the collections are searchable at <https://tinyurl.com/ohs-archives-2>.

Within one year of the awarding of the Grant, the recipient is expected to submit the work for publication in *The Tracker* or with the OHS Press, and/or to present aspects of the research in a public forum such as the annual convention of the Society. Articles for *The Tracker* typically do not exceed 5,000 words, including references. A style sheet is available from the Director of Publications at

aeolianorgan@gmail.com.

SUBMISSIONS AND DEADLINES

Applicants should submit their materials electronically by December 1, 2026, and the Grant recipient will be announced early in 2027. Funding is awarded upon presentation of the finished work to the Chair of the Publications Advisory Committee.

Send application materials or inquiries to:

Christopher Anderson, CHAIR
OHS Publications Advisory Committee
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