

Conservation Grant Program

The Conservation program supports the professional practice of art conservation, especially as it relates to European art of the pre-modern era. Grants are awarded to projects that create and disseminate specialized knowledge, including archival projects, development and dissemination of scholarly databases, documentation projects, exhibitions and publications focusing on art conservation, scholarly publications, and technical and scientific studies.

Grants are also awarded for activities that permit conservators and conservation scientists to share their expertise with both professional colleagues and a broad audience through international exchanges, professional meetings, conferences, symposia, consultations, the presentation of research, exhibitions that include a prominent focus on materials and techniques, and other professional events.

Support for conservation treatments is generally limited to works from the distributed Kress Collection, and is coordinated through the Kress Program in Paintings Conservation at the Conservation Center of the New York University Institute of Fine Arts.

Grants are awarded to non-profit institutions with 501(c)3 status based in the United States, including supporting foundations of European institutions.

These are competitive grants. Please see [Past Grants](#) and [Annual Reports](#) on the Kress website for past awards and typical levels of funding.

New Online Application Procedures

As of December 1, 2018 institutions will be required to apply for the Conservation Grant Program using the Foundation's online grantmaking portal. Applicants must register for portal access at <https://kressfoundation.fluxx.io>.

Letter of Inquiry

The first step in the application process for the Conservation Program is to submit a Letter of Inquiry (LOI) via the Foundation's grantmaking portal. In the fields provided, potential applicants will be asked for:

- a brief summary of the proposed project
- the total budget of the project
- the amount requested from the Foundation

The Kress grantmaking portal will accept LOIs for 15 days at the beginning of the Foundation's three grant cycles. Institutions must submit an LOI by the deadlines below in order to apply for a Conservation Grant in that cycle:

Grant Cycle	Portal Opens	LOI Submission Deadline
Spring	February 15	March 1, 5:00PM EST
Fall	August 15	September 1, 5:00PM EST
Winter	December 1	December 15, 5:00PM EST

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Institutions invited to apply for a Conservation Grant will be notified via email within 7 business days of the LOI submission deadline.

Grant Application

Institutions will use the grantmaking portal to complete their Conservation grant applications.

Applicants will be asked to describe, in the text fields provided, the following:

- the project's main goals
- the project history to date (if applicable)
- the key activities to be carried out and personnel overseeing the project
- the anticipated outcomes of the project

Applicants are required to upload the following documents to the portal:

- a detailed project budget in **Excel**
- the IRS determination letter of 501(c)3 status for the organization that will receive and administer the funds must be uploaded to the portal

Additional supporting documents, when appropriate, may also be uploaded, including:

- curriculum vitae for principal investigator(s)
- conference, workshop, exhibition, or publication schedules
- images or illustrations
- letters of support

Grant Deadlines

The grantmaking portal will open once a grantee has been invited by the Foundation to submit a full application for a Conservation Grant. The portal will remain open for approximately three weeks during the Foundation's three grant cycles. Institutions must submit their grant application by the deadlines below in order to be eligible for an award:

Grant Cycle	Portal Opens	Grant Application Deadline
Spring	After grantee receives invitation via email from Kress	April 1, 5:00PM EST
Fall		October 1, 5:00PM EST
Winter		January 15, 5:00PM EST

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