History of Art Grant Program

The History of Art grant program supports scholarly projects that will enhance the appreciation and understanding of European art and architecture. Grants are awarded to projects that create and disseminate specialized knowledge, including archival projects, development and dissemination of scholarly databases, documentation projects, museum exhibitions and publications, photographic campaigns, scholarly catalogues and publications, and technical and scientific studies.

Grants are also awarded for activities that permit art historians to share their expertise through international exchanges, professional meetings, conferences, symposia, consultations, the presentation of research, and other professional events.

Grant Guidelines

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.

Application Deadlines:
January 15, April 1, October 1
Applications must be received by these dates.

Application Materials

► Cover letter with contact information to which correspondence can be directed
► Three to five page description of project
► Illustrations, if applicable (color photocopies are acceptable)
► Curriculum vitae of the project’s primary participant(s)
► A detailed budget
► IRS determination letter of 501(c)3 status for the organization that would receive and administer the grant

► In addition to submitting printed materials, applicants must also email a digital copy of their application to: applications@kressfoundation.org
This digital submission should be sent as a single PDF document