

Thomas J. McCahill III Fellowship

2027–2028 Academic Year

The Society of the Cincinnati in the State of New Hampshire (SOCNH) is pleased to announce the third year of the **Thomas J. McCahill III Fellowship**. These awards are made possible by a grant from the Thomas J. McCahill III SOCNH Foundation, a New Hampshire nonprofit corporation classified as an IRS 501(c)(3) Support Organization.

The McCahill Selection Committee intends for the 2027–2028 Fellows to begin their terms during the 2027–2028 academic year. The fellowships are offered in collaboration with the American Revolution Institute of the Society of the Cincinnati, Inc. (SOC), based in Washington, D.C.

- **Thomas J. McCahill III Fellowship**

The **Thomas J. McCahill III Fellowship**, established in 2025, will provide up to **\$75,000 for a one-year period** to support research, travel, housing, and per diem expenses for a scholar undertaking advanced research on a topic germane to American history during the Colonial and Revolutionary period.

The Fellowship is open to **postdoctoral and independent scholars** whose research would benefit from primary-source collections, with particular emphasis on the collections of the Society of the Cincinnati.

Research at Anderson House

Fellows will have sustained access to the collections and professional staff of the Society of the Cincinnati's research library at Anderson House, the Society's National Historic Landmark headquarters in Washington, D.C.

The research library, which forms the foundation of the Society's educational work through the American Revolution Institute, holds more than 50,000 rare books, manuscripts, prints, and modern reference works relating to the American Revolution and its era. It also houses the archives of the Society of the Cincinnati, the nation's oldest patriotic organization, founded in 1783.

Particular strengths of the collection include materials documenting the art and conduct of war during the Revolutionary era and the experiences and achievements of American forces and their French allies in securing American independence.

Areas of Research

Research proposed for either fellowship should focus on one or more of the following periods:

- The American Revolutionary War
- Colonial British America, with preference for research that relates in some way to the Revolutionary period
- The Early American Republic, with preference for research that relates in some way to the Revolutionary period

Fellowship Requirements

Fellowship Recipients will be required to:

- Complete their fellowship research during the 2027–2028 academic year.
- Submit a written report of at least 500 words within 30 days following completion of the fellowship, describing the work accomplished during the fellowship period.
- Inform SOCNH and SOC of subsequent publications derived from their fellowship research, including articles, theses, dissertations, or books.
- Offer an article based on their research for possible publication in *Cincinnati Fourteen*, the semiannual magazine of the Society of the Cincinnati.

- Present a lecture based on their fellowship research at a meeting of the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of New Hampshire (SOCNH), likely at the NH Society's headquarters in Exeter, New Hampshire.
- Participate in an activity of the American Revolution Institute at Anderson House to share their project, research, or expertise with a public audience.

Selection Considerations

The recipient of the annual fellowship will be selected through a single round of applications.

Strong applications will demonstrate one or more of the following characteristics. These considerations are neither definitive nor restrictive, and applicants should not be discouraged from applying if their projects do not meet each preference:

- Demonstrate a meaningful connection to New Hampshire, whether through the subject of the proposed research, residency, or affiliation with a New Hampshire college, university, or other institution.
- Demonstrate the relevance of the Society of the Cincinnati's research library collections to the proposed project, including, where appropriate, reference to specific holdings.
- Propose research that will make substantive use of the library collections at Society headquarters.

Although the McCahill bequest was established with a preference for male applicants, *all qualified applicants, regardless of gender, are encouraged to apply*. The Selection Committee will administer the fellowship consistent with the terms of the McCahill bequest and applicable legal requirements.

Application Requirements

Applicants should submit the following:

- A curriculum vitae, including educational background, publications, and professional experience.
- A brief research proposal, not to exceed two pages, describing the proposed project and how the applicant anticipates using the research library and collections at Anderson House.
- A writing sample of 10–25 pages in the form of a published article, book excerpt, or academic paper, submitted in Word or PDF format.
- A proposed research schedule and budget, including anticipated housing, travel, and other eligible research expenses.

Application Deadline

The deadline for applications is **31 October 2026**. Applicants should expect to be notified of the McCahill Selection Committee's decision by **31 January 2027**.

Please submit applications to:

Thomas J. McCahill III Fellowship
c/o McCahill Selection Committee
Attn: Ms. Rachel Nellis, Research Services Librarian
The Society of the Cincinnati, Inc.
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Washington, D.C. 20008-3640

The Society of the Cincinnati's research library staff welcomes questions about its collections. To learn more, call the library at +1 (202) 785-2040, ext. 424, or email library@societyofthecincinnati.org.