

**The Friends of the Air Force Academy Library Announce the Clark-Yudkin
Research Fellowship**

The Friends of the Air Force Academy Library invites applications for the Clark-Yudkin Research Fellowship. The fellowship is named in honor of a founder and long-time president of The Friends, Lieutenant General Albert P. Clark, and a major benefactor, Major General Richard A. Yudkin.

The Clark-Yudkin Research Fellowship is intended to provide short-term research grants of up to \$15,000 to help defray the cost of travel, housing, and per diem expenses for a scholar who wishes to use materials available in the Air Force Academy Library's Clark Special Collections Branch. The size and duration of the grant will vary according to the applicant's research proposal.

The Clark Special Collections Branch contains over 1500 manuscript collections and some 1000 individual collections of personnel papers as well as rare books, art work, memorabilia, films, and electronic media that provide rich insight into aeronautical history and the evolution of military aviation. Holdings include:

- The Colonel Richard Gimbel Aeronautical History Collection. This collection is the result of a dedicated effort by Colonel Richard Gimbel to assemble an unrivaled collection on the history of man's dream of flight from the earliest times to the advent of powered flight. The Gimbel Collection is composed of a broad array of items--ancient seals, rare commemorative medals, prints, books, periodicals, and manuscripts--that chronicle the pre-history of powered flight.
- Stalag Luft III Collection. This unique collection contains memoirs, diaries, photographs, and memorabilia donated by former prisoners of war confined to Stalag Luft III, the German prison camp made famous by the "Great Escape" of World War II.
- Royal Air Force (RAF) Eagle Squadrons Collection. An unparalleled archive of papers, photographs, logbooks, letters, and other materials relating to the legendary RAF Eagle Squadrons of World War II.

Applicants for a Clark-Yudkin Research Fellowship are asked to complete an online application form and to submit a PDF file containing a budget form, a curriculum vitae or resume, and a research proposal not exceeding one thousand words in length. Applicants must also arrange for two confidential letters of recommendation to be sent directly to:

friends@usafalibrary.com

OR

The Friends of the Air Force Academy Library

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ATTN: Research Fellowship Selection Committee

The online application is available at www.usafalibrary.com/research-fellowships. The research proposal should address specifically the relevance to the proposed research of the unique resources found in the Clark Special Collections Branch. Summary descriptions of these holdings can be found at the link to "Collections" on The Friends home page. More detailed descriptions are available at the Air Force Academy home page at <https://usafa.libguides.com/spc> and then open the link to "Special Collections."

Research grants are expected to be in the range of \$1000 to \$15,000. The amount of a given grant will be determined by the relevance of the research proposal to the holdings of the Clark Special Collections Branch, the merits and significance of the project, and the applicant's scholarly qualifications. The recipient will be expected to complete his or her fellowship research within a period of one year from the date of the award.

Expected output of the Clark-Yudkin Research Fellowship will be a scholarly book, thesis, or a paper worthy of publication in a scholarly journal and possibly of a presentation to an audience of colleagues and cadets at the Academy. The Friends also request a single copy of any subsequent publication (article, thesis, or book) that may result. Further, the recipient will be expected to submit a two to four page written report and summary of research findings, which may be published in The Friends semi-annual newsletter.

Questions concerning the "Clark-Yudkin" Research Fellowship may be sent to:

Friends@usafalibrary.com

Library Research Grant Application

(Last Name)

(First Name)

Email address: _____

Mailing address: _____

Project title: _____

Brief summary of collections or materials to be used:

Traveling from where, and proposed dates of visit:

Budget Form

In preparing your budget, please bear in mind that motel accommodations in the vicinity of the Air Force Academy are relatively plentiful and range in rates from approximately \$100 per night and up. Plan on paying an additional \$20 to \$30 per night if you plan on traveling to the Academy during the "high season" (Memorial Day through Labor Day).

A rental car will be a necessity and rates at the Colorado Springs Airport range from approximately \$50 per day to \$500 per week.

Virtually all motels in the vicinity of the Air Force Academy offer a free breakfast and one should be able to eat reasonably well in Colorado Springs for \$25-\$30 per day.

Estimated Costs

Transportation:

- Airfare \$ _____
- Rental Car \$ _____
- Personal Auto (\$0.55 per mile) \$ _____
- Tolls/parking/miscellaneous \$ _____

Housing (_____ nights @ \$ _____ per night) \$ _____

Meals (_____) days @ \$ _____ per day) \$ _____

Research Incidentals – Up to \$200/week \$ _____

Other (specify) _____

Total Other Costs: \$ _____

Total Estimated Costs: \$ _____

Project Narrative Instructions

Abstract: Please write an abstract of your project's thesis – approximately 300 words.

Proposal: The proposal should address specifically the relevance to the proposed research of the unique resources in the Clark Special Collections Branch. (The narrative should not exceed 1000 words. Please double space.)

Include your curriculum vitae or resume here.