



CALL FOR PROPOSALS EQUIPMENT GRANTS

The Register values exceptional and ethical archaeological practice. Thus, we seek to support research that contributes to a robust understanding of the human past.

The preamble to our Standards of Research Performance states:

The professional archaeologist has a responsibility to design and conduct projects that will add to our understanding of the past and/or that will develop better theories, methods, or techniques for interpreting the archaeological record, while causing minimal attrition of the archaeological resource base. It is recognized that archaeological research takes place in a variety of local, regional, and national contexts where applicable laws and guiding standards of practice vary. It is also recognized that archaeologists design and conduct research in various contexts of employment and levels of responsibility. These Standards are designed to outline the minimum standards that must be followed in the conduct of any research project, recognizing that each standard should be evaluated by the researcher in the specific contexts under which the work is being undertaken and to the level of responsibility commensurate with their role on a project.

The Register recognizes that the COVID-19 pandemic has created unique challenges for archaeological research and cultural resource management. We also recognize that research endeavors often require specialized equipment for data collection, analysis, dissemination, and curation. Thus, **we are offering ten \$1,000 grants** to support individuals and entities seeking to purchase equipment essential to professional and ethical archaeological practice.

Who is eligible? Any Register-certified archaeologist in good standing with the Register and up to date with their annual dues. Eligible archaeologists might include, but are not limited to, Principal Investigators in CRM, graduate students undertaking dissertation research, independent scholars, and archaeologists working in contexts where financial support is often limited (e.g., historical societies, small museums). Any professional archaeologist is eligible as long as they are Register-certified.

What is supported? “Equipment” is broadly interpreted as any specialized resource required for professional archaeological practice. Thus, the equipment could be as low-tech as archival quality bags and boxes or as high-tech as drones, flotation tanks, or remote sensing tools. Applicants are encouraged to apply for resources all along that spectrum.

How do I apply? Submit a proposal of **no more than two pages** that addresses: (a) The archaeological project for which funding is requested; (b) the research endeavor to which the requested equipment will

contribute; (c) how the endeavor connects to the Register's Code of Conduct and Standards of Research Performance (<https://rpanet.org/code-and-standards>); (d) A proposed timeline for the project; (e) a detailed budget and justification for what the grant will support; and (f) what metrics you will use to measure your success. Please supplement your proposal with a one-page vita for the Register-certified archaeologists involved in the undertaking.

When does the grant money need to be spent? All equipment purchases must be made in 2021.

What is the deadline? 5 pm EST on Monday, August 30, 2021.

How do I submit my proposal? Send your proposal as a single attachment with the attached cover sheet via email to executivedirector@rpanet.org.

How will my proposal be evaluated? An ad hoc grant review committee will review proposals and make recommendations to the Executive Team, who will choose which projects will be supported.

When will I be notified? Notification will be sent to all who submitted a proposal no later than September 10, 2021.

Are there other expectations of which I should be aware? The Register will announce the grant winners via social media. Awardees will be expected to share their project via social media as well. All activity promotions, materials, and updates must acknowledge the Register's support for the endeavor. A high-resolution Register logo will be provided to all recipients for this purpose.

Who should I contact if I have questions? Executive Director Dr. Deb Rotman will be happy to answer your questions. She can be reached at executivedirector@rpanet.org.



**COVER SHEET
SPECIALTY ANALYSES GRANTS**

Project Title: _____

Primary Project Contact(s):

Name: _____ Registration # _____

Name: _____ Registration # _____

Amount Requested (up to \$2,000): _____

To Apply:

Submit a proposal of **no more than two pages** that addresses: (a) The archaeological analyses for which funding is requested; (b) the research endeavor to which the results of analysis will contribute; (c) how the endeavor connects to the Register's Code of Conduct and Standards of Research Performance (<https://rpanet.org/code-and-standards>); (d) A proposed timeline for the project; (e) a budget and justification for what the grant will support; and (f) what metrics you will use to measure your success. Supplement your proposal with a one-page vita for the Register-certified archaeologists involved.

Please complete and attach this cover sheet to your proposal.

Deadline for submission: 5 pm EST on Monday, June 28, 2021.

Send your proposal as a single attachment via email to executivedirector@rpanet.org.

Notification will be sent to all who submitted a proposal by July 12, 2021.