CALL FOR PROPOSALS
SKILLS ACQUISITION GRANTS

The Register values exceptional and ethical archaeological practice. Thus, we encourage registrants to grow their professional knowledge, skills, and competencies.

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.

Additionally, the Register's Code of Conduct in addressing the archaeologist's responsibility to colleagues, employees, and students (II.1.b) states that "An archaeologist shall stay informed and knowledgeable about developments in her/his field or fields of specialization."

The Register supports professional development that enables registrants to refine an existing skill or acquire a new one and that, by doing so, enhances the quality of archaeological research conducted. Thus, we are offering **ten grants of up to $500 each** to support registrants who wish to take professional education or training.

Who is eligible? Any Register-certified archaeologist in good standing with the Register and current 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 if they are Register-certified.

What is supported? Any professional development that is widely recognized as being relevant and meaningful to archaeological practice. Examples of funded professional education might include a webinar offered by the Society for American Archaeology (SAA) or a business course available through LinkedIn Learning or software training through ESRI or any other training that will build skills to enhance your practice as a professional archaeologist.

How do I apply? Submit a proposal of **no more than two pages** that addresses: (a) The archaeological skill you seek to refine or acquire; (b) How this training will enhance your practice as a professional archaeologist; (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 justification for the sum requested; and (f) What metrics you will use to measure your success. Please supplement your proposal with a one-page vita for the Register-certified archaeologist taking the proposed training.

When does the grant money need to be spent? All projects must begin no later than 1 June 2022.

What is the deadline? 5 pm EST on Monday, October 25, 2021.

How do I submit my proposal? Send a single attachment with the enclosed cover sheet via email to executivedirector@rpanet.org. Please cc adminsupport@rpanet.org as well.

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 proposals will be supported.

When will I be notified? Notification will be sent to all who submitted proposals no later than November 5, 2021.

Are there other expectations of which I should be aware? The Register will announce the grant winners via social media. Awardees are expected to share their training journeys via social media as well. All activity must acknowledge the Register's support for the endeavor. Also, each registrant may submit a maximum of one application to this grant competition. An after-training report is required within 60 days of its completion.

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
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Training Title: _____

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Register-Certified Archaeologist:

Name: _____ Registration #_____

Amount Requested (up to $500): _____

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