



Department of History

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

The Peter J. Schmitt Endowment for Experiential Learning Application

Dr. Peter Schmitt taught for 43 years in the Department of History at WMU and he valued nontraditional learning experiences that explored the natural world, the built environment and human ingenuity. The friends and family of Dr. Schmitt created this endowment fund as a legacy to him. Grants up to \$500 will support varied learning experiences that enhance awareness, understanding and knowledge of the interconnectedness of history with the arts and the natural world. It would include but not be limited to participating in short courses in art or architectural history, in field biology learning experiences, in workshops in historic preservation or traditional crafts, in retreat experiences that emphasize an understanding of the natural world, or in other activities that promote personal insight into the interrelationships between people and their environments, especially in historical contexts.

Application Process

Applicants must submit an application form, a resume or CV, a proposed budget, and a short essay (two to three pages) that describes the experiential learning activity they wish to attend and explains how that activity might broaden or deepen their current understanding of the interconnectedness of people and their environments in historical contexts. Published information about the experiential learning program should be included in the application packet. Undergraduate and graduate student applicants should also submit a current transcript. Completed applications must be submitted to the history department chair by April 1.

The deadline for submissions is April 1. Deliver this completed application and a hardcopy of your essay directly to the Undergraduate Advising Office (4452 Friedmann Hall or to the main office (4301 Friedmann Hall) for the department chair.

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