Research Grants

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS:
[Porta Sophia Archival Researcher Network (ARN)](#)

Award Budget: Up to $1,000 per awardee
Application Deadline: Rolling submissions until funding is exhausted

Porta Sophia means doorway to wisdom. We are a non-profit, curated on-line library that brings together a wealth of scientific, historical, and cultural information related to psychedelics that protects technologies in the public domain. We help innovators and patent reviewers find that information, called prior art, with one simple search tool. Our mission is to protect the public domain, stimulate innovation and support good patents to assure psychedelic therapies can one day be available at scale to the people who need them.

In the face of pressing questions about how patents will impact the future of psychedelics and mental health, Porta Sophia is currently seeking researchers and historians with expertise in psychedelic science to help us expand our prior art library. By leveraging historical expertise about psychedelics, our network will help curate and increase access to disparate knowledge of psychedelic science, practice, and tradition.

In order to help develop our [Archival Researcher Network (ARN)](#) and support researchers who would like to participate in the ARN, **Porta Sophia is now accepting applications for Research Grants**.

Ideal candidates for the ARN Research Grant:

• BIPOC and otherwise historically underrepresented researchers who have experience or demonstrated interest with research on psychedelic history and/or archival modes of research

• Underfunded researchers and graduate students in need who have experience or demonstrated interest with research on psychedelic history and/or archival modes of research

Objectives:

• Ensure that researchers interested in the ARN have the opportunity to build their historical/archival research expertise—especially for BIPOC and otherwise historically underrepresented researchers, underfunded researchers, and graduate students in need

- Provide support for researchers to grow archival resources in Porta Sophia library based on patent derived "targets" (e.g., psilocybin for bipolar I disorder) for prior art searches

- Enhance opportunities for psychedelic researchers to digitize and curate archival psychedelic prior art for the Porta Sophia library

- Support research that builds toward spotlight presentations on prior art at ARN kickoff event on June 1st-3rd

Eligibility and selection criteria:

- Awardees must be participants in the Archival Researcher Network (ARN)

- Porta Sophia will prioritize awarding BIPOC and otherwise historically underrepresented researchers, underfunded researchers, and graduate students in need of research support.

- For the initial round of awards, Porta Sophia will prioritize applicants who intend to present research findings at the ARN kickoff event on June 1st-3rd

- Porta Sophia will prioritize applicants who intend to take advantage of locally accessible archives. We recognize that researchers may not be geographically situated in proximity to relevant collections and will take this into account in our selection process.

Application and submission information:

- To be considered for an ARN Research Grant award, you should complete the following Google Form, and upload a brief proposal of what you intend to do with the funds. Please include the following information:

- Experience or demonstrated interest with research on psychedelic history and/or archival modes of research

- Statement to indicate how you see this research as contributing to your academic and/or professional development

- Patent derived research target(s) you intend to focus on – patent claims, compounds, themes, etc.

- Archival collection(s) you will consult, including rationale for travel where applicable

- Statement of alignment with Porta Sophia mission

- Projected deliverables, including potential spotlight talk topic at ARN kickoff event if applicable

- Budget (including travel expenses where applicable, research and curation expenses including labor)

- Timeline for research

- A brief statement of need (optional – but recommended especially if the proposed research does not require travel)

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Fund administration information:

If you are awarded an ARN Research Grant, you will be administered funds electronically after completing a W-9 form and ACH form. You will also receive a 1099 form at the end of the year.

All grant recipients will be asked to provide a brief report of research activity to Porta Sophia within six months of award disbursement. Specific details about this report will be communicated to recipients at time of award notification.

Link to additional information:

You can learn more about us at our website (portasophia.org) or for an extended video overview, you can visit this link: https://vimeo.com/653020399.

ARN Information Sessions available on Porta Sophia - YouTube

Archivcal Researcher Network (ARN) Research Grant Application

Contact information:

Reach out to Amanda Rose Pratt (apratt4@wisc.edu, amanda.pratt@usonainstitute.org) with any questions or concerns.

We are excited to review your application!

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Psychedelic Prior Art Library