

Active History.ca Donations Policy

Donations made to Active History through Huron University College will be put towards activities that resonate with the mandate of the Active History project to disseminate the work of historians to the public and demonstrate the importance of historical thinking for understanding current events. The financial management of the account will adhere to all policies regulating the finances at Huron University College.

On an annual basis funds will be put towards the following five purposes:

1. Technical support and services for the continued maintenance of ActiveHistory.ca.
2. Provide seed funding for Active History projects
3. Provide one or more annual awards for exemplary practices of Active History
4. Offset costs for contingently employed or graduate student editors to attend Active History events.
5. Provide funds for Active History events run and organized by Huron University College.

The specific disbursement of funds will be determined proportionately in August each year by the fund steward (Tom Peace). Only 50% of the fund will be allocated at this time in order to ensure that funds remain in the account for unexpected technical expenses related to website operation and to ensure a foundation upon which the next year's funds can be built.

Funds will be budgeted on 1 Sept each year according to the following ranking of priorities:

1. Website related expenses
2. Travel costs to meetings for editors without institutional support for this type of activity.
3. Seed Funding for Active History Projects
4. Prizes and Awards

The respective bodies overseeing each program will direct the spending of this money. Expenses related to seed funding, travel expenses and technical support will be directed by Active History's editorial collective. Disbursement of funds for events at Huron University College will be determined by the college's Department of History. A special committee constituted for that purpose will determine awards for exemplary practices of Active History. The committee will include at least one member of the Huron University College History Department.

Additional expenditures from this account, or revisions to this policy may be made with the unanimous approval of the Active History editorial collective and the majority approval of the History Department at Huron University College.

This policy was approved by the Active History editorial collective on April 2017

This policy was approved by Huron University College's Department of History on May 2017

Seed Funding New Active History Projects

In September each year, the Active History editorial collective will put out a call for small grants to support new Active History projects. The specific dynamics of the funding program will be determined annually by the editors depending on the dollar value available for disbursement (see donations policy) and previous years' experience in managing the program. Each year, however, applications must consist of a clear project budget outlining both expected expenses and additional revenue streams; a commitment to update the Active History community through blog posts on ActiveHistory.ca; and a final report outlining how the money was used. Once the funds have been disbursed, the editorial collective will submit a brief written report to Huron University College's Department of History indicating how the money was spent.

Awards for Exemplary Practices of Active History

In January each year, the Active History editorial collective will constitute a committee for the purposes of issuing awards for exemplary practices of Active History over the previous calendar year. The committee will comprise the previous years' winners, ActiveHistory.ca's Contributing Editors, and one member of Huron University College's Department of History. The committee will be chaired by one of the Contributing Editors. The committee will evaluate and select from nominations received through the website over the previous calendar year in the following categories:

- Active History in the Press: Journalism as Active History
- Notable Contributions to ActiveHistory.ca
- Putting Active History into Practice

Upon completion of their work, the chair of the committee will submit a brief report to Huron University College's Department of History.