



## SHARP 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Research Fellowship

To celebrate a quarter century of SHARP successes, the Board and Executive Council of the Society have established an annual research fellowship. Designed to enhance SHARP's global scope as an academic society, the fellowship will provide support for research in libraries and archives anywhere in the world. The grants will initially be for up to US\$3000 and can be used for travel, accommodation and direct research costs, such as photography.

Applications will close each year on 1 December for awards to be used from the middle of the following year (1 July to 30 June). In addition to the Personal Information Form available on the SHARP website (SHARPweb.org), applicants will be asked to supply a budget for the fellowship funds and the names and contact details of two referees, who will be contacted by the selection panel if an application is shortlisted. The selection panel be chaired by the Director of Awards (who is a member of the Executive Council) and two representatives from the Board of Directors (to be nominated annually by the Board). Applicants will be notified of the panel's decision by the end of the year.

Applicants must be a current member of SHARP at the time of application, and will be expected to provide a report of approximately 1000 words within a month of completing their fellowship. The report will be published in *SHARP News*.

Criteria for selection include:

- relevance of the proposed research to the aims of SHARP;
- overall quality of the proposal;
- the contribution that the fellowship visit will make to the project.

Priority will be given to applications for research at institutions that do not offer other research grants, and, all other things being equal, for research at institutions outside the OECD, as part of SHARP's aim of enhancing internationalisation.

Any questions should be addressed to the Director of Awards and Publications, to whom applications should be submitted electronically (publications@sharpweb.org).