VIRGINIA CENTER FOR
CIVIL WAR STUDIES

The Virginia Center for Civil War Studies and Virginia Tech's Special Collections and University Archives invite applications for the **2020-21 Virginia Center for Civil War Studies Research Grants**. Each grant recipient will visit Virginia Tech's Special Collections and University Archives in order to conduct research on some aspect of the American Civil War era. An honorarium of $100 per business day will be provided, up to a maximum of $1,000. (Typical awards are for 2-5 days.) Recipients may also have the opportunity to give an informal presentation on their projects during their visit. Graduate students, faculty members, and independent scholars are all eligible. Preference will be given to applications that discuss a feasible number of non-digitized collections with direct connections to the proposed research project.

Virginia Tech's Special Collections and University Archives contain one of the largest concentrations of Civil War-related research materials in the world, including 10,000 rare printed sources, and hundreds of manuscript collections containing diaries, letters, ledgers, official papers, and other formats. Highlights include soldiers' accounts from both the Union and the Confederacy; printed memoirs and regimental histories; correspondence from the homefront; primary sources focused on slavery and abolitionism; papers documenting political change in Virginia and the South; and records of postwar groups focused on memorializing the Civil War.

Access tools to Civil War collections include:
http://ead.lib.virginia.edu/vivaxtf/search?smode=browse;f1-subject=Civil%20War
https://aspace.lib.vt.edu/subjects/1

Selected digitized Civil War materials are available online at:
https://digitalsc.lib.vt.edu/AmericanCivilWar

Applicants should submit the following as pdf files to pquigley@vt.edu: (1) a brief C.V.; (2) a summary of their research aims, including the relevance of specific holdings of Virginia Tech's Special Collections and University Archives, and the length of visit desired (no more than two pages); (3) one letter of reference, which may be sent directly from the reference writer. **Applications are due by 5 p.m. on March 25, 2020**. Successful applicants will be notified by April 30, 2020, and will be expected to complete their visit before May 31, 2021.

Questions? Please contact Paul Quigley, Director of the VCCWS (pquigley@vt.edu; 504/231-9090) or Aaron Purcell, Director of SCUA (adp@vt.edu; 540/231-9672). The Virginia Center for Civil War Studies is housed in the History Department of Virginia Tech. The Special Collections and University Archives department of the University Libraries at Virginia Tech maintains analog and digital research collections related to the American Civil War.