

**Dr. Mian A. Jan Fellowship**

CCHC is pleased to offer the third Dr. Mian A. Jan Fellowship to a post-secondary student. This is a paid opportunity that will enable CCHC to continue adding the local history of South Asian communities in the county and to share that information through public presentations.

**Tasks to be completed:**

The Dr. Jan Fellow will create a digital exhibit and small-scale framed photo exhibit of oral historians who have participated in the South Asian oral history initiative in Chester County. This may include reaching out to organizations that represent the broad experiences of the people in these communities. Both ordinary and extraordinary accomplishments will shape that exhibition narrative.

**Specific tasks:**

- Research the context for the South Asian migration experience in Chester County and region
- Work with Collections Department staff to use existing images and interviews to develop interpretation about aspects of the South Asian experience
- May carry out oral additional history interviews
- Learn about exhibit label copy and image production according to CCHC standards

**Skills required:**

It is essential for the Fellow to work well with a variety of people in the community and to do so within the framework of the CCHC Collections Management Policy and other professional and ethical guidelines. CCHC adheres to the policies of the American Alliance of Museums with regard to respect for people and objects. The successful candidate will have strong written and verbal communication skills and have a sensitivity to the South Asian culture, although it is not required that the Fellow be a member of that community. A graduate student who is studying for a degree in history, anthropology, sociology, museum studies, or photographic archives is preferred. An upper level undergraduate may be considered.

**Skills developed/products produced:**

The Fellow will 1) gain research skills, 2) learn about public history from a practical perspective, 3) be an active participant in the cause of diversity, 4) learn about the South Asian community and the broader role of migration in Chester County, and possibly 5) gain oral history experience. Work will be on-site and remote.

**Timing (specific to this Fellowship):**

This fellowship will take place in the Fall of 2024 over a period of up to 8 weeks for a total range of 50 to 62 hours. The anticipated timeframe is September through November. The stipend is determined by the student's level of study and experience: \$14/hour undergraduate or \$16/per hour graduate student.

**Application (specific to this Fellowship):**

The application includes: 1) a letter explaining the level of knowledge or experience with public history, community outreach, any museum or photographic experience, or other relevant experiences that the Fellow can bring to this effort. The letter should also include what the Fellow expects to gain from the experience; 2) a resume; and 3) the names and contact information of 3 references. All application materials must be submitted by email to Ellen Endslow, Director of Collections/Curator [eeendslow@mycchc.org](mailto:eeendslow@mycchc.org) no later than midnight August 16, 2024.

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**About Chester County History Center**

CCHC has been collecting materials about the history of the region since 1893. Three hundred years of local history are represented in the permanent collections that comprise 80,000 museum objects, a special collections library with 20,000 reference books and 750,000 manuscripts, and more than 100,000 images of all types in the photo archives. The society benefits from the resources of its location in the Brandywine River Valley and its proximity to Philadelphia. More information about CCHC is available at <http://www.chestercohistorical.org>.