

FAQs: Wilson Endowed Research Fund

April 2024

What is the purpose of the Wilson Endowed Research Fund?

The purpose of the Wilson Endowed Research Fund is to provide financial support for researchers wishing to conduct original research at Liberty Corner, N.J. using the collections of the USGA Golf Museum and Library.

Who is eligible to apply?

The program is open to individuals engaged in any stage of their academic or professional careers.

What materials are required to apply?

- Applicants must submit a detailed overview, in a maximum 500 words, of the intended research.
- Applicants must provide an initial list of materials to review using the USGA Golf Museum and Library catalog and research resources.
- Applicants must submit a CV and two letters of reference.
- Researchers must provide details as to how funds are to be spent; use of stipend proceeds must be documented upon completion of work to be reimbursed.

Where can I apply?

- Researchers should apply using the following online form: [Wilson Endowed Research Fund Application](#).
- For the required letters of reference, applicants should send the following link to their referees to complete and submit online: [Wilson Endowed Research Fund Reference Letter Form](#).
- The application and letters of reference must be received by the application deadline.

What is required of recipients?

- Researchers are required to acknowledge the USGA Golf Museum and Library and the Wilson Endowed Research Fund in any publications or presentations of research resulting from this program.
- Researchers will provide to the USGA Golf Museum and Library a copy of any publication or presentation that results from research supported by the Wilson Endowed Research Fund.

How much funding may an applicant request?

- For 2024, applicants may request a stipend up to \$5,000.
- For 2025, applicants may request a stipend up to \$10,000.

How will funds be made accessible to recipients?

Researchers will provide details as to how funds will be spent as part of their application materials. When a researcher is selected, they will be notified of the amount of awarded funds. After visiting, the researcher will submit receipts and be reimbursed up to the amount of awarded funds. Unused funds will be forfeited. Receipts must be submitted within 30 days following the end of the grant period (by Dec. 15, 2024).

What are expenses recipients can request funds for?

Examples of expenses covered by funds may include airfare, car rental, rideshare service, fuel, lodging, tolls, mileage, meals and other related expenses approved by the USGA traveling to and from Liberty Corner, N.J. or during a researcher's visit.

Expenses not covered include software or computer equipment, costs for alcoholic beverages, baggage fees, maintenance/repair costs for vehicles used to travel to and from Liberty Corner, N.J., incidental charges from hotel amenities, expenses for any other persons, health costs associated with travel, and activities not related to onsite research.

When are application materials due?

- For 2024, application materials must be submitted by April 1, 2024.
- For 2025, application materials must be submitted by November 15, 2024.

When will recipients be announced?

- For 2024, recipients will be announced May 1, 2024.
- For 2025, recipients will be announced December 15, 2024.

What can I expect following the announcement of recipients?

Once recipients are notified as to the amount of funds awarded them, conversations with our Library Team will begin to 1) schedule your visit, 2) discuss your goals for your visit. Our Library Team will pull initially requested materials in advance of your visit.

When is the USGA Library available to researchers?

- For 2024, research visits must occur between June 1 – November 15, 2024.
- For 2025, research visits must occur between January 15 – November 15, 2025.
- Library hours are Monday – Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM (or by special arrangement).

How is research conducted at the USGA Library? What are the policies researchers are required to adhere to?

Prior to your visit, please review the following [USGA Library Policies and Procedures](#) to inform conduct during your visit.

Where can I review the USGA Library catalog?

The USGA Library catalog can be explored here: [USGA Library Catalog and Digital Archives](#)

Who can I contact with additional questions about the Wilson Endowed Research Fund or the USGA Library collection?

Please contact researchgrant@usga.org with any questions regarding the Wilson Endowed Research Fund. Please contact library@usga.org with any questions about the USGA Library collection.