Keeneland Library

RESEARCHER IN RESIDENCE OVERVIEW



2027 Researcher In Residence

The Researcher in Residence program offers a $2,000.00 award and one-week research residency at Keeneland Library, the world's largest information and image repository of the Thoroughbred industry, along with onsite lodging in Keeneland's Artist Cottage. The residency, hosted to honor the legacy of horse racing historian and author Edward L. Bowen, is awarded annually by the Keeneland Library Foundation to support work that captures the Thoroughbred industry's history, chronicles its present, and develops its ongoing record.

APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY

The Researcher in Residence program is open to professionals who research, practice in a discipline, and/or produce work that relates and contributes to the Thoroughbred industry. Applicants can be based in the United States or abroad; however, international recipients are responsible for assuring they can travel legally in the United States. Keeneland is unable to sponsor visas or other travel documents.

Eligible applicants include:

- University and college faculty
- Doctoral candidates who have completed all coursework (ABD)
- Graduate students
- Community historians, including those who work for a municipality or historical society, museum, library, or cultural resource organization
- Journalists
- Broadcasters
- Filmmakers
- Artists
- Authors

Eligible Projects

Keeneland Library's Researcher in Residence program supports deep and diverse usage of the Library's collections to expand the Thoroughbred industry record. Residency projects can range from traditional to innovative media, including:

- Print publications including books, book chapters, and article series
- Academic conference presentations
- Online information resources or digital publications
- Art
- Films and documentaries
- Exhibits
- Podcast series



This residency is research focused and takes place in a shared Library setting. It does not include studio space.

KEENELAND LIBRARY RESEARCHER IN RESIDENCE

2027 APPLICATION GUIDELINES

At a Glance

APPLICATION SECTIONS

1. Applicant Information
2. Project Information
3. Work Plan
4. Project Completion and Publication/Dissemination Plan

RESIDENCY DATES

Residency dates will be mutually agreed upon between Keeneland Library and the recipient. Residency dates may not fall during Keeneland's Spring and Fall Meets (April and October) or Keeneland Sales dates. **For our inaugural year of hosting the residency, dates must fall between July 12 and December 17, 2027.**

RESIDENCY LENGTH

One week, with five days falling during Keeneland Library's Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. operating hours.

FUNDS AVAILABLE

Research stipend of $2,000.00 plus housing for duration of week-long residency in Keeneland's Artist Cottage.

DEADLINE

Applications, including resume or curriculum vitae with letters of support must be e-mailed or postmarked by March 31, 2027. Applicants are responsible for ensuring the application package is complete and e-mailed or postmarked by the deadline. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

AWARD NOTIFICATION

Applicants will be notified of the residency selection by May 14, 2027.

***REPORTING**

1. Residency Feedback Report: due within 30 days after the residency's end
2. Residency Final Report: due within 30 days of final residency's project product submission

**See Application for more information on the residency's reporting requirements.*













APPLICATION

Application

Applications submitted by U.S. Postal Service or other parcel services should be sent to:
Keeneland Library
ATTN: Roda Ferraro, Library Director
4201 Versailles Road
Lexington, KY 40510

Submissions may be sent via e-mail to **rferraro@keeneland.com**

SECTION 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION

- **Resume or curriculum vitae;** *must include applicant's*
  a. *Full Name*
  b. *Phone Number*
  c. *Email Address*
  d. *Mailing Address*
- Three letters of support

SECTION 2: PROJECT INFORMATION

- **Project Title and Summary** *(no more than 200 words)*
- **Project Narrative** *(no more than 1,000 words)*
  - Explain the project's target audience and anticipated project outcomes
  - Explain how the project demonstrates value, rigor, relevance, and accessibility:
    - **Value** - contributes significantly to the Thoroughbred industry record
    - **Rigor** - content is accurate, balanced, and vetted
    - **Relevance** - project is meaningful, accessible, and beneficial to the target audience
    - **Accessibility** – describe the accessibility and availability of the project to its target audience

SECTION 3: WORK PLAN *(no more than 500 words)*

- Present how you will engage with Keeneland Library collections during the residency and how the collections are essential to meeting the project's production and dissemination goals.
- Provide the project's target completion date and present an overview of the timeline for the project's research and development.
- **Note: Residency awardees have 18 months from the completion date of their residency to complete and submit their project's product.**

SECTION 4: PROJECT COMPLETION AND PUBLICATION/DISSEMINATION PLAN *(no more than 500 words)*

- Describe plans for publishing and/or sharing your project's product following its completion, including a targeted project completion date and an overview of the timeline for the project's product publication and/or dissemination.
- Within 18 months from the residency's end date, submit a physical copy or digital files of the completed work to Keeneland Library to be added to the Library's collections and the residency's archive. All copyright and intellectual property rights will be retained by the creator.

Reporting

1. **Residency Feedback** *(no more than 250 words)*

- Within 30 days of the residency's end, residency awardees must submit a feedback report on their residency experience to Keeneland Library via the email or mailing addresses specified above.

2. **Residency Final Report** *(no more than 1,000 words)*

- Within 30 days of submitting the final residency's project product to Keeneland Library for incorporation into its collections, residency awardees must submit a final report via the email or mailing addresses specified above, explaining:
  - Project outcomes
  - How the project met its target audience
  - How the project demonstrated value, rigor, relevance, and accessibility:
    - **Value** - contributes significantly to the Thoroughbred industry record
    - **Rigor** - content is accurate, balanced, and vetted
    - **Relevance** - project is meaningful, accessible, and beneficial to the target audience
    - **Accessibility** – describe the accessibility and availability of the project to its target audience