

HomePLACE

IGHR Travel Scholarship



Georgia HomePLACE is offering up to three (3) \$1500 travel scholarships to Georgia public library staff to attend the 5-day [Institute for Genealogical and Historical Research](#) (IGHR), being held at UGA's [Georgia Center](#) in Athens, Georgia Saturday, June 2 through Thursday, June 7, 2018.

About IGHR

In continuous operation since 1962, the Institute provides exceptional, intensive training in genealogy and local history research methods and sources, and offers immersive coursework of great benefit to librarians and archivists assisting researchers.

Sponsored by the [Georgia Genealogical Society](#), IGHR offers students any one of [eleven courses](#):

1. Methods & Sources
2. Intermediate Genealogy & Historical Studies (course full)
3. Advanced Methodology & Evidence Analysis
4. Writing & Publishing for Genealogists
5. Advanced German Genealogy
6. Research in the South: Trans-Mississippi South
7. Irish Genealogical Research
8. Military Records I
9. Advanced Library Research: Law Libraries & Government Documents
10. Researching African-American Ancestors: Sources, Strategies, and Analysis
11. Genetic Genealogy Tools & Techniques: Intermediate DNA for Genealogy (course full)

IGHR has attracted premier instructors, and “with the leading researchers and scholars in the field teaching the courses, the institute has led the genealogy discipline in the instruction of family research and local history.” A full faculty roster can be viewed [here](#).

The objectives of IGHR are five-fold:

1. To teach the fundamentals of genealogical research and methodology;
2. To teach research skills using a variety of resources and facilities;
3. To provide broad and in-depth historical and genealogical subject content;
4. To reach the evaluation of resources, proficiency in bibliographic citation, and critical analysis of documentation;
5. To provide instruction for those wishing to pursue careers in genealogy and related disciplines.

Each year, IGHR attracts an international audience ranging from the budding hobbyist to the certified professional, and all ranges of experience in-between.

Testimonial

“Because I attended IGHR so many years I can speak to how IGHR can help public librarians better serve their communities.

“IGHR helped me:

- build the Heritage Room collection based on appropriate migration trails, history, culture, etc.
- assist patrons with confidence and accuracy
- teach classes at library to help people get started
- teach sessions at COMO on using genealogy tools and resources and how to help folks with genealogy questions
- teach sessions at UGA for library staff on how to assist people with genealogy”

-Laura Carter, retired, Heritage Room Librarian, Athens Regional Library System, and current IGHR Director

Scholarship Logistics

In their [application](#), scholarship winners must identify which available course they would attend if selected, and why. The application deadline is Friday, March 23, 2018. Scholarship winners will be notified by 5pm Wednesday, March 28, 2018.

Applicants should note that IGHR is a 5-day intensive commitment, and does include evening activities and homework including but not limited to library research, field trips to area institutions, and other events as assigned. A mandatory Orientation and Reception will take place the afternoon of Saturday, June 2nd.

The library system of the winner of each scholarship will be reimbursed for registration and travel costs, including room and board at the negotiated [hotel group rate](#), up to \$1500. The Georgia Genealogical Society has agreed to hold 3 institute spaces at the [Early Bird tuition rate](#).

Reimbursable expenses need to meet the [Georgia State Accounting Office Travel Policy](#) requirements. Hotel and travel arrangements must be made by the attendee. Attendance is mandatory for reimbursement. Libraries will be required to submit [reimbursement documentation](#) within 7 days following the conclusion of the program. Employees may claim Tier I mileage and other conference expenses up to the maximum award of \$1500. PDF copies of reimbursement documentation should be sent to invoice@georgialibraries.org and astanley@georgialibraries.org by June 14, 2018.

Scholarship Program Evaluation

Scholarship winners will be asked to complete surveys following the training to provide feedback to Georgia HomePLACE and the Georgia Genealogical Society. The Georgia HomePLACE Travel Scholarship Evaluation survey can be found [here](#).