

BROAD AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENT (BAA) - 030ADV22R0041
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

The full FAQ will be posted publicly on the LC Labs website and the BAA page on Sam.gov.

The Library of Congress has issued a Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) to fund an individual to do research with Library of Congress collections, produce a creative and transformative digital work for the American people, and serve as an ambassador for the Library. The residency is anticipated to take place part-time both virtually and in-person, beginning in September 2022. The residency will be no less than 12 months and no more than 24 months. Applicants will propose their own schedule for the residency as part of the application process. The second year of the residency is optional, pending Library approval and available funding.

The basics:

What is it?

The Library has hosted an Innovator in Residence Program since 2017. The purpose of the program is to invite creative people with diverse perspectives and expertise to enable transformational experiences in support of the Library's [Digital Strategy](#), developing work inspired by the Library's collections that demonstrate possibilities of how the Library relates to and enriches the work, life and imagination of the American people. Residents are expected to do research with Library collections, create a unique digital work that may be hosted on the [LC Labs website](#), host a public program, and serve as an ambassador for the Library during their tenure. The Library anticipates the residency will begin September 2022.

In the first year, the resident will engage in research, produce and deliver a creative digital work, and share that work with a designated community. In the second year, the resident will promote and connect their work and Library resources with communities, continue their research, and create scaffolding materials for their work to support community interaction. Work completed in year one cannot be dependent on a second year, which is optional.

How much money is it?

Proposed budgets should not exceed \$80,000 for the first year and \$80,000 for the optional second year.

How does the residency work?

Residents are expected to do research with Library collections, create a digital work, host a public program, and serve as an ambassador to the Library during their tenure. The Labs team seeks concepts for research and work that promote insight and inspiration, discovery of Library items, and/or facilitate creative remixing and reuse. Further descriptions of the program areas can be found in Section 2 of the announcement. The Resident will have

access to both publicly available and on-site only Library collections during their tenure, and will be given program and research support.

What other resources will be available?

Any material held by the Library of Congress, as allowable by copyright law, can be considered for research and production. Final approval for the inclusion of Library material in a public work will be made by curators, the Office of General Counsel, and other Library staff.

The Library will provide administrative and research support for the Resident. The resident may receive a Library of Congress email address, laptop, and access to select staff-only platforms if required for their project. A work space will be made available when the resident is on-site.

Can the award be given to teams, or only individuals?

The Library will not accept concepts or proposals from organizations or for teaming arrangements. Applicants can sub-contract part of the services to be provided. The Library will not have approval over the sub-contracting arrangements.

Can the award be granted to individuals outside of the United States?

This announcement is limited to individuals who are citizens or permanent residents of the United States.

Who maintains the intellectual property for the resulting work?

The Library's intention in this solicitation is that the works created are of maximum benefit to the American people. To that end, the products created as a result of this announcement (to include the creative work, public event recordings, blog posts and other project documentation) must be made available on loc.gov properties (at the Libraries discretion) or through a publicly accessible URL for at least two (2) years after project completion and published under a CC0 1.0 universal license. The applicant grants the Library and the public an irrevocable, fully paid-up, royalty-free, non-exclusive worldwide license to reproduce, distribute, copy, display, create derivative works, and publicly post, link to, and share, the work(s) or parts thereof, for the purpose of promoting the residency, making it accessible to the American people and for any other purpose.

How do I apply?

First, submit a 3 page (including cover page) concept paper by 12 PM (Noon) Eastern Time on 05/02/2022. Directions for what to include in the concept paper are described in Sections 4.1 of the announcement. Concept papers will be evaluated by the process described in Section 5.1 of the announcement.

Then, a subset of applicants who submitted concept papers may be invited to create full proposals. Those selected will receive an email invitation from Loc-BAA@loc.gov in May 2022. Directions for creating full proposals are in Section 4.2 of the announcement.

Selections for award will be made by the process described in Section 5.2. The Library reserves the right to not select any of the proposals received. We estimate we will select the Innovator in June 2022.

Do I need to be registered in SAM.gov to be eligible?

Yes. To be eligible for award of a contract resulting from this announcement, you must be registered in the government's [System for Award Management](#). This process can take several weeks, so if you are not already registered, you should start that process immediately upon receiving an invitation to submit a full proposal. It is a free process and is necessary for any individual or organization that wants to receive any kind of federal grant or contract. You must provide confirmation of registration if invited to submit a full proposal.

Can I see an example proposal?

Yes! You will find an awarded concept paper, and proposal and budget from 2020 Innovator in Residence Brian Foo as attachments hosted with this announcement. Keep in mind that the program areas have been updated in this round.

Where can I see examples of Library of Congress collections?

Applicants interested in reviewing what Library materials are available online can visit [this page](#). Other resources include curated [free to use image sets](#), [researcher guides](#), the Library's [YouTube Channel](#), and [API](#). For research support, applicants can submit a question about the Library's collections using the [Ask a Librarian](#) service.

Please see the "LC Collection Ideas List" attachment hosted with this announcement for a list of collections suggested by staff.

Where can I find more information or ask for help?

Email your questions to Moji Adejuwon at Loc-BAA@loc.gov. The email shall include this BAA number (030ADV22R0041) and "BAA Innovator in Residence" in the subject line. Questions received after 04/18/2022 may not be answered.

The Library will provide answers to questions periodically by issuing amendments to the announcement on sam.gov. All questions and answers addressed both in email and during webinar sessions will be issued as amendments in the announcement and listed on the [LC Labs website](#).

The Library will host two online informational webinars to share information about the announcement and answer questions. The webinars will be held on 04/07/2022 from 3:00pm – 4:00pm Eastern Time and 04/13/2022 from 4:00pm – 5:00pm Eastern Time. Please register for one of the webinars on the [LC Labs website](#).