

McClure in History Doctoral Fellowship

Description

The University of Idaho James A. and Louise McClure Center for Public Policy Research and University of Idaho Department of History invite applications for the McClure in History Doctoral Fellowship. This program explores public policy, public service, and inflection points in Idaho, U.S., and world history through a public policy lens. The fellowship spans the summer and fall semester, and includes five weeks of research (paid) and a required history graduate directed studies course.

One doctoral student in history will be selected as the McClure in History Fellow. The fellow will spend time with U.S. Senator Jim McClure's material in the University of Idaho Library Special Collections. Special Collections will provide an overview to the archives, including training and direct work with the collections. The fellow will travel to Boise, where they will gain advanced archival research expertise in city, state, university, and Idaho Public Television archives, and be provided with mentorship and networking opportunities.

The fellow will curate the next McClure Center Gallery exhibit. The exhibit will be showcased in Moscow, then travel to Boise, where it will be displayed in the Capitol Annex, across the street from the Idaho State Capitol. There may be an online component to the exhibit.

Key Dates

- Anticipated start date: June 2026.
- Moscow (University of Idaho Library Special Collections) and optional Boise (city, state, special collections at Boise State University, and Idaho Public Television).
- Fall Semester 2026: History Graduate Directed Studies HIST 502, 3 credits, with sole focus of creating the exhibit. History Chair Dr. Rebecca Scofield will serve as the directed studies faculty.

Requirements

Applicant needs to be enrolled as a doctoral student in the University of Idaho Department of History.

Compensation

- 200 hours of paid research (up to \$4,000) as a temporary McClure Center employee, from June to August 2026.
- Travel expenses also supported – restrictions apply. Please contact Crystal Callahan with questions: crystalcallahan@uidaho.edu, (208) 364-4563.

Reporting

The fellow will work closely with Dr. Katherine Himes, McClure Center director, and Crystal Callahan, McClure Center operations director.

During fall semester, the fellow will work with History Chair Dr. Rebecca Scofield.

To apply: Please submit a CV, letter of interest, and names of three references to Dr. Katherine Himes, katherinehimes@uidaho.edu, by March 1, 2026.