



## Research Grants

### CALL FOR APPLICATIONS:

### [Porta Sophia Archival Researcher Network \(ARN\)](#)

**Award Budget:** Up to \$1,000 per awardee

**Application Deadline:** Rolling submissions

Porta Sophia means doorway to wisdom. We are a non-profit, curated on-line library that brings together a wealth of scientific, historical, and cultural information related to psychedelics that protects technologies in the public domain. We help innovators and patent reviewers find that information, called prior art, with one simple search tool. Our mission is to protect the technologies in the public domain, stimulate innovation, and support good patents to assure psychedelic therapies can one day be available at scale to the people who need them.

The Archival Researcher Network is a key avenue by which we crowdsource difficult-to-find psychedelic prior art for our library. The ARN is also key to our outreach initiatives more broadly.

As part of our efforts to grow our Archival Researcher Network (ARN), Porta Sophia invites ARN participants in need of financial support to apply for research grants.

### Ideal candidates for the ARN Research Grant:

- BIPOC and otherwise historically underrepresented researchers who have experience or demonstrated interest with research on psychedelic history and/or archival modes of research
- Underfunded researchers and students in need who have experience or demonstrated interest with research on psychedelic history and/or archival modes of research

### Objectives:

- Ensure that researchers interested in the ARN have the opportunity to build their historical/archival research expertise—especially for BIPOC and otherwise historically underrepresented researchers, underfunded researchers, and graduate students in need
- Provide support for researchers to grow archival resources in Porta Sophia library based on patent derived “targets” (e.g., psilocybin for bipolar I disorder) for prior art searches

- Enhance opportunities for psychedelic researchers to digitize and curate archival psychedelic prior art for the Porta Sophia library
- Support research that builds toward peer-reviewed academic presentations and publications

## Eligibility and selection criteria:

- Awardees must be participants in the [Archival Researcher Network \(ARN\)](#)
- Porta Sophia will prioritize awarding BIPOC and otherwise historically underrepresented researchers, underfunded researchers, and graduate students in need of research support.
- Porta Sophia will prioritize applicants who intend to take advantage of locally accessible archives. We recognize that researchers may not be geographically situated in proximity to relevant collections and will take this into account in our selection process.

## Application and submission information:

- To be considered for an ARN Research Grant award, you should [complete the application form on our site](#), and upload a brief proposal of what you intend to do with the funds. Please include the following information:
- Experience or demonstrated interest with research on psychedelic history and/or archival modes of research
- Statement to indicate how you see this research as contributing to your academic and/or professional development
- Patent derived research target(s) you intend to focus on
  - patent claims, compounds, themes, etc.
- Archival collection(s) you will consult, including rationale for travel where applicable
- Statement of alignment with Porta Sophia mission
- Projected deliverables, including potential spotlight talk topic at ARN kickoff event if applicable
- Budget (including travel expenses where applicable, research and curation expenses including labor)
- Timeline for research
- A brief statement of need (optional – but recommended especially if the proposed research does not require travel)

## Fund administration information:

If you are awarded an ARN Research Grant, you will be administered funds electronically after completing a W-9 form and ACH form. You will also receive a 1099 form at the end of the year.

All grant recipients will be asked to provide a brief report of research activity to Porta Sophia in order to process award disbursement. *Specific details about this report will be communicated to recipients at time of award notification.*

## Link to additional information:

You can learn more about us at our website ([portasophia.org](https://portasophia.org)) or for an extended video overview, you can visit this link: <https://vimeo.com/653020399>.

ARN Information Sessions [available on Porta Sophia - YouTube](#)

## Contact information:

Reach out to Amanda Rose Pratt ([amanda.pratt@portasophia.org](mailto:amanda.pratt@portasophia.org)) or Sisi Li ([sisi.li@portasophia.org](mailto:sisi.li@portasophia.org)) with any questions or concerns. We are excited to review your application!

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