

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

NYG&B Scholar in Residence: Tracing Immigrants to New York

The New York Genealogical and Biographical Society (NYG&B) is seeking applications for a 2025 Scholar in Residence to conduct research for tracing immigrants to New York under a short-term appointment. Under this particular project, the Scholar in Residence will survey and identify specific groups covered within the NYG&B's collections relating to immigrants to New York between 1840 and 1924. This project is made possible through a generous grant from Adrienne Auerbach, Vice Chairman, NYG&B.

Mission and Background:

The NYG&B preserves, documents, and shares family history and stories from across New York State. We engage with genealogists, biographers, historians, and organizations to establish the broader contexts of New York's past. We actively foster connections between New York's past and present.

Founded in 1869, the NYG&B is a nonprofit organization. As one of the oldest genealogical organizations in the United States, the NYG&B serves members both nationally and internationally through its extensive records and resources; educational programming; and landmark publications, including its scholarly journal the *NYG&B Record*, quarterly issues of the *New York Researcher*, and the award-winning *New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer*. Its comprehensive records and collections encompass genealogical and historical materials from all 62 counties in New York State. Learn more at www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org.

Scholar in Residence Program Overview:

Through its Scholar in Residence program, the NYG&B engages an expert genealogist for a short-term appointment to survey materials at the NYG&B or at another institution for relevant historical documents and research related to a particular family history topic.

The NYG&B began its Scholar in Residence program in 2023, with an initial project to research the documentation of Jewish families in the NYG&B's holdings, which encompass collections of original and compiled materials, beginning in 1869, as well as transcriptions, abstracts, and compiled genealogies found in the *NYG&B Record*, the NYG&B's scholarly journal continuously in print since 1870. Many of the NYG&B's physical collections reside at the New York Public Library, where more than 28,500 cataloged items are accessible to researchers. Additionally, the NYG&B's online collections contain tens of thousands of records.

2025 Scholar in Residence Project Scope:

Under this project, the Scholar in Residence will:

- Identify specific groups covered within the NYG&B's collections relating to immigrants to New York between 1840 and 1924.
- Provide an estimated quantity and timeframe (in weeks) for enumerating and identifying specific materials for each group, culture, or topic identified.

The successful candidate will conduct their work in the following materials:

- Manuscript and print collections from the NYG&B housed at the New York Public Library, including various abstracts, transcriptions, and compiled genealogies.
- All published issues of the *NYG&B Record*, including more than 155 years of genealogical and biographical scholarship.
- Online collections and articles published by the NYG&B through its website, newyorkfamilyhistory.org.
- Lectures, articles, and other relevant items located in the NYG&B's internal archives.

The Scholar will deliver a formal written survey of their work, including an annotated bibliography of the relevant resources they identify. All elements of the project will be conducted over the course of 12 weeks (nonconsecutive) and be completed in four months. A \$1,000 weekly stipend will be provided to the Scholar.

Application Process and Deadline:

To apply, please submit the following to adminaccounts@nygbs.org with the **subject line “Scholar in Residence Application”** before **October 4, 2024**:

- Letter of interest (not to exceed 1,500 words).
- Curriculum Vitae
- Writing sample (based on your own research, not to exceed 20 pages).
- Two letters of recommendations from faculty or professionals in your field.

The NYG&B welcomes applications from people of all cultures, backgrounds, and experiences, and we value having a diverse staff. Employment opportunities are based upon individual capabilities and qualifications without regard to race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, age, national origin, disability, veteran status, or any other protected characteristic as established under law.