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Society for the Social History of Medicine 2001 Prize Essay Competitions

The Society for the Social History of Medicine (SSHM) invites submissions for its two 2001 Prize Essay Competitions. These prizes will be awarded to the best original, unpublished essays in the social history of medicine submitted to each competition as judged by the SSHM's assessment panel.

The 2001 essay competition is open to post-doctoral scholars and faculty who obtained their PhD or equivalent qualification after 31 December 1995. The 2001 student essay competition is open to students in full- or part-time education. Each prizewinner will

be awarded £300.00, and his or her entry may also be published in the journal, *Social History of Medicine*. The deadline for entries is: 31 December 2001. Further details and entry forms can be down-loaded from the SSHM's website: <http://www.sshm.org>

Alternatively, please contact the membership secretary, David Cantor, Building 31, Room 2B09 MSC 2092, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD 20892-2092, USA. E-mail: competition@sshm.org

Call for Papers

American Association for the History of Medicine Meeting 25–28 April 2002

The American Association for the History of Medicine invites submissions on any area of medical history for its 75th annual meeting, to be held in Kansas City, Missouri, 25–28 April 2002. In addition to single paper proposals, the programme committee welcomes proposals for sessions and luncheon workshops; individual papers for those sessions will be judged on their own merits.

All papers must represent original work not already published or in press. Send six copies of a one-page abstract (350 words

maximum) to Professor Nancy Tomes, History Department, SUNY at Stony Brook, New York 11794-4348, USA. Abstracts should clearly state findings and conclusions as well as research questions. They should also provide the following information on the same sheet: name, preferred mailing address, work and home telephone numbers, e-mail address, present institutional affiliation, and academic degrees. Abstracts must be received by 15 September 2001. E-mail or faxed proposals will not be accepted.

Rockefeller Archive Center Programme of Grants for 2002

Residencies in the History of Basic Medical Research: The Rockefeller Archive Center of The Rockefeller University will continue a five-year programme of residencies for research at the Center on topics related to the history of basic medical

research, a subject richly represented in the archival collections at the Center. Prospective researchers may apply for residencies of one month, one semester (4½ months), or an academic year (9 months). Stipends at the rate of \$5,000 per month

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will be awarded to cover all travel, food and lodging, and research expenses associated with the residency. Applications will be reviewed in a competitive process, and it is expected that a total of 2 to 6 awards will be made in each year during the five year programme. The deadline for applications for the year 2002 awards (to be announced in March 2002) is 30 November 2001.

Paul Erlich Collection: Funds are available for short-term research in the Paul Erlich Collection, the largest and most important body of original and facsimile materials documenting the life and scientific-medical research programme of Nobel Laureate Paul Erlich (1854–1915).

Travel and Research Grants: A limited number of grants are available to promote and support research in the Rockefeller Archive Center's collections. These grants may be used toward round-trip travel to

the Center, for temporary lodging in the area, and related research expenses. Grants will be made on a competitive basis to applicants from any discipline, usually graduate students or post-doctoral scholars, who are engaged in research that requires use of the collections at the Center. Applicants from the US and Canada may request up to \$2,500; scholars from outside the US and Canada may apply for up to \$3,000. Applications must be postmarked by 30 November of each year for awards that will be announced the following March.

For further information on all these grants contact: Darwin H Stapleton, Director, Rockefeller Archive Center, 15 Dayton Avenue, Pocantico Hills, Sleepy Hollow, NY 10591-1598, USA; tel. (914) 631-4505; fax: (914) 631-6017; e-mail: archive@rockvax.rockefeller.edu; Website: <http://www.rockefeller.edularchive.ctr>.

Catalogue of Islamic Medical Manuscripts National Library of Medicine, Bethesda

A catalogue of medical Islamic manuscripts held in the National Library of Medicine, Bethesda, Maryland, is now accessible through the Web. It contains a brief introduction to the history of Islamic

medicine, and detailed essays on each manuscript, as well as illustrations, bibliographical material and a glossary. Website: <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/arabic/arabichome.html>