The generous bequest of Werner E. von Rosenstiel has provided enormous opportunities for the Department of History here at the University of Cincinnati. To make fuller use of this extraordinary gift, we have revised the guidelines of the von Rosenstiel Fund to allow for broader participation of graduate students and faculty, and to provide for a wider array of programs. Specifically, we have begun several exciting new projects, including expanding graduate funding (such as a Von Rosenstiel Graduate Fellowship), developing support for graduate student/faculty collaborative research efforts, and offering opportunities for faculty that are not covered by other funds (such as Taft). Overall, these changes will help to stimulate the intellectual vitality of the History Department and forge connections not only between graduate students and faculty, but between the study of modern Europe and other specialties and disciplines as well.

Guidelines for the Von Rosenstiel Fund (updated April 2018)

These criteria were revised by Maura O’Connor (Chair), Sigrun Haude, and Tracy Teslow, in consultation with Department Head Chris Phillips. The updated guidelines replace the earlier guidelines of 17 April 2014.

1. The von Rosenstiel Fund is available to graduate students (PhD and MA) and fulltime faculty working on topics in the history of modern Europe.

   (NB: These include students and faculty working on projects with a modern European focus, application, or implication. Additionally, "modern" is conceived of in the broadest possible terms to allow for wide participation by students and faculty (i.e. including the eras of the Renaissance and the Reformation).

2. The von Rosenstiel Fund serves primarily to make a significant impact on graduate student research, to foster cooperative research between graduate students and faculty, and to support faculty research and development. Its programs include funding graduate student research travel, a named graduate Fellowship, graduate research assistantships, language acquisition for graduate students, professional travel for faculty, and events such as guest speakers and author seminars.

3. All decisions are made by the three-member von Rosenstiel (VR) Committee, which will be appointed annually by the Department Head. One of the members may be a non-European specialist. The VR Committee will also consult closely with the Department Head and the Director of Graduate Studies. All awards are made on a competitive basis.

4. For decisions involving funding for a VR Committee member or for a Committee member’s own PhD student, the Committee member will recuse her/himself, to be replaced by the Department Head.
Von Rosenstiel Fund Program Descriptions

I. Programs for Graduate Students

• Von Rosenstiel Graduate Fellowship in Modern European History
  This is a semester-long no-service fellowship offered to graduate students of extraordinary promise. Fellowship decisions will be made by the DGS in consultation with the VR committee. The fellowship may be awarded for multiple semesters. At the end of the fellowship term, the recipient will submit a report to the Chair of the VR Committee summarizing the results of his/her fellowship period.

• Travel for Research
  This program supports graduate student research travel to archives and libraries. Graduate students will submit a description of the project (including archives and libraries that will be the focus of the research), one letter of recommendation typically by a UC faculty member, a CV, and a detailed budget to the chair of the VR Committee. Parallel applications to other funding agencies (e.g., Taft, University Research Council) will strengthen the student’s request. Each graduate student may apply for up to $2,000 per year.* The application should be made prior to research travel (see the general deadlines below), but no later than the following semester. In addition, should a doctoral student receive competitive outside funding from a national or international agency, the graduate student could apply for matching funds up to $3000.

• Summer Language Training
  This program provides up to $2,000 for the acquisition and development of a European language at summer language programs.* Graduate students will submit a request for funding that specifies the language to be pursued and includes a copy of the language program application(s), one letter of recommendation typically by a UC faculty member, a CV, and a detailed budget to the Chair of the VR Committee. Parallel applications to other funding agencies (e.g., Taft) will strengthen the student’s request. The application should be made prior to language training (see the general deadlines below), but no later than the following semester.

  * Note: If a graduate student applies for funding for both “Travel for Research” and “Summer Language Training,” the total amount of possible funding will be $3,000.

II. Programs for Graduate Student-Faculty Collaboration

The Von Rosenstiel Research Assistantships:

This Research Assistantship allows graduate students and faculty to work closely together and facilitates faculty research projects (can be rotated among faculty or shared between them depending on the timing of faculty research projects). This RA-ship can be
given for a semester, a summer, or to enhance graduate student stipends. Applications for funding will be submitted by faculty members.

**Von Rosenstiel Invited Speaker**

This fund facilitates the invitation of a distinguished scholar to present a talk and/or lead a seminar. The Committee will spend up to $1500-2000 per year on these events. For additional resources, applicants are encouraged to seek supplemental funding from the Taft Research Center.

**III. Programs for Faculty**

**Research and Conference Travel**

1. Each faculty member can apply for up to $4,000 in any three consecutive years.

2. Faculty conference travel is not only for presenting a paper, but also for professional development, such as attending a conference.

3. Von Rosenstiel Funds can supplement other conference travel funds.

Faculty will submit a letter of application (including proposed project and travel budget, and description of any other monies requested) to the Chair of the VR Committee.

**Miscellaneous Research Project Funds**

These funds are for various projects, such as publication costs, permissions costs, publication subventions, and any unforeseen costs for research, teaching, or faculty development.

**IV. Special Events and Fundraising Programs**

**Fundraising**

Money may be allocated to raise the stature and additional monies for the Von Rosenstiel Fund. This may include fund-raising and stature-raising events in other locales (i.e., at the American Historical Association convention, etc.)

**Special Events** Money will be allocated as needed for conferences and special events.

**Application Deadlines**

First Monday of November, 5pm and first Monday of March, 5pm.