

JEANNE WATSON BURSARY

**Supporting Young Professionals of Historic House Museums to attend DEMHIST Conferences and Courses**

The Jeanne Watson Bursary is limited to a maximum of € 1000 per applicant annually.

Who was Jeanne Watson?

Jeanne Watson (1929-2015) served ICOM and ICDAD for almost twenty years. She became one of the driving forces in advocating a separate international committee for historic house museums (DEMHIST). Jeanne was active in the campaign which led to the recognition of DEMHIST as a full ICOM International Committee. In 1999, she became a founding Councilor of the Executive Board of DEMHIST. From that time to 2012, Jeanne Watson was indefatigable in promoting the growth of DEMHIST and the success of its annual conferences. She capped her extensive service to DEMHIST by serving two terms as Vice-Chair of the DEMHIST Executive Board.  
A journalist by early profession, Jeanne Watson entered the museum field in in 1973 when she became a docent and then curator of the Martin Mitchell House Museum in Naperville, Illinois. During her career she served different Museums and Historic Houses in Illinois and New Jersey and was an active member of AAM, the American Alliance of Museums. Volunteer work in museums was a matter close to Jeanne’s heart.

In 2015, as a memorial to Jeanne, her husband William Watson (1927-2016) bequeathed a bursary.

# Eligibility criteria for application in 2025

* Be younger than 40 years old at the time of the DEMHIST Annual Conference (this year, the ICOM Triennial General Conference)
* Be able to speak and write fluent English in addition to candidate’s native language.
* Have worked in a historic house museum for at least two years or shall have completed at least two years of studies on historic house museums or a combination of both.
* Be a DEMHIST member or work with a DEMHIST Institutional Member and have paid the ICOM membership dues for 2025.
* Attend all sessions of the 2025 DEMHIST conference.
* Present a paper at the DEMHIST Annual Conference.

# Use of Jeanne Watson Bursary

* The Jeanne Watson Bursary 2025 only covers travel and accommodation costs to the DEMHIST Annual Conference.
* Granted candidate must pay all the expenses and transfer all the invoices to Jeanne Watson Bursary no more than one month after the DEMHIST Annual Conference.
* If the total amount of invoices is inferior to the total amount granted in Euros, DEMHIST reimburses only the invoices paid by you. If the invoices exceed the amount granted, DEMHIST will only transfer up to the total funds granted.

# Important notes:

* Granted candidate shall be obliged to submit a 1,500 to 2,000-word report or article in English within a month after having attended the DEMHIST Annual Conference.
* The Jeanne Watson Bursary is exclusive and cannot be combined with an ICOM Young Professional Travel Grant.
* Preference will be given to candidates that have not received an ICOM or DEMHIST Grant before.
* DEMHIST Board Members are not eligible for the Jeanne Watson Bursary 2025.

# Application procedure

Candidates for the Jeanne Watson Bursary must include in the application:

* Official application form completed.
* Short CV that includes name, date of birth, institutional affiliation (if any), and all contact details.
* Motivation letter that includes a statement of justification for the need of financial support.
* Letter of recommendation submitted in one of the official ICOM languages (English, French or Spanish).
* Photograph of your ICOM membership card that clearly shows your membership number, with the 2025 member sticker (or proof of payment of the 2025 dues)
* Candidates have to send all the above at the email [secretary@demhist.icom.museum](mailto:secretary@demhist.icom.museum)

**The deadline for application is July 31, 2025, midnight CET.**

**Granted candidate will be contacted by the DEMHIST Grants Working Group by August 15 2025 or earlier.**

Once accepted, the Chair of the DEMHIST Committee will provide an official invitation to apply for a visa, if required, and will inform about further procedure.



JEANNE WATSON BURSARY APPLICATION FORM

**Supporting Young Professionals of Historic House Museums to attend DEMHIST Annual Conference 2025**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: July 31, 2025, midnight CET.**

**PLEASE SEND THE COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM TO**: [secretary@demhist.icom.museum](mailto:secretary@demhist.icom.museum) and specify as mail subject: **Jeanne Watson Bursary 2025**

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| **APPLICANT DETAILS** | |
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| FIRST NAME(S) |  |
| DATE OF BIRTH |  |
| INSTITUTION |  |
| POSITION IN YOUR INSTITUTION |  |
| ICOM INDIVIDUAL MEMBER CARD NO |  |
| MEMBER OF ICOM SINCE |  |
| MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL  COMMITTEE *(specify the name(s) of the International Committee(s))* |  |

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| **PARTICIPATION EXPENSES** *(Specify the amounts in Euros only)* | |
| ROUND TRIP ITINERARY – FROM WHERE WILL YOU BE TRAVELLING? | From departure place: to: Tbilisi, Georgia.  *(specify)* |
| STATEMENT OF JUSTIFICATION, WHY FINANCIAL SUPPORT IS NEEDED INCLUDING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COSTS FOR TRAVEL, ACCOMMODATION AND  REGISTRATION FEE.  (PLEASE PROVIDE A SEPARATE STATEMENT OF 5,000 CHARACTERS MAXIMUM) |  |
| DO YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDING POSSIBILITIES?  *(Please specify)* |  |
| HAVE YOU BENEFITTED FROM ICOM  TRAVEL GRANTS IN 2024 or 2025?  (IF YES, PLEASE SPECIFY, THE TYPE OF MEETING, THE VENUE AND COUNTRY) |  |

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| **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** | |
| CV  (PLEASE PROVIDE A SHORT CV OF 4,000  CHARACTERS MAXIMUM) |  |
| MOTIVATION TO ATTEND THE DEMHIST Annual CONFERENCE (PLEASE PROVIDE A STATEMENT OF 5,000  CHARACTERS MAXIMUM) |  |
| **H**ave you submitted a paper for the conference?  (yes/no) |  |
| RECOMMENDATION LETTER IN SUPPORT OF THIS APPLICATION.  (ATTACH SEPARATELY) |  |

**DATE:**

**SIGNATURE OF THE APPLICANT:**

**THIS APPLICATION FORM SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED IF ALL FIELDS ARE NOT FILLED IN**