

Sponsor/Title: Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) -- Recordings at Risk

Website: <https://www.clir.org/recordings-at-risk/apply-for-an-award/>

Submission Limitation per Institution: One (1)

Notre Dame Limited Submissions Listing:

<https://research.nd.edu/our-services/funding-opportunities/faculty/limited-submissions-program/>

Internal Expression of Interest Deadline: 2026-01-12

Sponsor Application Deadline: 2026-02-24

Program Goals and Objectives: The Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) is now accepting applications for the thirteenth cycle of *Recordings at Risk*. The *Recordings at Risk* regranting program funds the preservation of rare and unique audio and audiovisual content on degrading or obsolete time-based media such as magnetic tape, wax cylinders, wire recordings, or early film (with or without sound). CLIR will award grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$60,000 to successful applicants for projects scheduled to begin September 1, 2026. Funding is made possible through the generous support of the Mellon Foundation.

Recordings at Risk encourages professionals who may be constrained by limited resources and/or technical expertise to take action against the threats of degradation and obsolescence. The program aims to help organizations identify priorities, develop practical strategies for digital transformation, build relationships with partners, and raise awareness of best practices.

Application Assessment Criteria: An independent review panel, comprised of experts in a variety of domains and technologists with expertise in digitization and digital preservation, will evaluate applications using four primary criteria:

- Impact: The potential public impact on the project
- Urgency: The urgency of undertaking reformatting to avoid risk of loss
- Potential for preservation: The viability of the work plan and deliverables for preserving the content over time
- Approach to access: The approach to legal and ethical concerns affecting access

Required Internal Application: Upload the following information to the Google Form at <https://forms.gle/2Zj22RazK346g5GF9> by the internal deadline:

- Name of the Principal Investigator (PI)
- Project Title
- Names of ND collaborators
 - For each ND Collaborator listed, include name, department or unit, and specific role for this project in three sentences (maximum).
- Project Summary: Two (2) pages (maximum) addressing the following:
 - Summary of the source materials to be digitized

- Activities to be undertaken during the project
- Significance of the project for scholarship

Questions? Contact Colleen Cross Quinn, Ph.D., Director, Foundation Relations at ccross@nd.edu

Unless otherwise noted, all internal applications are due by 11:59 PM Eastern Daylight Time on the internal expression of interest deadline.

Applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.