

SCAMeL Speedy Startup 2025

Oral History Digitization

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Additional Information

How will your project be disseminated to SCAMeL, SCC, and/or the region generally?

In addition to advertising the new digital collection on the Moody Medical Library website and internal UTMB mailing lists, we plan to submit announcements to the following library listservs/newsletters.

- SCC/MLA
- AHA! – Archivists of the Houston Area
- SSA – Society of Southwest Archivists, which includes TX, OK, LA, AR, NM, AZ

How will your project benefit or impact SCAMeL?

The Oral History tapes are only accessible by an in-person visit to the Blocker Collections. The digitization of these interviews would result in making these first-hand accounts of Texas medical education/medicine accessible across the region/world. Completion of this project would benefit SCAMeL's mission of sharing knowledge and resources.

How could your project be considered innovative?

Our goal is for the completion of this digitization project to be the first step in a larger digitization and transcription project. The 111 tapes described in the proposal are part of a collection of over 200 tapes, of which only 13 have been transcribed. Current library staff will participate in the transcription project and will require digital access to the recordings.

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Budget

All the funds requested will go toward the transfer of the information on the tapes to a digital format.

A sample tape was provided to Classroom Services to get a quote for this project. Based on their test, it takes one hour to copy both sides of the cassette tape and 30 minutes to edit and save the file. Each tape will cost \$45 to copy and edit.

Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Total
Cassette Tape to Digital File	111	\$45.00	\$4,995.00
TOTAL			\$4,995.00