



Collection of Historical  
Scientific Instruments  
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THE COLLECTION OF HISTORICAL SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS (CHSI) TO PARTICIPATE IN  
COLLECTIONS ASSESSMENT FOR PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Cambridge, MA. The Collection of Historical Scientific Instruments (CHSI) announces that it is one of 75 institutions from across the country selected to participate in the inaugural year of the [Collections Assessment for Preservation \(CAP\)](#) program.

Administered by the Foundation of the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artist Works, CAP assists museums in improving the care of their collections by providing support for a conservation assessment of the museum's collections and buildings. A team of two preservation professionals will spend two days surveying the site and meeting with staff before preparing a comprehensive report that will identify preventive conservation priorities. The assessment report will help the museum prioritize its collections care efforts in the coming years.

The CHSI expects the program to be a first step in the next phase of its collections care work. "This grant will provide us with the opportunity to establish detailed and specific procedures to preserve and to acquire significant scientific apparatus that at times contain hazardous materials (asbestos, mercury, etc.). Such a goal fits well within our current five-year strategic plan to develop and assess our collection of more than 20,000 scientific instruments," according to Peter L. Galison, Joseph Pellegrino University Professor and Faculty Director of the CHSI.

The CAP program is administered by FAIC through a cooperative agreement with the Institute of Museum and Library Services, a federal grant making agency that supports museums and libraries.

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**About the Collection of Historical Scientific Instruments (CHSI)**

The CHSI is located at 1 Oxford St. at Harvard University and specializes in the history of science and scientific instrumentation. It is open from Sunday to Friday 11am to 4pm. Learn more at [chsi.harvard.edu](http://chsi.harvard.edu).

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