



NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE

Humanities

Summer Stipends

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The Basics



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- Website - <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/stipends.html>
- Limited submission grant – only 2 per institution
- \$6000 for 2 consecutive months of research and/or writing
- Submit as individual through grants.gov, but still need ORDA checklist with signatures

Humanities Defined

- According to the 1965 National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act, "The term 'humanities' includes, but is not limited to, the study of the following: language, both modern and classical; linguistics; literature; history; jurisprudence; philosophy; archaeology; comparative religion; ethics; the history, criticism and theory of the arts; those aspects of social sciences which have humanistic content and employ humanistic methods; and the study and application of the humanities to the human environment with particular attention to reflecting our diverse heritage, traditions, and history and to the relevance of the humanities to the current conditions of national life.

Summer Stipend Proposals

- Intended to support individuals pursuing advanced research that contributes to scholarly knowledge or to the public's understanding of the humanities.
- Typical project outcomes: scholarly articles, monographs on specialized subjects, books on broad topics, archaeological site reports, translations, editions, or other scholarly tools.

Excluded Projects

- research for doctoral dissertations or theses by students enrolled in a degree program;
- specific policy studies or educational or technical impact assessments;
- the preparation or publication of textbooks;
- studies of teaching methods or theories, surveys of courses and programs, or curriculum development;
- inventories of collections;
- works in the creative or performing arts (e.g., painting, writing fiction or poetry, dance performance, etc.);
- projects that seek to promote a particular political, philosophical, religious, or ideological point of view; or
- projects that advocate a particular program of social action.

The Process at SIUC

- Letter of Intent to Apply & Abstract: late August
- Full Proposal (minus SF424): early September
- Committee Review and Selection: 2nd & 3rd week of September
- Decision Announced: 3rd week of September
- Final Proposal and Checklist due to ORDA: One business day before NEH deadline
- Final Proposal due at grants.gov: TBA (but typically either last Thursday in September or first Thursday in October)

The Proposal Package

- Narrative
- Resume
- Bibliography
- Appendix (optional)
- NEH Supplemental Information for Individuals
- SF424-Individual form

- 2 Reference Letters (sent directly from referees 2 or 3 weeks after proposal deadline)

Proposal Narrative

- 3 single-spaced pages MAX
- 1" margins, 11pt font MIN
- Saved as .pdf file called "Narrative"
- Include
 - Research & Contribution
 - Methods & Work Plan
 - Competencies, Skills & Access
 - Final Product & Dissemination
- See more details at <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/stipends.html#howto>

Résumé

- 2 single-spaced pages MAX
- Saved as .pdf file called “Resume”
- Include
 - Current and Past Positions
 - Education - degrees, dates awarded, titles
 - Awards and Honors - include dates
 - Publications - full citations
 - Other Relevant Professional Activities & Accomplishments

Bibliography & Appendix

- Bibliography

- One single-spaced page MAX
- Save as .pdf file called “Bibliography”

- Appendix

- Only for projects with visual materials, editions, translations or database projects
- Optional – called “Appendix.pdf”

- See details at

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Selection Criteria

- the intellectual significance of the proposed project, including its value to humanities scholars, general audiences, or both
- the quality or promise of quality of the applicant as an interpreter of the humanities
- the quality of the conception, definition, organization, and description of the project and the applicant's clarity of expression
- the feasibility of the proposed plan of work, including, when appropriate, the soundness of the dissemination and access plans
- the likelihood that the applicant will complete the project

Questions?



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- Due Date Reminders sent out via Research Matters, Announcement to Departments, Email to workshop participants
- Check NEH website for details about the parts of the proposal
- NEH's Division of Research Programs: 202-606-8200 or stipends@neh.gov