

## Program Overview

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) is one of the largest funders of humanities programs in the U.S. NEH **Fellowships** and **Summer Stipends** support scholarly research at *any* stage of development that advances knowledge and understanding of humanities fields, humanities education and public programming, and the humanities as a whole.

## Projects

- Award recipients often produce articles, monographs, books, digital materials, archaeological site reports, translations, editions, or other scholarly resources. Between 1967 and 2008 there were **6,800 books** published as a result of research supported by these programs.

## Research Fellowships

- Fellowships cover full time and continuous periods of six to twelve months and come with a stipend of \$4,200 per month in outright funds. Maximum stipend is \$50,400 for a twelve-month period.
- Teaching and administrative assignments or other major activities may not be undertaken during the fellowship period, and applicants should request award periods that suit their schedules and the needs of their projects.

## Summer Stipends

- Summer Stipends provide an outright award of \$6,000 for two consecutive months of full-time research and writing.

## Application Contents

- Application must include a narrative, bibliography, resume, appendices if appropriate, and references. Narrative must provide intellectual justification, addressing: 1) research and contribution; 2) methods and work plan; 3) competencies, skills, and access; and 4) final product and dissemination.
- See NEH guidelines for details about each, and be sure to stay within page limitations while addressing them completely.

## Evaluation Criteria

1) Intellectual significance, including value to humanities scholars, general audiences, or both; 2) Quality/promise of applicant's work as an interpreter of the humanities; 3) Quality of the conception, definition, organization, and description of the project, and clarity of expression; 4) Feasibility of work plan, including soundness of dissemination and access plans; and 5) Likelihood of completion.

## Eligibility

Both affiliated and unaffiliated individuals may apply, including those who have successfully defended their dissertations and are awaiting degree conferral.

## Application Submission

Fellowship and Summer Stipend applications use the on-line system, **Grants.gov**, and applicants must first register with the system. NEH provides a step-by-step guide.

## Deadlines

- Call for Fellowship applications typically February. **Deadline:** May 1.
- Call for Summer Stipend applications typically May, and **deadline** September. Check NEH website in the spring to find the next deadline.

## Samples of Funded Projects

- NEH provides samples of funded Fellowship/Summer Stipend proposals.
- Since each application differs based on research requirements, required resources, and the situation of the applicant, these samples are **not** intended to serve as models, but they are useful in getting a sense of how a successful application may be crafted.

## Contact Information

Call Division of Research Programs at 202-606-8200 or email [Fellowships@neh.gov](mailto:Fellowships@neh.gov) / or [stipends@neh.gov](mailto:stipends@neh.gov). Hearing-impaired applicants may contact NEH via TDD at 1-866-372-2930.

Program officers are available to answer questions, but they do not read drafts