

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipends University of South Carolina Nomination Process

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) offers a summer stipend program to provide grants of \$6,000 for two consecutive months of summer support for research and writing in the humanities. Each institution of higher education in the United States and its jurisdictions may nominate two (2) faculty members. Any faculty member is eligible for nomination.

Projects may begin as early as May 1, 2022. All applicants should consult the NEH web site for a description of the program, eligibility and the application process:

<https://www.neh.gov/grants/research/summer-stipends>

<https://www.neh.gov/sites/default/files/inline-files/Summer%20Stipends%20NOFO%202020%20and%202021%2020200923-FT.pdf>

NEH deadline: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 for projects beginning May 2022.

NEH Areas of Interest

NEH is especially interested in supporting projects that advance humanities-related work in the following areas:

“A More Perfect Union”: NEH Special Initiative Advancing Civic Education and Commemorating the Nation’s 250th Anniversary

As our nation approaches its 250th anniversary in 2026, NEH encourages projects that promote a deeper understanding of American history and culture and that advance civic education and knowledge of our core principles of government. The agency-wide “A More Perfect Union” initiative will help Americans better understand the world’s oldest constitutional democracy and how our founding ideals are met in a modern, pluralistic society.

NEH welcomes consideration of diverse topics in American history, from Native American culture to rural life to the rise of the industrial city, from the Civil War to the Cold War to the Civil Rights movement, etc. We also seek projects that examine foundational documents in U.S. history, as well as projects that examine historical objects, places, traditions, events, and individuals who collectively shaped our states and nation. Applications about the contributions of under-represented communities are highly encouraged.

Please note that Summer Stipends may not be used for:

- research by students enrolled in a degree program. including research for doctoral dissertations or theses
- training or coursework for the applicant
- support for graduate student assistants
- the preparation or revision of textbooks

- curriculum development
- the development of teaching methods or theories
- educational or technical impact assessments
- inventories of collections
- the writing of guide books, how-to books, and self-help books
- promotion of a particular political, religious, or ideological point of view
- advocacy of a particular program of social or political action
- support of specific public policies or legislation
- lobbying
- projects that fall outside of the humanities; the creation or performance of art; creative writing, autobiographies, memoirs, and creative nonfiction; and quantitative and/or policy-driven social science research

Each campus at USC (Columbia campus, senior campuses, and regional campuses) may each nominate only two tenure-track applicants for consideration. (Some staff, independent scholars, emeritus faculty and adjunct faculty are exempt from the nomination process. Please see the above web-site for details.) Please note the restriction on citizenship and prior research awards:

U.S. citizens, whether they reside inside or outside the United States, are eligible to apply. Foreign nationals who have been living in the United States or its jurisdictions for at least the three years immediately preceding the application deadline are also eligible.

Individuals who have previously received Summer Stipends may apply to support a new stage of their projects. These applications do not receive special consideration and will be judged by the same criteria as others in the competition. However, NEH will ask reviewers to consider the accomplishments from the prior Summer Stipends award and determine if the project warrants additional support.

Limitations on the number of applications and open awards – Applicants may submit only one application to the Summer Scholar program per year. Applicants are limited to having only one active NEH award to individuals at a time.

Applicants may not participate in a project supported by an NEH institutional award (such as a Summer Seminar or Institute) while holding an NEH individual award that requires continuous, full-time work.

The University of South Carolina's Columbia campus will use the following process for the selection of the two university nominees. Senior and regional campuses will have their own competitions if needed.

1. **By 5 pm Monday, September 6**, prospective applicants will complete the first 3 attachments of the required application materials as defined by the NEH web site referenced above. *The application has multiple attachments, all of which are summarized on the NEH web site –the 4th, 5th and 6th attachments are **not** required at this time.* In addition, letters of recommendation are **not** required at this time. You will have to arrange for them for full proposal submission if your application is selected.
2. **Also by 5 pm Monday, September 6**, applicants will submit the 3 attachments associated with their application via e-mail to Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Jeff Twiss at twiss@mailbox.sc.edu. Applications will be accepted from faculty throughout the university regardless of College or School of origin.
3. **By Noon Wednesday, September 8**, the College of Arts and Sciences will convene a panel of deans to review the proposals and will select two faculty members to nominate to NEH.
4. **By 5 pm Tuesday, September 14**, Dr. Twiss will notify the two nominees as well as those not nominated.
5. **By 5 pm Friday, September 17**, the two successful nominees will have completed the internal approval process, securing the usual USCERA approvals for each nominee's application. They should then proceed to upload their materials to the Grants.gov web site, following the instructions at the link indicated above, by no later than the September 22 deadline and, ideally, by September 21 (see discussion of deadlines below).

*This is an award to the individual, not the institution, so candidates are responsible for their own submissions. Applicants should identify **Richard White, Limited Submissions Coordinator, Office of Research, whitejrw@mailbox.sc.edu, as the responsible university official for verification of the nomination. He is the "Nominating Official."***

For new applicants only: Applicants who have never registered as individual applicants at Grants.gov must go to <https://apply07.grants.gov/apply/IndCPRegister> and enter this Funding Opportunity Number: **20200923-FT**

NEH strongly recommends that you complete your registration at least two weeks before the application deadline.

Applications for NEH Summer Stipends must be received by Grants.gov by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on September 22, 2021.

Please note: We strongly suggest that you upload your application the day before it is due.

Upload your application to Grants.gov: The Grants.gov help desk is now available seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day (except on federal holidays), at 1-800-518-4726. You can also send an e-mail message to support@grants.gov.

In the last five competitions the Summer Stipends program received an average of 827 applications per year. The program made an average of 81 awards per year, for a funding ratio of 9.8 %.

Please read the [Funding Opportunity Title: Summer Stipends Document](#) carefully. *Ultimately **you** are responsible for the completeness and correctness of your submission.*