

NEH Summer Stipend Awards 2018

Internal Limited-Submission Deadline: Friday, August 25, 2017 by 5:00 p.m.

Applications are invited for the National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend Program for summer 2018. Successful applicants receive an outright award of \$6,000 to support two continuous months of research and writing. Recipients must work full-time on their projects for these two months, and may hold other research grants supporting the same project during this time. (NEH Summer Stipends do not require cost sharing and do not include indirect costs.)

Summer Stipends support individuals pursuing advanced research that is of value to humanities scholars, general audiences, or both. Recipients usually produce articles, monographs, books, digital materials, archaeological site reports, translations, editions, and other scholarly resources. Summer Stipends are awarded to individual scholars; organizations are not eligible to apply. Summer Stipends support projects at any stage of development. NEH invites projects related to its initiative, **The Common Good: The Humanities in the Public Square**. This initiative seeks to connect the study of the humanities to the current conditions of national life. (More information about the Common Good initiative is available [here](#).) Note that the Common Good initiative incorporates the [Standing Together initiative](#), which encourages projects related to war and military service. In response to the destruction of cultural heritage materials worldwide, NEH encourages applications for projects that study, document, or create digital representations of lost or imperiled cultural heritage materials. The Summer Stipends program will give equal consideration to all applications in accordance with the program's evaluation criteria, whether or not they respond to the Common Good initiative or the Standing Together initiative or focus on lost or imperiled cultural heritage materials.

Please review the NEH Summer Stipend guidelines for examples of projects that are *not* supported by NEH. Guidelines, along with FAQs, application materials, and sample application narratives can be found at: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/research/summer-stipends> .

As a taxpayer-supported federal agency, NEH endeavors to make the products of its awards available to the broadest possible audience. The goal is for scholars, educators, students, and the American public to have ready and easy access to a wide range of NEH grant products. For the Summer Stipends program, such projects may include digital resources, websites, and the like. For projects that lead to the development of websites, and the like. All other considerations being equal, NEH gives *preference* to those that provide free access to the public. *Details about access and dissemination matters can be found in the application guideline pdf, available at <https://www.neh.gov/files/grants/summer-stipends-sep-27-2017.pdf>.* Those with questions are encouraged to contact Summer Stipends staff at stipends@neh.gov.

Faculty members teaching full-time at colleges or universities *must* be nominated by their institutions to apply for a Summer Stipend. Only two nominations (at any rank) may be made to NEH by each university. If you are a full-time faculty member, please *do not* submit an application directly to NEH; you must apply first to the internal University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign competition (procedures below), and only if you are selected as a campus nominee, can you proceed to apply to NEH. (Please note: Emeritus/retired faculty, adjunct faculty, part-time faculty, and applicants with academic appointments that terminate by the summer of the award tenure, as well as college or university staff members who are not faculty

members and will not be teaching during the academic year preceding the award tenure, or independent scholars not affiliated with a college or university, are all *exempt* from campus nomination and may apply *directly* to NEH, bypassing the internal campus nomination procedure.)

Eligibility

All applicants must have completed their formal education by the application deadline. U.S. citizens are eligible to apply. Foreign nationals who have been living in the U.S. or its jurisdictions for at least three years immediately prior to the application deadline are also eligible. *Adjunct faculty members, academic professionals, and unaffiliated scholars may apply directly to NEH*; please consult the NEH [guidelines](#) for details. Applicants who have satisfied all requirements for a degree but are awaiting its conferral may apply, but require additional documentation; see the NEH [guidelines](#) for details. Individuals who have held or been awarded a major fellowship or research grant or its equivalent within the last three academic years prior to the deadline are eligible to apply, but all things being equal, the program will give preference to applicants who have *not* received such support. (A “major fellowship or research grant” is a post-doctoral research award that provides a stipend of at least \$15,000. Sabbaticals and grants from the individual’s own institution, and stipends and grants from other sources supporting study and research during the summer, are not considered major fellowships.) **If you have received *any* fellowships or research grants within the three years prior to the deadline, please indicate on your résumé the total amount of each award or grant.**

Internal Application Procedure

One digital copy of the application, consisting of:

- a **project narrative** (prepared exactly as specified in NEH [guidelines](#) pages 10–11) and not to exceed three single-spaced pages;
- a **bibliography**, not to exceed one page single-spaced ([guidelines](#) page 11); and
- a **résumé** of no more than two single-spaced pages (prepared according to page 12 of NEH [guidelines](#)). *Please be sure to indicate the amount of any fellowship award or grant received within the three years prior to September 27, 2017.* (See “Eligibility” above.)

must be submitted to the Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 25, 2017. Send all materials as *one* pdf attachment to iprh@illinois.edu. IPRH will review the submissions—with an ad hoc review panel—and make the nominations in early September 2017. *N.B.:* While letters of recommendation are not required for the internal campus competition, they are part of the NEH application. As the turnaround time for submission to NEH after the campus selection is complete is quite brief, IPRH recommends applicants apprise their potential referees of their interest in applying to NEH prior to the internal campus deadline. (Campus nominees’ reference letters must be submitted online to NEH no later than October 19, 2017.)

Deadlines

Completed applications are due in the IPRH office no later than Friday, August 25, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Send all materials as a pdf attachment to iprh@illinois.edu. All applicants will be contacted no later than Monday, September 11; applicants who are chosen as campus nominees must submit their materials to the NEH by September 27.

NEH Application Process

Following their selection, U of I nominees must submit their complete applications to NEH using Grants.gov. Campus nominees who have never registered as *individual* applicants on Grants.gov will need to go to <https://apply07.grants.gov/apply/IndCPRegister> and enter this “Funding Opportunity Number”: **20170927-FT**. NEH recommends completing the registration at least *two weeks* prior to the deadline. Grants.gov provides step-by-step registration instructions at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/individual-registration.html>.

Applications are due to NEH by September 27, 2017. Applicants who have already registered at Grants.gov as individuals need not re-register to submit Summer Stipend proposals. It is recommended, however, that previously registered individuals check their accounts prior to the submission deadline to confirm that their accounts are active and the passwords have not expired.

Nominees will also need to download the Grants.gov application package from the program resource page or to access it through Grants.gov Workspace, and should ensure that all appropriate application forms contained therein are completed as indicated in the guidelines and uploaded to Grants.gov as part of their application. Applicants should read carefully about the five acknowledgment emails they should receive (typically within 24 hours of submission) and verify that they have received all five. Applicants will be notified of the results of their applications by email in March 2018. Notice will be sent to the email address supplied in the application. All applicants may obtain the evaluations of their applications by sending an email message to stipends@neh.gov.

Information can be found at the NEH site: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/research/summer-stipends>.

Please check the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) section (https://www.neh.gov/files/grants/summer-stipends-faqs_2017.pdf) for a detailed discussion of the awards and the application process. To see previously funded projects, click on the Sample Application Narratives (available as pdfs).

Help from NEH

Because of the large number of applications, NEH staff members are not able to comment on draft proposals. NEH staff will, however, answer specific questions and concerns that arise in preparing your proposal and about your eligibility. Staff members may be reached at (202) 606-8200 and at stipends@neh.gov. (Hearing impaired applicants can contact NEH via TDD at 1-866-372-2930.) Applicants are encouraged to review the samples of previously funded applications, as well as the broader list of projects.

U of I faculty members who are planning to submit an application may contact IPRH Associate Director Nancy Castro with questions regarding the internal application process.

Please be aware, also, that the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research typically offers summer grant writing workshops for those preparing grant applications for the fall. Interested parties may contact Maria Gillombardo, Grants Management Assistant, OVCR, at gillomba@illinois.edu.

For more information about the NEH Summer Stipends internal Urbana Campus nomination process, please contact Nancy Castro at ncastro@illinois.edu or 244-7913.