

NEH Summer Stipend Awards 2019

Internal Limited-Submission Deadline: Friday, August 24, 2018 by 5:00 p.m.

Applications are invited for the National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend Program for summer 2019. 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 non-NEH source of support for the same project during the same period of performance. An individual may not hold more than one NEH individual award at the same 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. Eligible projects usually result in articles, monographs, books, digital materials, archaeological site reports, translations, or editions. Summer Stipends are awarded to individual scholars; organizations are not eligible to apply. Projects must incorporate analysis and not result solely in the collection of data. Summer Stipends support projects at any stage of development. NEH invites projects related to its [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 review criteria, whether or not they respond to 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-26-2018.pdf>.* Those with questions are encouraged to contact Summer Stipends staff at stipends@neh.gov.

Faculty members with tenured or tenure-track positions who teach full-time at institutions of higher education *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 tenure-stream 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 period of performance, as well as

members at institutions of higher education who are not faculty members and will not be teaching during the academic year preceding the award, or independent scholars not affiliated with an institution of higher education, are all *exempt* from campus nomination and must apply *directly* to NEH.)

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. While applicants need not have advanced degrees, individuals currently enrolled in a degree-granting program are ineligible to apply.

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. Everything else being equal, though, the program will give preference to applicants who have *not* received such support. (A “major fellowship or research award” is a postdoctoral research award that provides a stipend of at least \$15,000. Sabbaticals and awards from an individual’s own institution, and stipends and awards from other sources supporting study and research during the summer, are not considered major fellowships.) **If you have received *any* fellowships or research awards 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 9–11) 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 11 of NEH [guidelines](#)). *Please be sure to indicate the amount of any fellowship award or grant received within the three years prior to September 26, 2018.* (See “Eligibility” above.)

must be submitted to the Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 24, 2018. 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 2018. *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 18, 2018.)

Deadlines

Completed applications are due in the IPRH office no later than Friday, August 24, 2018 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 10; applicants who are chosen as campus nominees must submit their materials to the NEH by September 26.

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://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/registration.html>. and enter this "Funding Opportunity Number": **20180926-FT**. NEH recommends completing the registration at least *two weeks* prior to the deadline. Applications materials are available from and may be completed online at the Grants.gov Workspace.

Applications are due to NEH by September 26, 2018. 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. NEH also recommends submitting by noon Eastern time on the day of the deadline.

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 four acknowledgment emails they should receive (typically within 24 hours of submission) and verify that they have received all four. Applicants will be notified of the results of their applications by email in March 2019. 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_2018.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 read and 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 TTY at 1-800-877-8399.) 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 Deputy Director Nancy Castro with questions regarding the internal application process.

Please be aware, also, that the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research, through the Office of Research Advising and Project Development (RAPD), offers summer proposal writing groups for

those preparing applications for the fall. They are also glad to meet individually and/or provide feedback on drafts via email. Interested parties may contact Maria Gillombardo, Research Development Manager - RAPD, 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.