National Endowment for the Humanities

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- NEH is easy to work with; they want you to call them AND is the only federal agency who routinely critiques drafts of proposals!
- NEH grants typically go to cultural institutions, such as colleges, universities, museums, archives, libraries, public television, and radio stations, and to individual scholars.
- The grants:
  - strengthen teaching and learning in the humanities in schools and colleges across the nation
  - facilitate research and original scholarship
  - provide opportunities for lifelong learning
  - preserve and provide access to cultural and educational resources
  - strengthen the institutional base of the humanities
Major Disciplines
Supported by NEH

- History
- Literature
- Art History
- Archaeology
- Philosophy
- Jurisprudence
- Criticism and Theory of the Arts

- Linguistics
- Language (modern and classical)
- Ethics, Comparative Religion
- Those Aspects of Social Sciences which have Humanistic Content
We the People Initiative

Encourages scholarly exploration of significant events & themes in U.S. history & culture that advance knowledge of the principles that define America.

NEH accepts We the People proposals to all programs, and at all deadlines!

Additionally, NEH offers these special We the People programs:

• Landmarks of American History & Culture: Workshops for Community College; Faculty & School Teachers (3/15/07)
• We the People Challenge Grants in U.S. History and Culture (2/1/07)
• Family & Youth Programs in American History (All deadlines for Public Programs for Museums, Libraries, & Special Projects)
• Interpreting America’s Historic Places: Planning & Implementation Grants (9/5/07; 1/23/07)
**Digital Humanities Initiative**

NEH recently launched a new initiative, aimed at supporting projects that utilize or study the impact of digital technology.

**NEH accepts Digital Humanities proposals to all programs, and at all deadlines!**

Additionally, NEH offers these special Digital Humanities programs:

- DH Start-Up Grants (11/15/06 & 4/3/07)
- DH Advancing Knowledge: The IMLS/NEH Digital Partnership (3/27/07)
- DH Challenge Grants (5/1/07; 11/1/07)
- DH Workshops (1/17/07)
- DH Fellowships (5/1/07)
Division of Research Programs

Collaborative Research Grants:
Supports original research undertaken by a team of 2 or more scholars; or research coordinated by an individual scholar that, because of its scope or complexity, requires additional staff and resources beyond the individual's salary. (11/1/07)

Eligible projects include:
- research that significantly adds to knowledge and understanding in the humanities;
- conferences on topics of major importance in the humanities that will benefit ongoing research;
- archaeology projects that interpret and communicate the results of archaeological fieldwork.
- translations into English of works that provide insight into the history, literature, philosophy, and artistic achievements of other cultures; and
- research that uses the knowledge, methods, and perspectives of the humanities to enhance understanding of science, technology, and medicine.
Division of Research Programs

**Summer Stipends**
Provides $5,000 for 2 consecutive, months of study.
(10/2/07)

**Fellowships and Faculty Research Awards**
Supports individuals pursuing advanced research in the humanities that contributes to scholarly knowledge or to the general public's understanding of the humanities. An outright award of $24,000 supports a six- to eight-month grant period; an outright award of $40,000 supports a nine- to twelve-month grant period.
(5/1/07)
Division of Education Programs

Faculty Humanities Workshops
(9/17/07)

Grants support local and regional professional development programs for K-12 teachers and faculty at post-secondary institutions.

Workshops should:

• extend and deepen knowledge of the humanities by fostering collaborative study of significant topics, texts, and issues;

• provide faculty the opportunity to engage in rigorous intellectual inquiry, including reading, reflection, and discussion;

• involve scholars from outside the institution(s) who are experts on the topic of the workshop;

• use creative formats and programs to engage faculty members.
Grants for Teaching and Learning Resources & Curriculum Development

Materials Development projects (10/1/07)
• create materials for national dissemination--print & electronic formats (can not be used for development of textbooks!)
• Awards are for up to $200,000 and may span a period of up to three years.

Curriculum Development projects (10/1/07)
• support new institutional arrangements and curricular change
• Provide up to $100,000; for a period of 12 to 18 months.
Grants for preservation, and access projects that preserve and make available resources for humanities research, education, and public programming.

Examples of preservation & access projects include: microfilming brittle material, arranging and describing collections, stabilizing material culture collections, and producing reference materials.

Deadlines:
- Preservation Assistance for Smaller Institutions (3/15/07)
- Preservation and Access Education and Training Grants (7/3/07)
- Research & Development Grants (5/16/07)
Support for improved housing and storage, environmental conditions, security, lighting, and fire protection:

- Preservation & Access Grants for Stabilizing Humanities Collections (10/2/07)

- National Digital Newspaper Program (11/1/07)

- Advancing Knowledge: The IMLS/NEH Digital Partnership (3/27/07)
Division of Public Programs

Encouraging thoughtful public engagement in, and enjoyment of, the humanities through informal education.

Beginning in 2007, NEH will no longer offer consultation grants for radio & television projects; museums, libraries, or special projects; or for "Interpreting America's Historic Places."

Implementation Grants: (last deadline: 1/23/07); Planning Grants: (9/5/07)
- Interpreting America’s Historic Places: Implementation Grants; Planning Grants
- Libraries & Archives Implementation Grants; Planning Grants
- Museums, Libraries & Special Projects Implementation Grants; Planning Grants
Applying to NEH: Important Steps

- Read program guidelines
- Call a program officer to discuss project
- Request a copy of a sample proposal
NEH Helpful Links…

PROGRAMS, DEADLINES AND APPLICATIONS

www.neh.gov/grants/grants.html

GRANTEES


FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

www.neh.gov/grants/commonquestions.html
National Endowment for the Arts

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Major Disciplines Supported by NEA

- Arts Education
- Dance
- Design
- Folk and Traditional Arts
- Literature
- Local Arts Agencies
- Media Arts: Film/Radio/Television
- Museums
- Music
- Musical Theatre
- Opera
- Presenting
- State and Regional
- Theatre
- Visual Arts
NEA Funding Opportunities

Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth (6/11/07)
Supports in-depth, curriculum-based arts education experiences that occur over an extended period. Projects must provide participatory learning and engagement of students with skilled artists, teachers, and excellent art.

Access to Artistic Excellence (3/12; 8/13/07)
Supports projects that provide short-term arts exposure or arts appreciation for children and youth as well as intergenerational education projects.

Challenge America: Reaching Every Community Fast-Track Review Grants (6/1/07)
Supports primarily small and mid-sized organizations for projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations. Grants are for $10,000. Funding is not available for curriculum-based instruction in the arts.
NEA Funding Opportunities

NEA American Masterpieces:
Sponsors performances, exhibitions, tours, and educational programs across all art forms that will reach large and small communities in all 50 states.

-Visual Arts Touring (last deadline: 9/21/06)

-Choral Music (last deadline: 9/21/06)

-Musical Theatre (last deadline: 8/21/06)
NEA Funding Opportunities

The Arts on Radio and Television (9/7/07)
Supports projects for radio and television arts programs that are intended for national broadcast. Grants generally range from $20,000 to $200,000.

Save America's Treasures (4/26/07)
Grants for preservation and/or conservation work on nationally significant intellectual and cultural artifacts and nationally significant historic structures and sites.
Literature Fellowships
Provides fellowships of up to $20,000 to published creative writers & translators of exceptional talent in the areas of prose & poetry. Program operates on a 2-yr cycle

• Fellowships in Fiction & Creative Nonfiction [FY 2008] (3/1/07)

• Fellowships in Poetry [FY 2009] (3/3/08)
NEA International Literature Awards
(last deadline: 9/14/06)

Provides American readers with greater access to the contemporary literature of Europe & increase the number & quality of foreign literary works that are published in the U.S. Current awards will focus on Europe with partnerships between the Arts Endowment & the countries of Greece & Spain. Projects must involve the translation of literary works from Greece or Spain into English & the promotion of those works to American readers.
NEA Funding Opportunities

Folk and Traditional Arts Infrastructure Partnership Grant
(last deadline: 10/6/2006)

Supports efforts to preserve the US's diverse cultural heritage by strengthening state & regional, professionally directed programs for folk & traditional arts. Projects may include the creation of professional positions, apprenticeships, & long-term partnerships; technical assistance; & productions. IHEs working in partnership with a state arts agency are eligible to apply. Institutions should not apply without contacting their state arts agency.
NEA Helpful Links…

PROGRAMS, DEADLINES AND APPLICATIONS
www.nea.gov/grants/apply/index.html

GRANTEEES
www.nea.gov/grants/recent/index.html

STATE & REGIONAL PARTNERS
www.nea.gov/partner/state/SAA_RAO_list.html
Partnership for a Nation of Learners Community
Collaboration Grants (3/1/07)

Builds & strengthens working relationships among libraries, museums, & public broadcasting licensees that enhance their roles within their communities. Each project should show how such collaboration & shared resources enable partners to meet clearly defined needs for one or more audience segments within their local communities. FY 07 awards range from $25,000-$250,000.
Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program
(last deadline: 12/15/06)

Supports efforts to recruit & educate the next generation of librarians & the faculty who will prepare them for careers in library science. Also supports grants for research related to library ed & library staffing needs, curriculum dev., & continuing ed & training. All types of libraries, except federal & for-profit libraries, may apply. Awards will range from $50,000-$1 million.
IMLS Funding Opportunities

National Leadership Grants for Libraries (3/1/07)

Provides $25,000 - $1 million up to 3 yrs for creative library projects that serve as national models. Applicants may apply individually or as partners. Museums may apply only in partnership with an eligible library applicant, with the library applicant as the lead. Cost sharing is required. Priorities are: Building Digital Resources; Library & Museum Community Collaboration; & Research and Demonstration.
National Leadership Grants for Museums
(last deadline: 2/1/2007)

Provides $25,000 - $1 million up to 3 yrs for museum projects that offer innovative public service, use new technologies in creative ways, promise to be model projects, & improve public access to museums. Awards are made in three areas: Advancing Learning Communities, Building Digital Resources, & Research and Demonstration. Museums of all types are eligible.
Conservation Assessment Program
(last deadline: 12/1/2006)

Provides eligible museums with a general conservation survey grant. The program supports a two-day site visit by a conservation professional to perform assessment & up to 3 days to write the report. Institutions with living animal collections, botanical gardens, & arboreta are also eligible to apply in some instances.
IMLS Funding Opportunities

Museum Assessment Program (last deadline: 2/15/07)

Provides noncompetitive grants of technical assistance for four assessments: institutional, collections management, public dimension, and governance. The grants are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis after being approved by the Director of IMLS. MAP is a cooperative program between IMLS and the American Association of Museums.
**IMLS Funding Opportunities**

**Conservation Project Support** *(last deadline: 10/1/06)*

Supports matching grants to help museums identify conservation needs and priorities and to perform activities for the safekeeping of collections. Collections may be non-living, systematics/natural history, living plants, and living animals. Activities may include environmental improvements, research, surveys, training, and treatment. Grants are up to $150,000 (up to $250,000 for exceptional projects), and up to $10,000 in additional funds for an Education Component.
Museums for America (last deadline: 11/15/06)

Encourages museums to use their collections, exhibits, & services to strengthen learning in the schools, in the home, & in partnership with community orgs. Program aims to provide support to museums for: cultural heritage; lifelong learning; & community engagement. Projects include: planning/ongoing activities; improvement of infrastructure; purchase of equipment or services; &/or other activities. Awards range from $5,000 to $150,000, for a max. 3-yr period.
IMLS Helpful Links…

PROGRAMS, DEADLINES AND APPLICATIONS

www.imls.gov/applicants/applicants.shtm

GRANTEEES

www.imls.gov/recipients/recipients.shtm

STATE PROGRAMS

www.imls.gov/programs/programs.shtm
And Then There's More!!
General Social Science Opportunities
(National Science Foundation)

Social, Behavioral, & Economic Sciences

• Cross-Directorate Activities
  Encompasses a collection of Foundation-wide activities that provide support for human resource development and infrastructure improvement. CDA administers some programs directly and coordinates other programs aimed at Foundation-wide goals of increasing the participation of women, minorities, and the disabled in science and engineering; encouraging and rewarding promising new faculty; support of undergraduate, graduate, and postdoctoral activities; and improving the infrastructure of the social and behavioral sciences. (proposals accepted anytime)

• Cultural Anthropology
  Promotes basic scientific research on the causes and consequences of human social and cultural variation. The program solicits research proposals of theoretical importance in all substantive and theoretical subfields within the discipline of Cultural Anthropology. (8/15/07)
General Social Science Opportunities
(National Science Foundation)

Social, Behavioral, & Economic Sciences

- Economics
  Supports research designed to improve the understanding of the processes and institutions of the U.S. economy and of the world system of which it is a part. It supports research in almost every area of economics, including econometrics, economic history, environmental economics, finance, industrial organization, international economics, labor economics, macroeconomics, mathematical economics, and public finance. (8/18/07)

- Linguistics
  Supports scientific research of all types that focus on human language as an object of investigation. The program supports research on the syntactic, semantic, phonetic, and phonological properties of individual languages and of language in general; the psychological processes involved in the use of language; the development of linguistic capacities in children; social and cultural factors in language use, variation, and change; the acoustics of speech and the physiological and psychological processes involved in the production and perception of speech; and the biological bases of language in the brain. (7/15/07)
General Social Science Opportunities
(Social Science Research Council)

- **Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship Program**
  Supports early-stage graduate students in formulating successful doctoral dissertation proposals that are also competitive in future fellowship competitions. Students in the humanities and social sciences may apply to one of five research fields, each led by two directors. Fellows participate in a spring workshop that prepares them for predissertation research and another in the fall, designed to help them synthesize their summer research into dissertation proposals and future fellowship applications. *(3/1/07)*

- **International Dissertation Field Research Fellowship Program**
  Supports social scientists and humanists conducting dissertation field research in all areas and regions of the world. Applicants, regardless of citizenship, must be enrolled in a US doctoral program and must have completed all coursework but the dissertation before the start of the fellowship. Awards of up to $20,000 support nine to twelve months in the field, plus travel expenses. *(last deadline: 11/1/06)*
Fulbright Opportunities
(Council for International Exchange of Scholars)

• Traditional Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program
  Sends nearly 800 scholars & professionals each year to 140 countries, where they lecture or conduct research in a wide variety of academic & professional fields. Applicants must have current US citizenship; hold a PhD or other terminal degree in their field; have university teaching experience; & have foreign language proficiency for country where project will take place. Awards vary from 2 months to a full academic year. (last deadline: 8/1/06)

• Fulbright European Union Scholar-in-Residence Program
  Supports the strengthening of European Union affairs by bringing European scholars to US campuses to give guest lectures, conduct seminars, consult faculty and students on research, engage in collaborative study, and provide outreach to neighboring institutions and the local community. Proposals may be submitted by any US research or graduate institution that has an established international affairs, business, political science, or other related department in which the presence of an EU expert would be beneficial. (last deadline: 10/16/06)
**Fulbright Opportunities**

(Institute of International Education)

- Fulbright U.S. Student Program
  Coordinates activities relevant to the Department of State's Fulbright graduate student program. The Institute also conducts an annual competition for one year of study or research. Program is designed to give recent BS/BA graduates, master's & doctoral candidates, & young professionals/artists opportunities for personal development & international experience in over 140 countries. Most grantees plan their own programs. Awards vary from country to country.  
  (last deadline: 10/20/06)
General Foundation Opportunities

• **Ferree Foundation Grants**
  Promotes and supports excellence in the arts, culture and history, education, youth engagement, health, human services, and local economic and community development. Focuses its funding to organizations in Lancaster County and southeastern PA.  
  *(deadline: 9/15/07)*

• **Lancaster County Community Foundation General Grants**
  Seeks to strengthen the quality of life of county residents by building community capital for today and tomorrow; enhancing the quality of life of citizens engaging people and organizations in philanthropy; convening, planning and working for positive change and supporting and launching new initiatives. *(deadline: varies, makes awards twice per year)*
General Foundation Opportunities

• The Graham Foundation General Grants
  Supports organizations involved with arts and culture, education, health, and human services. Focuses its funding to programs in Pennsylvania. (proposals accepted anytime)

• HBE Foundation General Grants
  Gives funding for the arts, culture, education, and human services. Funding is primarily for programs in southeastern PA. (letters of inquiry accepted anytime)
Contact GRC through Millersville’s Grants and Sponsored Research Office

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