



**NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE
HUMANITIES**

Notice of Funding Opportunity: Fellowships

Funding Opportunity Number: 20250409-FEL

Funding Opportunity Type: New

Federal Assistance Listing Number: 45.160

Application Deadline: April 9, 2025

Applicants to NEH for awards with expected issuance dates on or after October 1, 2024, should be aware of revisions to the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (2 CFR Part 200) effective from that date. All NEH awards issued on or after October 1, 2024, will be subject to the revised regulations. Exemption Note: While awards to individuals do not include budgets, indirect costs, or single audits, broader revisions to 2 CFR 200 may be applicable.

Additional information is available at <https://www.neh.gov/grants/manage/2024-Revisions-to-2-CFR-200>

Ensure your Grants.gov registration and password are current.
NEH will not grant deadline extensions for lack of registration.

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Executive Summary

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Division of Research Programs is accepting applications for the Fellowships program. The purpose of this program is to support individual scholars pursuing projects that embody exceptional humanistic research, rigorous analysis, and clear writing. Fellowships provide recipients with time to conduct research or produce books, monographs, peer-reviewed articles, e-books, digital materials, translations with annotations or a critical apparatus, or critical editions resulting from previous research.

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Application Deadline	April 9, 2025, 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time
Anticipated Award Announcement	December 2025
Anticipated FY 2026 Funding	Approximately \$4,000,000
Estimated Number and Type of Awards	Approximately 80 grants
Award Amounts	\$30,000 to \$60,000 (\$5,000 per month)
Cost Sharing/Match Required	No
Period of Performance	The period of performance is 6-12 months. Projects must start between January 1, 2026, and September 1, 2027.
Eligible Applicants	Individuals; see C. Eligibility Information .
Program Resource Page	https://www.neh.gov/grants/research/fellowships
Pre-Application Webinar	February 19, 2025, 12:30 p.m. Eastern Time https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/914ab165-099d-4c75-94b4-453fa00d3785@93b06459-c77d-44b6-af7f-e813cddedcc3
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A. Program Description

1. Purpose

This notice solicits applications for the Fellowships program.

NEH awards Fellowships to individual scholars pursuing projects that embody exceptional humanistic research, rigorous analysis, and clear writing. Applications must clearly articulate a project's value to humanities scholars, general audiences, or both. Fellowships provide recipients with time to write, to travel, and to conduct research and other project-related activities. Projects may be at any stage of development and may be based on original research or provide a synthesis of ideas. NEH invites research applications from scholars in all disciplines, regardless of geographic or chronological focus, and encourages submissions from independent scholars and junior scholars.

Program Outcomes and Outputs

The outcomes and outputs of a Fellowship award may include, but are not limited to books, monographs, peer reviewed articles, e-books, born-digital projects and resources, translations with annotations or a critical apparatus, or critical editions resulting from previous research, or research intended to be disseminated in one or more of those formats.

Describe your project purpose, outcomes and outputs in [Attachment 1: Narrative](#).

See [D6. Funding Restrictions](#) for unallowable activities.

See [E1. Review Criteria](#) for the standards NEH will use to evaluate applications under this notice.

See [H. Other Information](#) for other individual research programs that might be an alternative funding opportunity for your project.

2. Background

NEH offers this funding opportunity under the authority of [20 U.S.C. § 956](#). Awards are subject to the [NEH Fellowships and Awards for Faculty Terms and Conditions](#).

Under [Section 3\(a\) of the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965](#), as amended, "The term 'humanities' includes, but is not limited to, the study of the following: language, both modern and classical; linguistics; literature; history; jurisprudence; philosophy; archaeology; comparative religion; ethics; the history, criticism and theory of the arts; those aspects of the social sciences which have humanistic content and employ humanistic methods; and the study and application of the humanities to the human environment with particular attention to reflecting our diverse heritage, traditions, and history and to the relevance of the humanities to the current conditions of national life."

Use the [Funded Projects Query Form](#) to find examples of NEH-supported projects.

[Learn more about NEH](#).

B. Federal Award Information

1. Type of Application and Award

NEH seeks new applications in response to this notice. You may revise and resubmit previously rejected applications.

NEH will provide funding in the form of grants.

2. Summary of Funding

Award amounts

Successful applicants will receive a stipend of \$5000 per month for full-time work. The minimum award is \$30,000 for a six-month period of performance. The maximum award is \$60,000 for a twelve-month period of performance.

NEH will award successful applicants outright funds, which are not contingent on additional funding from other sources.

NEH anticipates awarding approximately \$4,000,000 among an estimated 80 recipients.

NEH will not determine the amount available until Congress enacts the final FY 2026 budget. This notice is subject to the availability of appropriated funds and is a contingency action taken to ensure that, should funds become available for this purpose, NEH can process applications and issue awards in a timely manner.

Period of performance

The period of performance is the span of time during which you are committed to working on your NEH-supported project. You should request a period of performance that suits your schedule and the needs of your project. Requesting a shorter period of performance will not improve your chances of receiving an award.

You may request a period of performance between six and twelve months with a start date between January 1, 2026, and September 1, 2027. Your period of performance must be continuous and must start on the first day of the month and end on the last day of the month. During the period of performance, you must work full time on your project and forego teaching, administrative assignments, and other major activities.

C. Eligibility Information

NEH accepts applications to this program from individuals who meet the following requirements.

1. Eligible Applicants

You must be one of the following to be eligible:

- A U.S. citizen residing domestically or abroad
- A foreign national who has lived in the United States or its jurisdictions for at least the three years prior to the application deadline

Foreign nationals who take up permanent residence outside the United States any time between the application deadline and the end of the period of performance will forfeit their eligibility. Leaving the U.S. on a temporary basis is permitted.

Currently enrolled students

If you have satisfied the requirements for a degree and are awaiting its conferral, you are eligible, but you must include a letter from the dean of the conferring school or your department chair attesting to your status as of the application deadline in [Attachment 9: Degree conferral](#). All other individuals currently enrolled in a degree program are ineligible to apply.

Organizations

Organizations are ineligible.

2. Cost Sharing

Cost sharing is not required in this program.

3. Other Eligibility Information

Resubmissions and Multiple Submissions

You may revise and resubmit previously rejected applications. Submissions are subject to the application requirements and [review criteria](#) of the current competition.

You may submit only one application under this notice.

If you submit multiple applications (including submitting to the wrong funding opportunity or making corrections/updates), NEH will only accept your last validated submission prior to the deadline under the correct Grants.gov funding opportunity.

Dissertation revisions

You may seek funding for a project based on your completed dissertation. You should state in your narrative that you intend to revise your dissertation and explain how the proposed project moves beyond the original.

Concurrent NEH applications

You may apply to only one of the following programs in a given federal fiscal year:

- [Fellowships](#)
- [Awards for Faculty at Hispanic-Serving Institutions, Historically Black Colleges and Universities](#), or [Tribal Colleges and Universities](#)
- [Fellowships for Advanced Social Science Research on Japan](#)

Previously funded NEH applications

You may apply for funding for a Fellowship project previously supported by a two-month NEH [Summer Stipend](#). In such a case, NEH will review the accomplishments from the previous award to determine whether the project warrants additional funding. If the current application includes work proposed in the previously funded Summer Stipend, you must address this

overlap in the work plan. NEH will not provide additional support for work that has already been completed.

You may not apply for funding for a project previously funded by any of the following programs:

- [Fellowships](#)
- [Awards for Faculty at Hispanic-Serving Institutions, Historically Black Colleges and Universities](#), or [Tribal Colleges and Universities](#)
- [Fellowships for Advanced Social Science Research on Japan](#)
- [Public Scholars](#)
- [Dynamic Language Infrastructure - Documenting Endangered Languages Fellowships](#)

Multiple Awards

You may not hold two awards in support of the same activities.

You may not hold two or more NEH individual awards with overlapping periods of performance (for example, a Fellowship and a Summer Stipend; or a Fellowship and a Public Scholars award).

NEH will not delay the period of performance beyond the stated timelines of this NOFO to accommodate overlapping individual awards. See [B2. Summary of Funding](#).

If you accept an NEH Fellowship, any pending Summer Stipends, Public Scholars, or DLI-Documenting Endangered Languages program application you have submitted for the same project will be automatically withdrawn.

You may not serve as the project director or key personnel on an NEH institutional award while working full time on an NEH individual award.

Concurrent grants from other organizations

You may simultaneously hold fellowships or grants from institutions other than NEH — including sabbaticals and grants from your own institution — in support of the same project during your period of performance.

Collaborative projects

This program is designed for individual researchers; awards may not be divided. If you are seeking funding for more than one scholar in a collaborative project, each individual must:

- submit a separate application specifying their individual contribution (Peer reviewers will evaluate each application on its own merits.)
- independently meet the eligibility requirements
- clearly explain how the work will be divided and the extent to which each collaborator's contribution depends on that of the other(s)

You are eligible to apply if you are working as part of a collaborative team but seeking funding only for yourself. Collaborating scholars affiliated with an eligible institution may apply to the

[Collaborative Research](#) program. If more than one member of a collaborative project applies for this individual award, NEH will consider each application separately.

Other restrictions

NEH does not issue awards to other federal entities. If your project is so closely intertwined with a federal entity that the project takes on characteristics of the federal entity's own authorized activities, it is ineligible. You may use funds from, or sites and materials controlled by, other federal entities in your project.

Except for the rare cases covered by its [late submission policy](#), NEH will not consider applications submitted after the [deadline](#).

NEH will not consider incomplete, nonresponsive, or ineligible applications.

NEH will not consider applications that exceed page limits or deviate from formatting instructions. See the [Application Components Table](#).

D. Application and Submission Information

1. Application Package

You must apply using Grants.gov Workspace. You can find this funding opportunity in Grants.gov under number 20250409-FEL. There is also a link on the [program resource page](#).

Once you have located the funding opportunity in Grants.gov, you will find the application package under the "Package" tab. It includes a series of required and conditionally required forms. You will upload additional application components using the [Attachments Form](#).

You must complete a multistep registration process to submit your application. See [D3. Grants.gov Registration Process](#).

Contact fellowships@neh.gov to request a paper copy of this notice.

2. Content and Form of Application Submission

Your application will consist of a series of forms included in Grants.gov Workspace and other components that you will prepare and upload to the [Attachments Form](#). The Application Components Table below will help you prepare a complete application. You are not required to submit a budget.

You must submit all required and relevant conditionally required components. NEH will not review applications missing any required documents or relevant conditionally required documents.

Take note of the page limits and formatting instructions in this notice. NEH will not review applications that exceed mandatory page limits or deviate from formatting instructions.

Do not include attachments other than those requested in this notice. If you do, NEH will reject your application.

Unless the instructions specify otherwise, your attachments must be PDFs and conform to the following formatting requirements:

- pages no larger than standard letter size (8 1/2" x 11")
- at least one-inch margins on all sides for all pages
- a font size no smaller than 11-point
- single-spacing
- a standard Roman font: (e.g., Arial, Georgia, Helvetica, or Times New Roman)
- any standard citation style is acceptable; citations are included in page counts

NEH has assigned each application component one of the following designations:

- **Required:** You must submit this component.
- **Conditionally Required:** You must submit this component if your proposal meets the specified conditions.
- **Recommended:** NEH encourages, but does not require, you to submit this component.
- **Conditionally required for recipients:** You are encouraged but not required to submit this component when you apply. You must submit it to receive an award if your proposal meets the specified conditions.

In addition, NEH has established page limits for some application components:

- **Mandatory:** You must not exceed the page limit. All Fellowships page limits are mandatory.
- **Suggested:** NEH encourages, but does not require, you to abide by the page limit.

Application Component Table

Application Component	File Name	Designation	Page limits
Attachments			
1: Narrative	narrative.pdf	Required	3 (mandatory)
2: Work plan	workplan.pdf	Required	1 (mandatory)
3: Bibliography	bibliography.pdf	Required	1 (mandatory)
4: Résumé	resume.pdf	Required	2 (mandatory)
5: Editions and translations	translation.pdf	Conditionally required	2 (mandatory)
6: Visual materials	visual.pdf	Recommended	1 (mandatory)
7: Data sample	data.pdf	Recommended	1 (mandatory)

8: Data management and sharing plan	datamanagement.pdf	Conditionally required	2 (mandatory)
9: Degree conferral	degreeconferral.pdf	Conditionally required	
10: Explanation of delinquent federal debt	delinquentdebt.pdf	Conditionally required for recipients	
Grants.gov forms			
SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance - Individual		Required	
NEH Supplemental Information for Individuals Form		Required	
Project/Performance Site(s) Location Form		Required	
Attachments Form		Required	

Application Components: Attachments

Each attachment must be a single PDF file. See the [attachments form](#) instructions for further guidance about file requirements. Read those instructions carefully, as Grants.gov will not accept files that do not meet the requirements.

Attachment 1: Narrative (required)

Compose a comprehensive description of your proposed project. Your narrative should be succinct, well organized, and free of technical terms and jargon so that peer reviewers can understand the proposed project.

You must limit the narrative to three single-spaced pages. Do not include an executive summary, cover page, or a table of contents. You may include images, charts, diagrams, footnotes, and endnotes if they fit within the page limit.

Organize your narrative using the following headings.

Significance and contribution (aligns primarily with [review criterion 1](#))

Describe the intellectual significance of the proposed project, including its value to humanities scholars, general audiences, or both. Provide an overview of the project, explaining the basic ideas, problems, or questions examined by the study. Describe your research and state the project's thesis or claim(s). Explain how the project will complement, challenge, or expand relevant studies in the field. Discuss how your scholarship will be presented to benefit the intended audiences.

If you are applying to translate a work into English, and other English translations already exist, provide a rationale for a new translation. If your project results in a work that will be written in a language other than English, provide a rationale for publishing in that language.

Organization, concepts, and methods (aligns primarily with [review criterion 2](#))

Explain how your proposed research will help you resolve the problems or questions you are examining. Describe the theoretical framework of your argument and explain how your proposed research will advance it. Explain your concepts and your terminology. Describe and discuss your method(s) and sources.

For all publications, explain how your final product will be organized. For books, if possible, provide a chapter outline with brief explanations of each chapter's arguments. For born-digital projects, explain your project's organization by providing an outline of major elements (visual, textual, or interactive) with brief explanations of each section's arguments. Describe the technologies and platforms you will use for both analysis and presentation. For editions and translations, describe the project's scholarly apparatus (e.g., introduction, annotations, and paratextual material).

For dissertation revisions, state that your project is to revise a dissertation. You should explain how your project moves beyond the original dissertation, and how it will benefit from the additional research, materials, or chapter(s).

Competencies, skills, and access (aligns primarily with [review criterion 4](#))

Explain your competence or background in the area of your project. If the area of inquiry is new to you, explain your reasons for working in it and your qualifications to do so. Specify the level of competence in any languages, technologies, or methods needed for the study. Describe where you will conduct the study and what research materials you will use. If relevant, specify the arrangements for access to archives, collections, or institutions that contain the necessary resources.

Final product and dissemination (aligns primarily with [review criterion 5](#))

Describe the intended results of the project. Identify your intended audience. Explain how you will disseminate the results and why these means are appropriate to the subject matter and audience. If the project has a website, provide the URL. If the final product will appear in a language other than English, explain how access and dissemination will be affected. If the project involves materials under copyright, indicate your plans for securing the necessary permission to publish.

Your narrative must not exceed three pages. It will be considered primarily under review criterion 1, 2, 4, and 5.

Name the file narrative.pdf.

Attachment 2: Work plan (required)

Present a schedule for the period of performance (in increments of three months or fewer). This schedule can be in narrative form or by using a table. Indicate the current state of the project and identify what, if any, parts of the project you have already completed. Explain the tasks you expect to accomplish during the period of performance. If you will not complete the project during the period of performance, state when you expect to complete it. You should not include a chapter outline. Chapter outlines and descriptions, if applicable, should be part of your narrative.

Your work plan must be based on a full-time commitment to the project; part-time work is not allowed. It should reflect the major activities you described in your narrative and the project dates on your [SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance - Individual](#).

Your work plan should not depend heavily on factors beyond your control, such as the receipt of outside reviewers' reports from a publisher. If you plan to submit a manuscript for publication before the end of the period of performance, explain what additional work will be required and why it merits support.

Your timeline should include where you will work and, if you will be in more than one location, how long you will spend in each.

If you received an NEH Summer Stipend award for the same project, indicate what was accomplished during that award period and how the proposed work plan builds on your previous support.

If you and another researcher are seeking funds for the same project, identify them and state if they have received or submitted a proposal for NEH support. Clearly explain how the work will be divided and the extent to which each collaborator's contribution depends on that of the other.

The work plan must not exceed one page. It will be primarily considered under [review criterion 3](#).

Name the file workplan.pdf.

Attachment 3: Bibliography (required)

Your bibliography should consist of the primary and secondary sources that relate most directly to the project. Include works that pertain to both the project's substance and its theoretical or methodological approaches to give a well-rounded representation of your project. Evaluators will use the bibliography to assess your knowledge of the subject area.

Any standard bibliographic format is acceptable. Items referenced in the narrative need not appear in the bibliography if the citation in the narrative enables readers to identify the work.

The bibliography must not exceed one page. It will be considered primarily under [review criterion 4](#).

Name the file bibliography.pdf.

Attachment 4: Résumé (required)

Submit your information in a CV or résumé format. Do not submit a narrative biographical statement. Include the following information:

- name
- current and past positions
- education: list degrees, dates awarded, and titles of theses or dissertations
- awards and honors: include dates. If you have received prior support from NEH, indicate the dates of these awards and the products that resulted from them
- publications: include full citations for publications and presentations

- other relevant professional activities and accomplishments, including your level of competence in any relevant languages other than English and level of competence in relevant digital tools

Your résumé must not exceed two pages. It will be considered primarily under [review criterion 4](#).

Name the file resume.pdf.

Attachment 5: Editions and translations (conditionally required)

If you are creating an edition or translation, you must provide a sample of the original text (one page) and the edited or translated version (one page). If you plan to include annotations, your sample of the edited or translated version should include examples.

Do not exceed two pages total (original and translation). Your translation or edition sample will be considered primarily under [review criterion 2](#).

Name the attachment translation.pdf.

Attachment 6: Visual materials (recommended)

If you include visual materials, NEH recommends that you provide a sample. Your sample must be saved as a PDF (do not use .jpg or other common graphic formats).

Do not exceed one page of visual materials. Your visual materials will be considered primarily under review criterion 2.

Name the attachment visual.pdf.

Attachment 7: Data sample (recommended)

If you are developing a dataset, NEH recommends that you provide a representative sample of your data.

Do not exceed one page. Your sample will be considered primarily under [review criterion 2](#).

Name the attachment data.pdf.

Attachment 8: Data management and sharing plan (conditionally required)

NEH expects that any materials produced in digital form as a result of its awards (applied or scientific research datasets, born-digital scholarship, or integral digital components of hybrid projects) will be maintained and preserved to ensure their long-term availability. To that end:

- Describe your plan for hosting, maintaining, and preserving your digital products. While you do not need to have a publication contract or formal hosting plan in place at the time of application, mention if you plan to seek institutional hosting (including with a press).
- Explain who will be responsible for maintaining the project during the period of active maintenance.
- Include any standards for data and metadata format and content your project will use.

- Explain any data security precautions you are taking and how you will protect the confidentiality of sensitive or private data.
- Describe plans for preservation after the period of active maintenance is over, including listing what elements of the project will be preserved.

Do not exceed two pages. Your data management plan will be considered under [review criteria 2 and 5](#).

Name the attachment datamanagement.pdf

Attachment 9: Degree conferral (conditionally required)

If you have satisfied all the requirements for a degree and are awaiting its conferral, you must include a letter from the dean of the conferring school or the department chair attesting that you have satisfied all of the requirements for the degree by the application deadline.

Name the file degreeconferral.pdf.

Attachment 10: Explanation of delinquent federal debt (conditionally required for recipients)

If you receive an offer of an award and are **delinquent** in the repayment of any federal debt, you will be asked to provide explanatory information including evidence that you have entered into a repayment agreement with the Internal Revenue Service, and that you are current on all payments due. Examples of relevant debt include **delinquent** student loans, taxes, child support payments, and payroll taxes for household or other employees. See [OMB Circular A-129](#). NEH encourages you to submit this information with your application, but you will be required to submit it if you receive an award.

Name the file delinquentdebt.pdf.

Application Components: Grants.gov Forms

SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance – Individual

This form requests basic information about you and your proposed project. Items **1, 2, and 4** will be automatically filled in; leave item **3** blank.

5a-d. Applicant Information

a.-c. Provide your name, telephone number, email address, and mailing address. You must include an email address in the “Email” field, even though it is not highlighted as a required field. NEH will use this address to notify you of the outcome of your application.

Provide your mailing address. Note: Your ZIP code must include the four-digit extension preceded by a hyphen. If you do not know your four-digit extension, use “-0000” (four zeros). Indicate your citizenship status with an “X.”

Individual residence:

d. Indicate your [congressional district](#) with your two-character state abbreviation followed by your three-character district number. For example, if you reside in the 5th congressional district of Alabama, enter “AL-005.” If you reside in a state or U.S. jurisdiction that does not have

districts, enter “000” in place of the district number. If your residence is outside the U.S., enter “00-000.”

6. Project Information

a. Project Title: Provide your project’s title. It should be brief (no more than 125 characters, including spaces). Successful applications typically have titles that are descriptive of the project and easily understood by the general public. Avoid using a title that requires clarification by the subtitle. When possible, include places and dates indicating a project’s scope. NEH reserves the right to retitle funded projects for clarity when announcing its funding decisions and in its own reports and communications, but you may use your preferred title for any award products.

b. Project Description: Provide a brief description of your project. Write the description for a non-specialist audience and clearly state the importance of the proposed work and its relation to larger issues in the humanities. This description will appear on your application cover sheet and will serve as a project abstract during the review process. **Do not exceed one thousand characters, including spaces.** If you exceed one thousand characters, including spaces, Grants.gov may reject your application or cut off your project description at the thousand-character limit.

c. Proposed Project: List the start and end dates for your project. Your period of performance must start on the first day of the month and end on the last day of the month. Because award amounts depend on the number of months of work that you specify, the dates that you enter here will determine the maximum amount of your award. For more information about allowable time periods and how NEH calculates awards, see [B2. Summary of Funding](#). You may change your start and end dates if you receive an award, but the change must not increase the approved amount.

7. Signature

By clicking on the “I Agree” box, you certify the following:

- 1) You are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in covered transactions by any federal department or agency, and have not—within the three years preceding the submission of this application—been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against you for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or a contract under a public transaction; for violation of federal or state antitrust statutes; for commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property; had any public transactions terminated for cause or default; and are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with any of the preceding offenses. See [2 CFR 180](#) and [3369](#).
- 2) You are not delinquent in the repayment of any federal debt or you are providing explanatory information about any delinquency. Examples of relevant debt include student loans, delinquent taxes, delinquent child support payments, and delinquent payroll taxes for household or other employees. See [OMB Circular A-129](#).
- 3) You will comply with the [NEH Fellowships and Awards for Faculty Terms and Conditions](#).

Click the “Save” button at the top of the form to save your work and return to the main menu.

NEH Supplemental Information for Individuals Form

This form requests additional professional information about you, your institution (if affiliated), and your references.

Field of Project

Using the drop-down menu, indicate the field(s) of your project. You may select one, two, or three fields. If you select more than one, list the primary field first. Program staff will consider this information when assigning your application to a review panel.

Project Director Field of Study

Using the drop-down menu, choose the field of study that best describes your area of expertise.

Address Information

Indicate whether the address that you provided on the [Application for Federal Assistance SF 424 – Individual](#) form is your home or work address.

Institutional Affiliation

If you are not affiliated with an institution of higher education, click “No” and continue to the Status section.

If you are affiliated with an institution of higher education, provide the information for that institution. Include your institution’s Unique Entity Identifier (UEI), omitting hyphens. You can request this number from your institution’s sponsored research office. NEH uses it to identify your institution to peer reviewers.

Status

NEH does not require applicants in this program to be professional scholars. Even so, NEH categorizes all applicants as “junior scholars” or “senior scholars.” Please indicate your category as follows:

- You are a junior scholar if you received your highest formal degree fewer than seven years ago.
- You are a senior scholar if you are more than seven years beyond the day you received your highest degree.

Reference Letters

Provide the names, email addresses, and affiliations of your two references. **Enter only one email address for each.** If you provide two email addresses for a reference, NEH will be unable to contact them. You are responsible for providing accurate email addresses. NEH’s grants management system will use the addresses exactly as you enter them.

See [D7. Other Submission Requirements](#) for instructions and deadlines for submitting reference letters and confirming NEH has received them.

Nominating Official

Leave this section blank.

Project/Performance Site Location(s) Form

Provide the primary location and any other locations where you will conduct project activities during the period of performance. For “Organization,” you may substitute a brief description of locations that do not have a formal organizational name (e.g., “Residence of applicant” or “Interview site in Chicago to be determined”).

Enter [congressional districts](#) using the two letter state abbreviation followed by your three-character district number. For example, if your work site is in the 5th congressional district of Alabama, enter “AL-005.” If it is in a state or U.S. jurisdiction that does not have districts, enter “000” in place of the district number. If it is outside the U.S., enter “00-000.”

Attachments Form

You will upload your [Attachments](#) to Grants.gov using this form. This form accommodates up to fifteen attachments. **Attachments must be in Portable Document Format (pdf).** Convert all non-PDF files (e.g., Word, Excel, images) to PDFs. If an attachment contains multiple documents, merge them into a single file. Occasionally, converting a document to PDF may alter its length. Confirm that all attachments are within the mandatory page limits, if applicable. Do not attach files that have been password-protected, encrypted, or digitally signed. You must remove all such security features before attaching your files. Failure to do so may result in your application being rejected.

Do not attach portfolios containing multiple PDFs.

Consult the [Application Components Table](#) to name and sequence your attachments so that NEH can easily identify them. Grants.gov may reject your application if:

- file names exceed 50 characters
- multiple files have the same name
- file names include characters other than the following: A-Z, a-z, 0-9, underscore, hyphen, space, period, parentheses, curly braces, square brackets, ampersand, tilde, exclamation point, comma, semicolon, apostrophe, at sign, number sign, dollar sign, percent sign, plus sign, and equal sign

Grants.gov may accept and validate your application even if you are missing required components or have formatted them incorrectly. You must ensure that you have formatted, attached, and submitted all required components correctly. If you have not, NEH may reject your application as incomplete or nonresponsive.

Learn about [Adobe software compatibility with Grants.gov](#).

3. Grants.gov Registration Process

Login.gov

You must create a [Login.gov](#) user account to register and log in to Grants.gov. Login.gov is a secure sign-in service used by the public to sign in to participating government agencies. [Create and link your account now.](#)

Grants.gov Registration and Creation of Applicant Profiles

You must submit your application via Grants.gov Workspace. [Register with Grants.gov.](#)

After registering, you must add an “individual applicant” profile to apply to programs for individuals. Click on the “My Account” link, then on “Manage Profiles” and “Add Profile.” Refer to [Grants.gov’s instructions for adding a profile](#).

Grants.gov may assign a number for the Unique Entity Identifier. Do not change this number.

You will not be able to apply until you have added an individual profile. The “Apply” button on the Grants.gov opportunity page will be red after you have completed this step. If the “Apply” button is gray rather than red, or if clicking it results in an error message, confirm that your individual applicant profile is complete, re-entering it if necessary.

If you previously registered with Grants.gov and created an “individual applicant” profile, you will not need to re-register. However, NEH encourages you to confirm that your account is active and that your password is current.

NEH strongly recommends that you complete your registration at least two weeks before the application deadline. If you fail to allow sufficient time to register with Grants.gov, NEH will not extend the deadline or waive the online submission requirement.

If you have problems registering with Grants.gov or adding an “individual applicant” profile, contact Grants.gov Applicant Support at 1-800-518-4726 or support@grants.gov.

4. Submission Dates and Times

Applications

The deadline for applications under this notice is April 9, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time.

Applications must be complete, follow length and formatting requirements, and be validated by Grants.gov under the correct funding opportunity prior to the deadline to be considered under this notice.

It is your responsibility to confirm that Grants.gov and subsequently NEH have received your application. [Check your Grants.gov application status](#).

When NEH receives your application, the agency will assign it a tracking number beginning with FEL-. A tracking number does not guarantee that your application is free of technical problems (such as missing attachments or failure to convert attachments to PDFs). If your files are not correctly formatted, NEH’s electronic grants management system (eGMS), will reject your application and notify you by email. eGMS cannot detect other errors such as missing components or excess pages. NEH recommends you submit your application 48 hours prior to the deadline so that you have time to correct any technical errors. It is your responsibility to correct any errors prior to the deadline.

NEH will not comment on the status of your application except regarding matters of eligibility, completeness, and responsiveness.

Letters of reference

Letters of reference should be submitted online no later than May 7, 2025. For additional information on letters of reference, see [D7. Other Submission Requirements](#).

5. Intergovernmental Review

This funding opportunity is not subject to intergovernmental review under [Executive Order 12372](#).

6. Funding Restrictions

You may not use awards made under this notice for the following purposes:

- research by students enrolled in a degree program, including research for doctoral dissertations or theses
- the preparation or revision of textbooks
- the development of curricula, teaching methods, or theories
- educational impact, language impact, or technical impact assessments
- the writing of books for children or young adults
- graphic novels, works of graphic history, or other graphic nonfiction, including historical fiction
- creation or production of documentary films
- inventories of collections
- the writing of guidebooks, how-to books, and self-help books
- promotion of a particular political, religious, or ideological point of view
- promotion of gender ideology
- promotion of discriminatory equity ideology
- support for diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) or diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA) initiatives or activities
- environmental justice initiatives or activities
- 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; policy studies; and social science research that does not address humanistic questions and/or utilize humanistic methods

Awards in this program are made to individuals; indirect costs are unallowable.

7. Other Submission Requirements

Letters of Reference

NEH asks you to solicit two letters of reference. Provide the names, email addresses, and affiliations for your reference writers on the [NEH Supplemental Information for Individuals Form](#). Include only one email address for each letter writer in the relevant field. Ideally, they should come from different institutions. Letters of reference should address the review criteria with reference to the specific project you are proposing.

Letters of reference are more highly regarded if they consider the specific proposed activity and attest to the candidate's ability to undertake it.

If you are proposing a translation, one of your letters should be from an expert in the language(s) of your project and should assess the one-page sample translation that you are submitting with your application. Ask this letter writer to address the quality of the translation sample in their letter.

Approximately two to three weeks after the deadline, NEH will email your letter writers, asking them to submit their letters online. They should submit their letters online not later than May 7, 2025.

You are responsible for ensuring that your letter writers receive and respond to the NEH requests for their letters by the deadline. NEH will notify you by email when it receives each of your letters of reference. **You are also responsible for providing the letter writers with relevant materials (such as a draft of the application).**

You may check the status of your letters by logging in to [the secure area of NEH's website](#). Enter your NEH application number and your Grants.gov tracking number. You will be able to see the names and email addresses of your letter writers and whether their letters have arrived. If necessary, you may send reminders to your letter writers (including the upload link) from this site.

NEH accepts letters after the deadline, and late letters will be added to your application. However, it is possible that reviewers will not take them into account. If you must change one or both of your letter writers after the application deadline, contact program staff at fellowships@neh.gov.

Elected government officials, NEH staff, and current members of NEH'S [National Council on the Humanities](#) may not serve as letter writers.

Missing reference letters will not disqualify an application from review.

E. Application Review Information

1. Review Criteria

Peer reviewers will use the following criteria to review applications under this notice:

1. The intellectual significance of the proposed project, including its value to humanities scholars, general audiences, or both.
2. The quality of the conception, definition, organization, and description of the project and the applicant's clarity of expression.
3. The feasibility and appropriateness of the proposed work plan.
4. The quality or promise of quality of the applicant as an interpreter of the humanities.
5. The likelihood that the applicant will complete the project (not necessarily during the period of performance), including, when relevant, the soundness of the dissemination and access plans.

Each review criteria corresponds to specific sections of the narrative and the other application components. See [D2. Content and Form of Application Submission](#).

2. Review and Selection Process

NEH staff review all applications for eligibility, completeness, and responsiveness. The agency then conducts a peer review process for all eligible and complete applications.

Peer reviewers are experts in their fields with knowledge and expertise relevant to the project activities supported by the program. NEH instructs peer reviewers to evaluate applications according to the [review criteria](#) in this notice. Peer reviewers must comply with federal ethics rules governing conflicts of interest.

NEH program officers supplement the peer reviewers' comments to address matters of fact or significant points that the peer reviewers have overlooked. They then make funding recommendations to the [National Council on the Humanities](#). The National Council meets at least twice each year to review applications and advise the NEH Chair. By law, the Chair has the sole authority to make final funding decisions.

Following NEH's public announcement of funded projects, you may request copies of the peer reviewers' evaluations of your proposal by contacting fellowships@neh.gov.

[Learn more about the NEH review process.](#)

[Apply to be a peer reviewer for NEH.](#)

3. Assessment of Risk and Other Pre-Award Activities

Following the Chair's initial selection of applications for support, the NEH Office of Grant Management (OGM) conducts a risk assessment for selected applications. OGM will consider the applicant's past performance, if applicable; confirm the applicant's continued eligibility; and evaluate compliance with public policy requirements.

OGM may request that you submit additional programmatic or administrative information or undertake certain activities in anticipation of an award. Such requests do not guarantee that NEH will make an award.

After completing its risk assessment, NEH will determine whether making an award would be consistent with the agency's risk management policy, whether it must impose any special terms and conditions, and what funding level is appropriate. NEH may elect not to issue awards to applicants with management or financial instability that affects their ability to comply with the terms and conditions of the award ([2 CFR § 200.206](#)).

Award decisions are discretionary and are not appealable to any federal official or board.

4. Anticipated Announcement and Award Dates

NEH will notify you of its funding decision by email in December 2025. This is not an authorization to begin performance or incur related costs. Successful applicants will be required to complete the NEH Individual Programs Acceptance Form, from which NEH will determine your payment schedule.

F. Federal Award Administration Information

1. Federal Award Notices

If your application is selected for an award, the NEH Office of Grant Management will send award documents through eGMS Reach beginning in December 2025.

2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

Awards are subject to the [NEH Fellowships and Awards for Faculty Terms and Conditions](#), and any specific terms and conditions that NEH places on the award in the Notice of Action.

Debarment, suspension, ineligibility, and voluntary exclusion certification

NEH will not process awards for individuals with delinquent federal debt or for individuals who have been suspended, debarred, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from eligibility for covered transactions by any federal department or agency.

NEH may not make an award to an individual until they have complied with all applicable requirements. If you have not fully complied with these requirements by the time NEH is ready to issue your award, NEH may determine that you are not qualified to receive an award. You must comply with [2 CFR §§ 180.335](#) and [.350](#) with respect to providing information regarding all debarment, suspension, and related offenses information, as applicable.

If you cannot attest to the statements in this certification, explain why not in [Attachment 10: Explanation of delinquent federal debt](#).

Providing access to NEH-funded products

NEH strives to make the products of its awards available to the broadest possible audience by providing ready and easy access to its grant products to scholars, educators, students, and the American public. All other considerations being equal, NEH gives preference to projects that provide free access to the public.

Projects that produce peer-reviewed journal articles must make these products publicly accessible in accordance with NEH's [Public Access Policy](#).

Copyright information

Subject to applicable law, you may copyright work that you develop or acquire under an award. In accordance with [2 CFR § 200.315\(b\)](#), NEH reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable right to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use the work for federal purposes, and to authorize others to do so. This includes the right to require recipients and subrecipients to make such works available according to the agency [Public Access Policy](#).

Acknowledging NEH support

Materials publicizing or products resulting from NEH-funded activities must contain an acknowledgment of NEH support. Consult [Acknowledgment and Publicity Requirements for NEH Awards](#) and [Publicizing Your Project](#) for guidance.

Protecting Personal Information

If you collect personal identifiable information (PII) as part of your NEH-funded award, you are responsible for protecting and storing it. You must take all reasonable and appropriate actions to prevent inadvertent disclosure, release, or loss of PII. Consult [Protecting Personal Information | The National Endowment for the Humanities](#) for more guidance. NEH is not liable if a recipient incurs an inadvertent disclosure, release, loss, or data breach of PII. If you plan to collect PII, you should discuss your plan to safeguard it in your data management plan. See [Attachment 8](#).

Consent for Survey Participation

If your NEH-funded project includes surveys, you may not enroll a participant until you have obtained legally informed consent.

NEH Research Misconduct Policy

In accordance with the [Federal Policy on Research Misconduct](#), NEH established procedures for handling allegations of research misconduct applicable to both internal and external research programs. Review the [NEH Research Misconduct Policy](#).

Coordination of geographic information and related spatial data

If you request funding for the development, acquisition, preservation, or enhancement of geospatial data, products, or services, you must first conduct a due diligence search of the [Data.gov list of datasets](#) to determine whether the needed data, products, or services already exist. If not, you must produce the proposed geospatial data, products, or services in compliance with applicable [Federal Geographic Data Committee](#) guidance.

Eliminate waste, fraud, and abuse

Help NEH eliminate fraud and improve management by reporting allegations or suspicions of waste, fraud, abuse, mismanagement, research misconduct (fabrication, falsification, plagiarism), or unnecessary government expenditures to the [NEH Office of the Inspector General](#).

Termination

NEH reserves the right to terminate awards consistent with [2 CFR § 200.340](#).

3. Reporting

You must submit a final performance report within 120 calendar days after the period of performance ends. The final performance report collects information about your accomplishments during the period of performance; the outputs arising or anticipated to arise from the project; financial support apart from NEH sources; the project's impact; and acknowledgement of NEH support. You must submit the final report online through eGMS Reach. NEH will provide further information in the Notice of Action.

Learn more about the [reporting requirements for individual recipients](#).

A final financial report is not required.

Projects that produce peer-reviewed journal articles must make these products publicly accessible in accordance with NEH's [Public Access Policy](#).

NEH encourages you to send copies of books resulting from research supported by NEH awards to the Division of Research. You will find contact information in [G. Agency Contacts](#). In addition, you are asked to update the “Products and Prizes” tab in eGMS Reach for any publications or prizes resulting from NEH support.

G. Agency Contacts

If you have questions about the program, contact:

Division of Research Programs
National Endowment for the Humanities
400 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, DC 20506
202-606-2324
fellowships@neh.gov

If you have questions about administrative requirements contact:

Office of Grant Management
National Endowment for the Humanities
400 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, DC 20506
202-606-8494
grantmanagement@neh.gov

If you are deaf or hard of hearing, you can contact NEH using telecommunications relay at 7-1-1.

If you have questions about registering or renewing your registration with login.gov or SAM.gov, contact the Federal Service Desk, Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, at:

[Federal Service Desk](#)
U.S. calls: 866-606-8220
International calls: +1 334-206-7828

For assistance in registering with or submitting your application through Grants.gov:

[Grants.gov Applicant Support](#)
Telephone: 1-800-518-4726
International Calls: +1-606-545-5035
support@grants.gov

Always obtain a case number when calling for support.

H. Other Information

Related funding opportunities

Applicants seeking support for a period of less than six months should consider the [NEH Summer Stipends](#) program.

Junior or senior linguists, linguistic anthropologists, and sociolinguists interested in conducting research on one or more endangered or moribund languages should consider the [NEH Dynamic Language Infrastructure - Documenting Endangered Languages Fellowships](#).

Applicants seeking support for book-length research projects intended for general audiences should consider the NEH [Public Scholars](#) program. Junior scholars whose projects utilize materials held at the Library of Congress are eligible to apply to the Library of Congress's [John W. Kluge Fellowships](#) program.

Applicants affiliated with an eligible Hispanic-Serving Institution, Historically Black College or University, or Tribal College or University are eligible to apply to the NEH Awards for Faculty at [HSIs](#), [HBCUs](#), and [TCUs](#) programs.

You may also find related funding opportunities with your state or jurisdictional humanities council. As mandated by Congress, approximately 40% of the NEH's program budget supports these councils, which play a critical role in supporting the NEH's mission and goals at a local, grassroots level. Contact information for each council can be found here: <https://www.neh.gov/about/state-humanities-councils>.

Privacy policy

NEH solicits the information in this Notice of Funding Opportunity under the authority of the National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, [20 U.S.C. 951, et seq.](#) Disclosure of the information is voluntary. The principal purpose for which NEH will use the information is to process the application, which may include determining eligibility, evaluating the application, selecting recipients, and administering the award program. Panelists and other third parties may assist in the evaluation of applications, in which case NEH will take appropriate security measures with respect to the information provided to such individuals for review. NEH may also use or disclose the information it collects as required by law and for governmental purposes such as statistical research, analysis of trends, Congressional oversight, and the other routine uses set forth in the systems of records notice ("SORN") published by NEH in the Federal Register. NEH ordinarily will not publicly disclose the contents of applications that NEH does not select for funding, except as set forth in the SORN. Failure to provide the information solicited in this Notice may result in rejection of the application.

Application completion time

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) requires federal agencies to supply information on the time needed to complete forms and also to invite comments on the paperwork burden. NEH estimates that on average it takes sixty hours to complete an application. This estimate includes time for reviewing instructions; researching, gathering, and maintaining the information needed; and completing and reviewing the application. Time needed may vary from program to program.

You may send any comments regarding the estimated completion time or any other aspect of this application, including suggestions for reducing the completion time, to the PRA Officer at pra@neh.gov. According to the [Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995](#), no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB number. The OMB Control Number for this Notice of Funding Opportunity is 3136-0134, expiration date October 31, 2027.