

DLI-DEL Fellowships Webinar – 2024



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Dynamic Language Infrastructure - Documenting Endangered Languages Fellowships (2024)

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- **Appointments:** [Click here](#) to appointment to discuss your project.



Key Points about Dynamic Language Infrastructure - Documenting Endangered Languages Fellowships



- Individual program—institutional affiliation is not required.
- Expertise: linguists, anthropology linguists, and sociolinguists who work on documenting endangered languages
 - Grants support archival documentation, article, book, book section, dictionary, digital material and publication, grammar book, other scholarly resource, and translation.
 - Period of performance: 6 months-12 months full time, or their equivalent in part time.
 - Funding: \$5,000 per month (prorated for part time applicants).
- **Optional Drafts (not required) are due on July 10, 2024.**
 - “Optional” means applicants don’t need to submit a draft to apply.
- **Deadline to apply: September 11, 2024.**
- See the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) at neh.gov.



Who Can Apply for the DLI-DEL Fellowships?

- **American citizens and residents:**

- Applicants can reside in the USA, or elsewhere
- Education and degrees: PhD is not required, but comparable experience is needed.
- Affiliation: not required.

- **U.S. Residents:**

- Must be resident in the U.S. for three consecutive years before they apply.
- Education and degrees: PhD is not required, but comparable experience is needed.
- Affiliation: not required.

- **Note:** While a PhD is not required, comparable experience increases the competitiveness of your application.

Are Students Eligible to Apply for the DLI-DEL Fellowships?

- Matriculated students are not eligible to apply, regardless of their American citizenship status.
- However, students who have **completed *all* degree requirements** and are waiting for degree conferral by Sept. 11, 2024 (i.e., by or before the day applications are due) can apply, provided they submit a letter from the Dean or department chair that attests to those facts with the application.
- **Note:** PhD students in the 2nd year, may want to consider applying for the DLI Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grants through NSF.

Eligibility of Projects & Research Outcomes

- Search for “D6.Funding Restrictions” in the NOFO (Notice of Funding Opportunity)
 - DLI-DEL does not fund language revitalization on its own, but final products (books, articles, dictionary, grammar books, data) can be used for revitalization purposes and as part of broader impact.
 - Preparation or revision of educational materials.
 - Documentaries or podcasts (for the latter, check grants offered by Public Programs at NEH)

Eligibility: Applying to NEH & NSF at the same time

Check “3. Other Eligibility Information” in the NOFO (Notice of Funding Opportunities), and the FAQ document:

- **Applying full time:**

- You may not serve as the project director or key personnel on a project supported by an NEH institutional award or an NSF DLI-DEL Senior Research Grant during the period of performance of an NEH DEL fellowship.

- **Applying part time:**

- If you plan to work part time on your DEL fellowship, and you also work on a project supported by an NEH or any other organization’s institutional award as either a project director or participant, your activities **must not exceed** your regular, full-time load ***across all projects and activities***, including non-NEH work activities.
- Activities and outcomes must not overlap if you are awarded an NSF grant and an NEH fellowship concurrently.

Required & Conditional Application Material (Pages 5-16 of the NOFO)



Required Material:

- Narrative: 3 pages (mandated)
- Work Plan: 1 page (mandated)
- Bibliography: 1 page (mandated)
- Resume: 2 pages (suggested)
- Sample: up to 2 pages (suggested)

Conditional Material:

- One reference letter
- Speaker community support letter
- Data Management Plan
- Archive support
- Degree conferral
- Explanation of delinquent federal debt

The Narrative and the Review CRITERIA (see under “E. Application Review Information ” in the NOFO)

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 in the DLI-DEL Fellowships program:

1. **Significance:** The intellectual merit and broader impact of the proposed project; its value to linguistics and humanities scholarship; and the level of endangerment of the language(s) to be studied.
2. **Methods and preparation:** The quality of the conception and description of the project’s research design, including the depth of collaboration with speaker communities.
3. **Skills:** The quality or promise of quality of the applicant’s work and the applicant’s clarity of expression.
4. **Outcomes and dissemination:** The quality of the project’s results; the soundness of the data management and publication plans; and the dissemination of and access to the project’s outcomes.
5. **Work plan:** The feasibility and appropriateness of the proposed plan of work.

Each review criterion corresponds with specific sections of the [narrative](#) and the [other](#)



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Work Plan

- Organize the work plan in timely benchmarks
 - **Minimum** funding period is 6 months full-time, or the equivalent in half time.
 - **Maximum** funding period is 12 months full-time, or the equivalent in half time.
 - You can start working on your project as early as May 1, 2025, but no later than September 1, 2026.
- Planning the Period of Performance:
 - Full time:
 - Forgo all teaching and work duties, and devote entire time to research
 - Half-time:
 - Devote at least 50% to work on one's project, and teach and perform service, or work in a job 50% of one's time, not more than that.
 - Combination of half-time and full time.
 - Applicants can take *one* break from research.
 - If you opt to take a break, remember that applicants must complete their project in two-years' period.

Web Page & Basic fellowships details:

<https://www.neh.gov/program/dli-del-fellowships>



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Read the Notice of Funding Opportunity and study the application to ensure you understand all the expectations and restrictions for projects delivered under this grant and are prepared to write the most effective application.

Application Materials

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Program Resources

[Dynamic Language Infrastructure Frequently Asked Questions, 2023-2024 \(PDF\)](#)

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Samples Application Narratives

The narrative samples below should not serve as models but should give you a sense of how you might craft a successful application. Note that these applications may not follow the current guidelines. Follow the requirements in the current Notice of Funding Opportunity to ensure that your application is complete and eligible.

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* NSF DLI-DEL Senior Research Grants



- Joint initiative between the National Science Foundation (NSF) and NEH's Division of Preservation and Access
- Institutional grants support research and infrastructure that digitally records and documents languages - with an emphasis on endangered languages - through the preparation of lexicons, grammars, text samples and databases, advancing linguistic theory and the study of language.
- Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs); non-profit, non-academic organizations (independent museums, observatories, research labs, professional societies and similar organizations in the US associated with educational or research activities.); tribal organizations.
- Projects are from 1-3 years and up to \$450,000
- **Two Deadlines:** check [NSF's website](#) for the exact dates.
- **Notes:**
 - FastLane is being decommissioned in favor of Research.gov; you can also submit via Grants.gov
 - DLI-DEL does not fund language revitalization on its own, but many projects include revitalization as part of Broader Impacts

Tips: Remember To:



- Pay attention to your audience.
- Stick to the page limit for all required and optional documents.
- Make sure the format of your document follows the guidelines in the Notice of Funding Opportunity.
- Do *not* add additional documents, other than the required and conditional documents to your application
- A PhD degrees is not required
 - Adjuncts, retirees, unaffiliated scholars, and tribal linguists are welcome to apply.
- Apply early, and don't wait until the last minute!
- **Important deadlines for DLI-DEL Fellowships:**
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Tips: Remember To:



- Check the application's webpage for DLI-DEL Fellowships:
 - Read the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) carefully.
 - Listen to the posted webinar, to be posted by end of next week, June 15, 2024.
 - Check the FAQ page
 - Go over *posted sample narratives* of funded projects.
 - Check the list of recently funded projects.

Post Announcements:



1. Get feedback. Ask for panelists' comments.
2. Contact a program officer to discuss your ideas (or even share a draft; deadline is July 10, 2024; e-mail it to: delfel@neh.gov)
3. Revise and resubmit your application



Book an Appointment with NEH to Discuss Your Project:



- You can use [this link](#) to **book a virtual appointment** and chat with us about your project and questions.
- Join us for a virtual **group Q&A meetings**, scheduled every Tuesday at 3:00-4:00 pm ET.

You Can Also Contact Us Via E-mail:



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Thank you!

. . . and good luck with preparing your application.