



NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

DIVISION OF RESEARCH PROGRAMS

Work Plan Section of a Successful Application

The attached document contains selected portions of a previously funded grant application. It is not intended to serve as a model, but to give you a sense of how a successful application may be crafted. Every successful application is different, and each applicant is urged to prepare a proposal that reflects its unique project and aspirations. Prospective applicants should consult the Research Programs application guidelines at <https://www.neh.gov/grants/research/fellowships> for instructions.

Note: The attachment only contains selected portions, not the entire funded application. In addition, certain portions may have been redacted to protect the privacy interests of an individual and/or to protect confidential commercial and financial information and/or to protect copyrighted materials.

Project Title: Old Age in the Wake of the American Revolution

Institution: James Madison University

Project Director: Rebecca Brannen

Grant Program: Fellowships

Old Age in the Wake of the American Revolution

Plans for Writing in the Fellowship Year

Twelve months of full-time NEH funding taken between September 2023-August 2024 will provide the support necessary for me to write the remaining 50% of the manuscript as well as complete revisions. Thanks to five external short-term research fellowships, I have already completed extensive archival research. I have drafted and workshopped three chapters (6-8) with scholarly audiences including at national conferences and the Museum of the American Revolution.

In addition, I have secured competitive summer funding from my institution to complete a book proposal and two polished (revised) chapters to secure a contract in the fall of 2022. I expect to also complete the chapter draft of another chapter before the fellowship period.

This leaves me four chapters to write during the hoped-for leave as well as the Introduction and Epilogue. Conference presentations on the other parts of the book manuscript have provided the basis for remaining chapters and provide a path for completion of the entire draft by the end of the grant year as well as substantive revision.

Timetable of Full-Time Fellowship-Supported Work

Time Period (all full time)	Work Plan (in Harrisonburg, VA)
September 2023-October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Write chapter 3 (caring labor)
November 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Write chapter 1 (who is old?)
Dec. 2023-Jan. 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Write chapter 2 (usefulness)
February 2024-March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Write chapter 5 (longevity industry)
April 2024-May 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revise manuscript• Write Epilogue
June 2024-July 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Write Introduction• Revise manuscript
August 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revise manuscript

I am confident I can submit the completed manuscript by the end of the fellowship period. I have held off seeking a press until I was sure I was close enough to meet a one-year contract deadline if needed. COVID-19 upheaval extended my original timeline. I can submit a completed manuscript before November 2024.

I would remain eligible for a one-semester leave at my own institution, which can be used to support any final revisions if the revisions take a little more time.