## NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

## NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Division of Research Programs

Funding Opportunity Title:
# Dynamic Language Infrastructure – Documenting Endangered Languages Fellowships

Funding Opportunity Number:  20200930-FN

Funding Opportunity Type:  New

Federal Assistance Listing Number:  45.160

Application Due Date:
# September 30, 2020

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 Dynamic Language Infrastructure – Documenting Endangered Languages (DLI-DEL) Fellowships program, offered in partnership with the National Science Foundation (NSF).  This program supports individual scholars for six to twelve months to pursue research on documentation and analysis of one or more endangered languages.  DLI-DEL Fellowships provide recipients with time for fieldwork to record languages; digital archiving; transcription and annotation; linguistic and ethnographic analysis of findings; and preparation of print or digital research publications.  Anticipated products include, but are not limited to, lexicons, grammars, databases, peer-reviewed articles, and monographs.

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| Funding Opportunity Number: | 20200930-FN |
| Federal Assistance Listing Number (CFDA): | 45.160 |
| Application Due Dates: | September 30, 2020, 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time |
| Anticipated Announcement: | April 2021 |
| Anticipated Total Annual Available FY 21 Funding: | $300,000 |
| Estimated Number and Type of Awards: | Up to 5 grants |
| Funding Range: | $30,000 - $60,000 |
| Cost Sharing Required: | No |
| Period of Performance: | 6 - 12 months, starting as early as May 1, 2021, but no later than September 1, 2021 |
| Eligible Applicants: | Individuals<br><br>See Section C. Eligibility Information. |
| Program Resource Page: | https://www.neh.gov/program/dli-del-fellowships |
| Pre-Application Webinar: | August 31, 2020<br>2:00 pm Eastern Time<br>https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3685365473148811023 |

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# A.  Program Description

## 1.  Purpose

The Dynamic Language Infrastructure –Documenting Endangered Languages (DLI-DEL) program is an interdisciplinary partnership between the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to advance scholarly knowledge concerning endangered human languages.

The broad range of human languages is vital for understanding human behavior and cognition. Yet roughly half of the world's seven thousand languages are endangered and at risk of extinction.  These endangered languages constitute an irreplaceable resource, not only for the communities who speak them, but also for scientists and scholars.

The great variety of these languages represents a vast, largely unmapped territory for which linguists, anthropologists, and cognitive scientists can chart and study the full capabilities and limits of the human mind.  Each endangered language embodies unique local knowledge of the cultures and natural systems in the region in which it is spoken.  These languages are important sources of evidence for filling in the record of the human past.

Since the discipline of linguistics is a responsibility of both NSF and NEH, addressing the imminent loss of linguistic knowledge is a major concern and a priority for both agencies, which have jointly supported this program since 2005.  Learn more about the DLI-DEL initiative in [Section H. Other Information](#).

DLI-DEL Fellowships prioritize the analysis and publication of highly endangered language corpuses or extinct languages closely related to highly endangered languages.  NEH funding supports fieldwork and other activities relevant to the digital recording, documenting, archiving, and scholarly analysis of endangered languages, including the preparation of lexicons, grammars, databases, peer-reviewed articles, and monographs.  The program aims to leverage advances in information technology and contributes to the development of the next generation of researchers.  NEH expects that language documentation resulting from awards will be archived and maintained to ensure its long-term availability.

NEH invites applications from individual linguists, linguistic anthropologists, or sociolinguists, and encourages submissions from independent scholars and junior scholars.  Applicants should demonstrate a history of collaboration with other scholars and/or community members. Competitive submissions employ state-of-the-art documentation methods; embody exceptional research and rigorous analysis; and clearly articulate the level of endangerment of the language or languages to be studied.

Examples of previously funded DLI-DEL Fellowships may be viewed [here](#).

### Dissertation revisions

Applicants may seek funding for projects based on completed dissertations.  You must state in your application narrative that the proposal is to revise a dissertation, and you must explain how the new project moves beyond the original dissertation.

### Concurrent grants from other organizations

Recipients of DLI-DEL Fellowships may simultaneously hold fellowships or grants from institutions other than NEH—including sabbaticals and grants from their own institutions—in support of the same project during their period of performance.

**Collaborative projects**

DLI-DEL Fellowships are designed for individual researchers. An award may not be divided among multiple collaborators. If you are seeking funds for more than one researcher for the same project, each person must submit a separate application specifying their individual contribution. Peer reviewers will be asked to evaluate each application on its own merits. Each application should clearly explain how the work will be divided and the extent to which each researcher's contribution depends on that of the other(s). Collaborating scholars affiliated with an eligible institution should consider applying for a Senior Research Grant through the DLI-DEL program offered by NSF in collaboration with NEH's Division of Preservation & Access. See Related funding opportunities to learn more.

Unallowable activities are described in section D6. Funding Restrictions.

# 2. Background

This program is authorized by 20 U.S.C. §956, *et seq*. Awards are subject to the NEH-NSF Documenting Endangered Languages Fellowships Terms and Conditions.

Since 2005, NSF and NEH have promoted the joint, multi-year funding program, originally named Documenting Endangered Languages (DEL). Following adjustments in 2019, the program was retitled Dynamic Language Infrastructure – Documenting Endangered Languages (DLI-DEL). While previously all applications were solicited, submitted, and reviewed by NSF, NEH has now assumed these responsibilities for DLI – DEL Fellowships. For further information about other funding opportunities through this NSF – NEH partnership, see Section H. Other Information.

According to the 1965 National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act, "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."

To learn more about the NEH, visit https://www.neh.gov/about.

## NEH Area of Interest

NEH is especially interested in supporting projects that advance humanities-related work in the following area.

### Protecting our Cultural Heritage

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. Proposed projects should be based on scholarly work and follow standards and best practices. Project teams must include appropriate methodological specialists and humanities scholars. Projects must demonstrate the capacity to be sustained and must be widely accessible to the public. Learn more about Protecting our Cultural Heritage.

# B. Federal Award Information

## 1.  Type of Application and Award

NEH seeks new applications in response to this notice (as opposed to supplements or renewals). Previously rejected applications may be revised and resubmitted.

NEH will provide funding in the form of grants.

## 2.  Summary of Funding

Approximately $300,000 is expected to be available to fund up to five recipients.

The actual amount available will not be determined until enactment of the final FY 2021 federal budget.  This program notice is subject to the appropriation of funds, and is a contingency action taken to ensure that, should funds become available for this purpose, applications can be processed and funds awarded in a timely manner.

Applicants may request a period of performance of no less than six and up to twelve months at a stipend of $5,000 per month.  The minimum stipend is $30,000 for six months and the maximum stipend is $60,000 for twelve months.

DEL fellowships are paid in installments and prorated according to the term length.  Typically, the first payment is made at the beginning of the term period and subsequent payments are made every third month through the fellowship term.

Benefit Coverage: Some institutions are willing to continue paying healthcare and other benefits if grant payments are made through them.  Please consult with your institution about this option.

The period of performance must be **full-time**.  If a full-time continuous term is not feasible for you, you may split your term into two separate active periods, each of which must be at least three months in duration.  After a grant has been awarded, requests to change the period of performance must be submitted through eGMS Reach at least 30 days before the end date of the period of performance.  Approval of such requests may impact your payment schedule. (Because grant funds are paid in advance, you may be required to return a portion of the award to NEH for re-issue at a later date.)  You must complete your fellowship term within two years of your initial month. During the two active periods, you must work full-time on the project and may not accept a teaching assignment or undertake any other major activity.

You should request a period of performance that suits your schedule and the needs of your project.  Requesting a period shorter than twelve months will not improve your chance of receiving an award.

Recipients may begin their periods of performance as early as May 1, 2021, and no later than September 1, 2021.

# C. Eligibility Information

## 1.  Eligible Applicants

The DLI-DEL Fellowships program accepts applications from individuals who meet the following requirements.

**Citizenship**

U.S. citizens, whether they reside inside or outside the United States, are eligible to apply. Foreign nationals who have been living in the United States or its jurisdictions for at least the three years prior to the application deadline are also eligible. 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 to hold an award. (Leaving the U.S. on a temporary basis is permitted.)

**Currently enrolled students**

While applicants need not have advanced degrees, individuals currently enrolled in a degree-granting program are ineligible to apply. Applicants who have satisfied all the requirements for a degree and are awaiting its conferral are eligible for DLI-DEL Fellowships; but such applicants must include a letter from the dean of the conferring school or their department chair attesting to the applicant's status as of the deadline in Attachment 9: Degree conferral.

Organizations are not eligible to apply on behalf of scholars. DLI-DEL Fellowship awards may not be transferred to the applicant's institution. If an individual recipient elects to have the fellowship paid through their institution, all NEH funds must be remitted to the individual. The institution may not take an institutional allowance.

# 2. Cost Sharing/Matching

Cost sharing or matching is not required in this program.

Cost sharing or matching is the portion of the project costs not paid by NEH funds.

# 3. Other Eligibility Information

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

- DLI-DEL Fellowships
- Public Scholars
- Summer Stipends

However, you may compete concurrently in the following programs for individuals in a given year:

- Fellowships
- NEH - Mellon Fellowships for Digital Publications
- Awards for Faculty at Hispanic-Serving Institutions, Historically Black Colleges & Universities, and Tribal Colleges & Universities
- Fellowships for Advanced Social Science Research on Japan
- NEH-funded fellowships at independent research institutions

Each competition has distinct application requirements. Follow the instructions in the relevant notice of funding opportunity.

**Projects previously supported by NEH**

You may not apply for funding for activities previously supported by any of the following programs:

- DLI-DEL Fellowships
- Fellowships

- [NEH-Mellon Fellowships for Digital Publication](#)
- [Public Scholars](#)
- [Awards for Faculty at Hispanic-Serving Institutions](#), [Historically Black Colleges and Universities](#), and [Tribal Colleges and Universities](#)
- [Fellowships for Advanced Social Science Research on Japan](#)
- [Summer Stipends](#)

An NEH award for one stage of a project does not commit NEH to continued support for the project. Applications for each stage of a project are evaluated independently.

**Other restrictions**
- Applicants may not submit multiple applications under this announcement.
- Applicants may not hold two or more NEH individual awards with overlapping periods of performance (for example, a DLI-DEL Fellowship and an NEH Fellowship or an Awards for Faculty grant).
- Applicants may not accept or hold two NEH individual awards in the same fiscal year (for example, if you apply to the Fellowships program and subsequently accept a DLI-DEL Fellowship award, your application to the Fellowships program will be automatically withdrawn).
- Applicants may not work on a project supported by an NEH institutional award, an NSF DLI-DEL Senior Research Grant, or NSF DLI-DEL conference as either a project director, key personnel, or participant during the period of performance of an NEH individual award that is held full-time.

If an application is submitted more than once prior to the application due date (including submitting to the wrong funding opportunity number or making corrections/updates), NEH will accept your **last** validated online submission, under the correct funding opportunity number, prior to the Grants.gov application due date as the final and only acceptable application.

NEH does not make awards to other federal entities or to applicants whose projects are so closely intertwined with a federal entity that the project takes on characteristics of the federal entity's own authorized activities.  This does not preclude applicants from using funds from, or sites and materials controlled by, other federal entities in their projects.

All application materials must be received by the application deadline. Applications that are late, incomplete, nonresponsive to the program, or that violate the format requirements (including page limits) will not be considered for funding under this notice.  See [D6. Funding Restrictions](#) and the [Application Components Table](#).

# D.  Application and Submission Information

## 1.  Application Package

You are required to apply online through [Grants.gov Workspace](#) using the Standard Form 424 – Individual (SF-424 Individual) application package associated with the funding opportunity and following the instructions provided by Grants.gov unless otherwise noted below.

A link to the DLI-DEL Fellowships funding opportunity page on Grants.gov, including the application package, can be found on the [program resource page](#).

To request a paper copy of this announcement, contact [fellowships@neh.gov](mailto:fellowships@neh.gov).

Applicants who are deaf or hard of hearing (TTY users) can contact NEH via Federal Relay at 800-877-8399.

# 2. Content and Form of Application Submission

The Application Components Table below will help you prepare a complete application. In addition to the standard forms included in the Grants.gov application package, your application also consists of a narrative, and other required attachments. You will upload these components into the Attachments Form. A budget is not required in this program.

Applications missing any required documents or conditionally required documents from this list will be considered incomplete and will be rejected from further consideration.

Applications that exceed page limits or violate format instructions will be considered nonresponsive and will be rejected from further consideration.

| Application component | Naming convention | Page limits | Notes |
|---|---|---|---|
| Application for Federal Assistance SF 424 - Individual | Not applicable (Grants.gov form) | | Required |
| NEH Supplemental Information for Individuals | Not applicable (Grants.gov form) | | Required |
| Project/Performance Site Location Form | Not applicable (Grants.gov form) | | Required |
| Attachments Form | Not applicable (Grants.gov form) | | Required |
| Attachment 1: Narrative | narrative.pdf | 3 | Required |
| Attachment 2: Work plan | workplan.pdf | 1 | Required |
| Attachment 3: Bibliography | bibliography.pdf | 1 | Required |
| Attachment 4: Résumé | resume.pdf | 2 | Required |
| Attachment5: Samples | samples.pdf | 1-2 | Required |
| Attachment 6: Speaker community support | speakercommunity.pdf | 1-2 | Conditionally required |
| Attachment 7: Data management plan | dmp.pdf | 1 | Conditionally required |
| Attachment 8: Archive support | archive.pdf | 1 | Conditionally required |
| Attachment 9: Degree conferral | degreeconferral.pdf | | Conditionally required |
| Attachment 10: Explanation of delinquent federal debt | delinquentdebt.pdf | | Conditionally required |

## Application for Federal Assistance – SF-424 - Individual

This Grants.gov form is used to capture basic information about the applicant and the proposed project. Fields **1**, **2**, and **4** will be filled in automatically; field **3** will be left blank.

### 5a-d. Applicant Information

Provide your name, telephone number, e-mail address, and mailing address. You must include an e-mail address in the "Email" field. NEH will use this e-mail 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."

Enter the number (just the number, not the state) of your Congressional district. To find the number of your Congressional district, type your ZIP code into the "[Find Your Representative](#)" tool on the U.S. House of Representatives website. If you do not have a Congressional district (that is, you are in a state or U.S. territory that does not have districts or you reside in a foreign country), enter a "0" (zero). If you live in one district but your institution is in another, provide the number for the district in which you live.

## 6. Project Information

a. "Project Title." Enter this, even though the field is not highlighted. The title may not exceed 125 characters (including spaces and punctuation). It should be descriptive, informative to a general audience, and free of specialized language. Avoid using a main title that requires clarification by the subtitle. When possible, include places and dates indicating a project's scope. Include the ISO language code(s), if applicable ([https://www.ethnologue.com/codes](https://www.ethnologue.com/codes)). Note that NEH reserves the right to change the titles of projects that receive awards. Note that NEH reserves the right to change the titles of projects that receive awards.

b. "Project Description." Provide a brief overview of your project for a nonspecialist audience and explain the intellectual merit of the proposed work to linguistics and the broader humanities. Include no more than three ISO language codes, if applicable ([https://www.ethnologue.com/codes](https://www.ethnologue.com/codes)), and identify the most general family (or families) to which the specific languages(s) belong. If applicable, mention the location where the data will be archived. 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." Enter the starting and ending dates for your proposed period of performance. You must start your period of performance on the first day of the month and end it on the last day of the month. Your period of performance must be at least six months long and no more than twelve months long, unless you are splitting your term into two separate active periods. In that case, each active period must be at least three months in duration, and the period of performance must not exceed 24 months.

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 on allowable award terms and how awards are calculated, see [Section B. Federal Award Information](#).

## 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 parts [180](#) and [3369](#).)

2.) You are not delinquent in the repayment of any federal debt or you are providing explanatory information about any delinquency and evidence that you are current on a prepayment schedule, if applicable. 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-NSF Documenting Endangered Languages Fellowships Terms and Conditions.

Click on 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 NEH form provides additional professional information about you, your institution (if affiliated), and your reference-letter writers.

### 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 take this information into account 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 have given on the Application for Federal Assistance SF 424 - Individual form is your home or work address.

### Institutional Affiliation

If you are affiliated with an institution, complete the information for that institution.  Applicants with an institutional affiliation must include their institution's D-U-N-S® number, omitting hyphens.  This number is generally provided by the institution's sponsored research office and it ensures that NEH identifies your institution correctly in the materials we provide to external reviewers.

If you are not affiliated with an institution, click "No" and continue to the Status section.

### Status

Indicate if you are a junior scholar or a senior scholar.  Junior scholars are defined as those who are seven years or fewer beyond their terminal degree; senior scholars are defined as those who are more than seven years beyond their terminal degree.

### Reference Letters

Leave this section blank.

### Nominating Official

Leave this section blank.

# Project/Performance Site Location(s) Form

Provide the primary location and any other locations where the project activity will occur **during the period of performance**.  This form allows for the collection of multiple

performance sites.  If you need to add more project/performance site locations than the form allows, enter the information in a separate file and add it to the "Additional Locations" section.  Instructions for each requested data element may be viewed by positioning your cursor over the blank field.

## Attachments Form

Attach your narrative and the other application components to this form.  Consult the Application Components Table to learn about the required application components, how to name each attachment, and the order in which to attach them.  You must name and attach your files in the proper order so that NEH can identify them.

When you open the Attachments Form, you will find fifteen attachment buttons, labeled "Attachment 1" through "Attachment 15."  By clicking on a button, you will be able to choose the file from your computer that you wish to attach.

Your attachments must be in Portable Document Format (.pdf).  Make sure that all files in formats other than PDF (images, Word or Excel files, etc.) have been properly saved as PDF files.  Do not simply rename your non-PDF files with PDF extensions.  If an attachment contains multiple documents, you must merge those documents into a single PDF.  Do not attach a zip file containing multiple PDFs.

Visit Grants.gov's Adobe Software Compatibility page to verify the compatibility of your current software or to download the appropriate version.  Even if you choose to complete the online webforms in Workspace, you will need to convert the files that you will attach (to the Attachments Form) into PDFs.  If you have a problem installing Adobe Reader, it may be because you do not have permission to install a new program on your computer.  Many organizations have rules about installing new programs.  If you encounter a problem, contact your system administrator.

Note the following Grants.gov file naming conventions: limit file names to 50 or fewer characters.  Do not attach any documents with the same name.  All attachments should have a unique name.  Use only the following UTF-8 characters when naming your attachments: A-Z, a-z, 0-9, underscore, hyphen, space, period, parenthesis, curly braces, square brackets, ampersand, tilde, exclamation point, comma, semi colon, apostrophe, at sign, number sign, dollar sign, percent sign, plus sign, and equal sign.  Attachments that do not follow this rule may cause the entire application to be rejected or cause issues during processing.

Grants.gov may accept and validate your submission even if required components are missing or are improperly formatted. This may result in NEH rejecting your application as incomplete.  It is your responsibility to ensure that all required components are properly formatted, attached, and submitted.

Provide the following items in the order specified below to complete the content of the application.  Each attachment must be saved as a PDF and named in accordance with naming conventions outlined in the Application Components Table.

## Attachment 1: Narrative (required)

Your narrative provides a comprehensive framework and description of all aspects of the proposed project.  It 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 with one-inch margins and a font size no smaller than eleven points.  Images, charts, diagrams, footnotes, and endnotes are allowed, if they fit within the page limit.

NEH has aligned each section of the narrative with a corresponding review criterion, but note that the criteria can be relevant in more than one section and that, taken together, the parts of the narrative should form a coherent whole.  See Section E1. Review Criteria for full descriptions.

Successful applications will contain the information below.  Use the following section headings for the narrative.  Name the file narrative.pdf.

| GUIDANCE FOR NARRATIVE AND OTHER APPLICATION COMPONENTS | |
|---|---|
| To ensure that you fully address the review criteria, this table provides a crosswalk between the application components and the review criteria. | |

| Narrative | Review Criteria |
|---|---|
| Significance, impact, and endangerment | 1 |
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| Samples | 2 |
| Speaker community support | 2 |
| Data management plan | 4 |
| Archive support | 4 |

### Significance, impact, and endangerment (corresponds primarily to Review Criterion 1)

Describe the intellectual merit and significance of the proposed project, including its value to linguistics and humanities scholarship.  State and explain the project's aims and goals and its expected impact.  Explain how your analysis and publication(s) will complement, challenge, or expand relevant existing studies in the field.

Discuss the level of endangerment of the language(s) to be investigated and the urgency of the need for documentation and analysis.  Discuss any special linguistic, historical, cognitive, cultural, or social significance of the language(s).

### Organization, concepts, and methods (corresponds primarily to [Review Criterion 2](#))

Describe the research design of the project.  Explain the basic ideas, problems, or questions examined by the study and how your research will address them.  Describe and justify the methods employed for documentation and analysis.  Discuss the theoretical framework of your project and explain how your proposed analysis will advance it.  Explain your concepts and your terminology.  Where appropriate, describe and discuss primary and secondary sources.  Use [Attachment 5: Samples](#) to illustrate the content and presentation of the final product.

Describe and explain what parts of the study will be conducted on-site with speaker communities and what parts will be conducted elsewhere.  If relevant to your proposed project, discuss collaboration and other arrangements made with the speaker community and refer to the related documentation of support included in [Attachment 6: Speaker community support](#).  Such arrangements may include the training of native speakers in the practice of linguistics and the production of resources useful to the community of native speakers.

Identify what data your project will generate and include, if relevant, a statement about public access and sharing provisions to ensure the protection of privacy, confidentiality, security, intellectual property, and other rights or requirements.

If you are proposing a dissertation revision, state this and explain the changes, revisions, and expansions you plan, and how they will improve the original work.

### Competencies, skills, and access (corresponds primarily to [Review Criterion 3](#))

Explain your competence or background in the area of your proposed project.  Where appropriate, include a brief overview of the results of previous related work supported by NEH or NSF, with or without collaborators.  If the area of inquiry is new to you, explain your reasons for working in it and your qualifications to do so.  Specify your level of competence in any language needed for the study.

Where relevant, specify the arrangements for access to archives, collections, or institutions that contain resources necessary for your work.

### Final product and dissemination (corresponds primarily to [Review Criterion 4](#))

Describe the project's plan for research publication(s) and any archived documentation.  Provide information on how your work will be evaluated prior to publication, such as through peer review.  Discuss how these grant products will reach and benefit the intended audience(s).  Describe the dissemination of the publication(s) and other materials (for example, in print or digitally) and how they can be accessed.  You must provide a rationale for projects resulting in publications that will be written in a language other than English and explain how access and dissemination will be affected.

If the project has a website, provide the URL.  If the research during the fellowship includes language documentation, indicate the repository for the data created.  If applicable, refer to the documentation of support from the relevant archive ([Attachment 8: Archive support](#)) and the data management plan ([Attachment 7: Data management plan](#)).

## Attachment 2: Work plan (required)

Indicate the current state of the project and the part or stage of it that will be supported by the fellowship.  Provide a work plan (in three-month increments or less) describing what will be

accomplished during the period of performance, where you will be, and how you will spend your time. Your work plan must be based on a full-time commitment to the project; part-time work is not allowed. If you are proposing a non-continuous period of performance with two active periods of at least three months, indicate so here. If you do not anticipate finishing the entire project during the fellowship period, discuss your plan for doing so.

If you will be relying on institutional support or other sources to assist work, describe this and whether funding for this assistance is in place. If you and another researcher are seeking funds for the same project, clearly explain how the work will be divided and the extent to which each collaborator's contribution depends on that of the other.

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 publication manuscript before the end of the period of performance, explain what additional work will be required and why it merits support. The work plan will be primarily considered under review criterion 5.

The work plan must not exceed one page. Name the file workplan.pdf.

# Attachment 3: Bibliography (required)

The bibliography must not exceed a single page. Leave one-inch margins and use a font size no smaller than eleven point. Any standard bibliographic format is acceptable. Items referenced in the narrative should appear in the bibliography.

The bibliography should consist of primary and secondary sources that relate 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. Reviewers will use the bibliography to assess your knowledge of the subject area. The bibliography will be primarily considered under review criterion 2.

Name the file bibliography.pdf.

# Attachment 4: Résumé (required)

Your résumé must not exceed two pages. Do not submit a narrative biographical statement instead of a résumé. Include the following information:

- Current and past positions
- Education: list degrees, dates awarded, and titles of theses or dissertations
- Fieldwork and language documentation experience
- Awards and honors: include dates. If you have received prior support from NEH or from the DLI-DEL program (formerly the DEL program), indicate the dates of these awards and the products that resulted from them
- Publications: include full citations for publications and presentations

Your résumé will be considered primarily under review criterion 3.

Name the file resume.pdf.

# Attachment 5: Samples (required)

Append examples of up to two pages that illustrate the methods and results of your linguistic work. They may include, but are not limited to, sample dictionary or grammar entries; interlinear glossing; questionnaires; task protocols; records; and other materials. Samples will be considered primarily under review criterion 2.

Name the file samples.pdf.

## Attachment 6: Speaker community support (conditionally required)

For projects involved with living or moribund languages, include documentation demonstrating that you have consulted with the relevant parties in the speech communities in which the research will be conducted. You should ensure that appropriate permissions for the proposed research have been requested. A letter from the relevant community that expresses support for your specific work can serve this purpose, or, if this is not feasible, provide evidence of this in an explicit statement. This information will be considered primarily under [review criterion 2](#).

This attachment must not exceed two pages. Name the file communitysupport.pdf.

## Attachment 7: Data management plan (conditionally required)

If your project includes language documentation, describe how your data will be archived, sustained and supported. Explain how data generated by your project will be publicly accessible with minimal restrictions for non-commercial, educational purposes. (Restrictions on commercial use are acceptable.) The data management plan (DMP) should indicate how archived materials will be accessible to the public and discuss any restrictions to certain user groups or temporary time limits on open access.

Discuss your plans for archiving recordings, field notes, and processed documentary materials in a stable environment, preferably at one of the major national and international linguistic archives with long-term institutional commitment to data preservation and access (see [https://www.delaman.org/](https://www.delaman.org/) and [https://www.coretrustseal.org/about/history/data-seal-of-approval-synopsis-2008-2018/](https://www.coretrustseal.org/about/history/data-seal-of-approval-synopsis-2008-2018/)). Placing materials in personal digital storage or on a website is not considered sustainable archiving. In discussing methods to be employed in recording, documenting, and archiving the endangered language(s), include reference to current statements of best practices. Discuss aspects of the project that will ensure interoperability with related materials.

If you are requesting funding for the development, acquisition, preservation, or enhancement of geospatial data, products, or services, you must conduct a due diligence search at the Data.gov [list of datasets](#) to discover whether the needed geospatial-related data, products, or services already exist. If not, you must produce the proposed geospatial data, products, or services in compliance with applicable proposed guidance posted at [www.fgdc.gov](http://www.fgdc.gov).

The data management plan must not exceed one page. Name the file dmp.pdf.

## Attachment 8: Archive support (conditionally required)

Where applicable, include a letter of support from the archive, library, or other repository that indicates their willingness to archive project materials and outlining any specific arrangements which have been made for the long-term storage and public access to your documentation data.

This attachment must not exceed one page. Name the file archive.pdf.

## Attachment 9: Degree conferral (conditionally required)

Applicants who have satisfied all the requirements for a degree and are awaiting its conferral must include a letter from the dean of the conferring school or their department chair attesting that the applicant has 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)

If you are delinquent in the repayment of any federal debt, provide explanatory information on a separate page or pages. Also provide 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 student loans, delinquent taxes, delinquent child support payments, and delinquent payroll taxes for household or other employees.  See OMB Circular A-129.

Name the file delinquentdebt.pdf.

# 3. Grants.gov Registration Process

All applicants to this program must submit their applications via Grants.gov Workspace.

If you are registering with Grants.gov for the first time, go to https://apply07.grants.gov/apply/register.faces.

Once you have registered at Grants.gov, you must add an "individual" profile in order to submit an application to this program or other programs for individuals. Instructions for adding a profile are available here: https://www.grants.gov/help/html/help/index.htm?callingApp=custom#t=Register%2FAddProfile.htm

Only applicants whose Grants.gov accounts include an individual applicant profile will be able to submit applications to this program.

When you create your "individual applicant" profile, Grants.gov will automatically fill in the box for the D-U-N-S® number with a default value.  Do not change this number.

Applicants who have already registered at Grants.gov and created an "individual" profile need not re-register to submit their applications.  We encourage you, however, to check your account ahead of the deadline to confirm that it is still active and that your password has not expired.

If you have problems registering with Grants.gov or adding an "individual applicant" profile, contact the Grants.gov help desk at 1-800-518-4726 or support@grants.gov.

Applicants who lose their username and password can request a reminder at https://apply07.grants.gov/apply/login.faces?userType=applicant&cleanSession=1.

Individuals do not need to register in the System for Award Management (SAM). Awards will not be processed 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.  To see if you have delinquent federal debt or other exclusions recorded in SAM, go to the SAM website; click on "Search Records," and then on "Advanced Search - Exclusion."

NEH may not make an award to an applicant until the applicant has complied with all applicable requirements and, if an applicant has not fully complied with the requirements by the time NEH is ready to make an award, NEH may determine that the applicant is not qualified to receive an award and use that determination as the basis for making an award to another applicant.

NEH strongly recommends that you complete your registration at least two weeks before the application deadline. If you fail to allow sufficient time to complete registration with Grants.gov, you will not be given a deadline extension or waiver of the online submission requirement.  All applicants must submit their applications for NEH funding via Grants.gov Workspace.

# 4. Submission Dates and Times

The due date for applications under this announcement is September 30, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time.

Applications must be complete, within the specified page limits, and validated by Grants.gov under the correct funding opportunity number prior to the deadline to be considered under this notice.

**Confirm that you successfully submitted your application**.  It is your responsibility as an applicant to confirm that Grants.gov and subsequently NEH have received your application.

NEH will assign a tracking number beginning with FN- to your application when it has been received by the agency.  The assignment of a tracking number does not guarantee that the application is free of technical problems (such as missing attachments or failure to convert attachments to PDFs).  If NEH's system detects a technical problem with your application after retrieving it from Grants.gov, NEH will send you an email notification, provided you have included an e-mail address in your application.

Once an applicant formally submits an application, NEH will not comment on its status except with respect to issues of completeness and eligibility.

# 5. Intergovernmental Review

This funding opportunity is not subject to intergovernmental review under Executive Order 12373.

# 6. Funding Restrictions

Funds under this notice may not be used for the following purposes:

- documentaries; podcasts; exhibitions
- research by students enrolled in a degree program, including research for doctoral dissertations or theses
- the preparation or revision of educational materials, including, but not limited to textbooks; curriculum development; the development of teaching methods or theories; and educational impact, language impact, or technical impact assessments
- the writing of books for children or young adults
- inventories of collections
- the writing of guide books, how-to books, and self-help books
- promotion of a particular political, religious, or ideological point of view
- advocacy of a particular program of social or political action
- support of specific public policies or legislation
- lobbying
- projects that fall outside of linguistics and related humanities fields; the creation or performance of art; creative writing, autobiographies, memoirs, and creative nonfiction; and social science research or policy studies

Awards in this program are made to individuals; indirect costs are unallowable.  If an individual recipient elects to have the fellowship paid through their institution, all NEH funds must be remitted to the individual.  The institution may not take an institutional allowance.

# 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 ofand 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 application components](#).

## 2.  Review and Selection Process

NEH staff review applications for eligibility and completeness.  NEH uses a peer review process to evaluate all eligible and complete applications.  Peer reviewers are experts in the field with relevant knowledge and expertise in the types of project activities identified in the applications.  NEH instructs reviewers to evaluate applications according to the review criteria outlined in this Notice of Funding Opportunity.  Peer reviewers must comply with Federal ethics and conflicts of interest requirements.

NEH staff comments on matters of fact or on significant issues that otherwise would be missing from peer reviews, then makes recommendations to the National Council on the Humanities.  The National Council meets at least twice annually to advise the NEH Chairman.  The Chairman considers the advice provided by the review process and, by law, makes all funding decisions.  [Learn more about NEH's review process.](#)

## 3.  Assessment of Risk and Other Pre-Award Activities

Applications that have received a favorable objective review are reviewed for other considerations that include past performance, as applicable; continued applicant eligibility; and compliance with any public policy requirements.  You may be asked to submit additional information or to undertake certain activities in anticipation of an award.  However, even at this point in the process, such requests do not guarantee that an award will be made.  Following review of all applicable information, NEH's approving and grant management officials will determine whether an award can be made, if special conditions are required, and what level of funding is appropriate.

Award decisions are discretionary and are not subject to appeal to any NEH official or board.

# 4.  Anticipated Announcement and Award Dates

Applicants will be notified of funding decisions by e-mail in April 2021.  Notice will be sent to the e-mail address supplied in the application (SF-424 - Individual form).  For successful applicants, this notification is not an authorization to begin performance or incur related costs.  Successful applicants will be required to complete the NEH Fellowship Acceptance Form, from which the payment schedule will be determined.  Applicants may request evaluations of their applications by emailing fellowships@neh.gov.

# F.  Federal Award Administration Information

# 1.  Federal Award Notices

Successful applicants will receive offer letters from the NEH Office of Grant Management by e-mail as early as mid-April 2021.

# 2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

Awards are subject to the NEH-NSF Documenting Endangered Languages Fellowships Terms and Conditions, and the specific terms and conditions in the Notice of Award.

## Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion Certification

You must comply with 2 CFR §§180.335 and 180.350 with respect to providing information regarding all debarment, suspension, and related offenses information, as applicable.

1) You certify, by submission of this application, that you are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency.
2) Failure to make required disclosures can result in any of the remedies described in 2 CFR §200.338, including suspension or debarment. (See also 2 CFR parts 180 and 3369).
3) Where the prospective recipient is unable to attest to the statements in this certification, an explanation must be included in Attachment 10: Explanation of delinquent federal debt.

## Providing access to NEH-funded products

As a taxpayer-supported federal agency, NEH endeavors to make the products of its awards available to the broadest possible audience.  Our goal is for scholars, educators, students, and the American public to have ready and easy access to the wide range of NEH award products.  All other considerations being equal, NEH gives preference to those that provide free access to the public.

## Copyright information

NEH recipients may copyright any work that is subject to copyright and was developed, or for which ownership was acquired, under an award.  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.  NEH has typically exercised this right in consultation with recipients to publish an excerpt from resulting grant product(s) in *Humanities* magazine or on the NEH website.

## Acknowledging NEH support

All materials publicizing or products resulting from NEH-funded activities must contain an acknowledgment of NEH support.  Consult the *Acknowledgment and Publicity Requirements for NEH Awards* and *Publicizing Your Project* pages on the NEH website for guidance on acknowledging NEH support and promotion.

## NEH Research Misconduct Policy

In accordance with the Federal Policy on Research Misconduct, published in the December 6, 2000, edition of the Federal Register, 65 Fed. Reg. 76,260, the National Endowment for the Humanities has established procedures for handling allegations of research misconduct applicable to both internal and external research programs supported by NEH.  This policy reflects NEH's interest in the accuracy and reliability of the research record and the processes involved in its development.  As defined in the Federal Policy on Research Misconduct, research includes all basic, applied, and demonstration research.  Review NEH's Research Misconduct Policy.

## Eliminate waste, fraud, and abuse

Help NEH eliminate fraud and improve management by providing information about allegations or suspicions of waste, fraud, abuse, mismanagement, research misconduct (fabrication, falsification, plagiarism), or unnecessary government expenditures, during the period of award performance, to the NEH Office of the Inspector General.

# 3. Reporting

**Final Reports**. Recipients must submit a final performance report within 90 calendar days after the period of performance ends.  The final performance report collects information relevant to the accomplishments during the period of performance; the digital products arising or anticipated to arise from the project; financial support apart from NEH sources; the project's impact; and acknowledgement of NEH support.  The final reports must be completed online in eGMS Reach, NEH's online grant management system. Further information will be provided in the Notice of Action. Learn more about general Performance Reporting Requirements and the reporting requirements for NEH Fellowship recipients.

A final financial report is not required.

Recipients should notify NEH of digital publications resulting from work supported by NEH awards at the contact address below and are encouraged to grant NEH free access.

# 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
202-606-8200
fellowships@neh.gov

For assistance in registering with or submitting your application through Grants.gov, contact Grants.gov 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, excluding federal holidays at:

Grants.gov Applicant Support

Telephone:  1-800-518-4726
International Calls:  606-545-5035
Email:  support@grants.gov
Grants.gov Support
Self-Service Knowledge Base

Always obtain a case number when calling for support.

# H.  Other Information

## Related funding opportunities

The purpose of the NSF-NEH DLI-DEL initiative is to enable innovative collaborative and multidisciplinary research across the sciences, engineering, education, and humanities, as appropriate.  The DLI-DEL initiative seeks not only to acquire scientific data that will soon be unobtainable but also to integrate, systematize, and analyze linguistic findings and make the results widely available.

In addition to DLI-DEL Fellowships, funding is available in the form of one- to three-year Senior Research Grants through NSF and NEH's Division of Preservation & Access, as well as conference proposals through NSF.  Program and application information for Senior Research Grants and conferences can be found at the NSF DLI-DEL resource page and in solicitation 19-606.

Tribal groups interested in the full range of language revitalization activities should contact the Native Language Program of the Administration for Native Americans in the Administration for Children & Families of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

## Privacy policy

Information in these guidelines is solicited under the authority of the National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, 20 U.S.C. 956, *et seq*.  The principal purpose for which the information will be used is to process the application.  The information may also be used for statistical research, analysis of trends, and Congressional oversight.  Failure to provide the information may result in the delay or rejection of the application.

## Application completion time

The Office of Management and Budget 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 fifteen hours to complete this application. This estimate includes time for reviewing instructions, researching, gathering, and maintaining the information needed, and completing and reviewing the application.

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 Chief Funding Opportunity Officer at grantmanagement@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 June 30, 2021.