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Summer Stipends



Program Introduction Webinar
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Overview

- Program goals
- Program details
- Eligibility
- Nomination process
- Review criteria
- Required application materials
- Application submission
- Your questions

(Feel free to submit questions at any time during the presentation)

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What is New in 2021

- **The guidelines are now Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)**
- **Slight revision to evaluation criteria**
- **Project/Performance Site Location(s) Form**
- **“A More Perfect Union”: Special Initiative Advancing Civic Education and Celebrating the Nation’s 250th Anniversary.**



Goals of the Program

To support individual scholars pursuing projects that embody exceptional research, rigorous analysis, and clear writing.

To support projects that are of value to humanities scholars, general audiences, or both.


Projects may be at any stage of development, but Stipends are often most helpful for early-stage research and late-stage writing.



Key Program Details

- **Duration: 2 months - Award must be held full-time and continuously.**
 - **Stipend: \$6000**

 - **Application deadline: September 22, 2021**
 - **Notification of decision: Late March, 2022**
 - **Earliest possible start date: May 1, 2022**
 - **Latest possible start date: September 1, 2023**

 - **The Summer Stipends program makes an average of 81 awards per year.**
 - **Funding ratio: 10%**
 - **40% of recent awardees were first-time applicants**
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■ Typical Activities and Products

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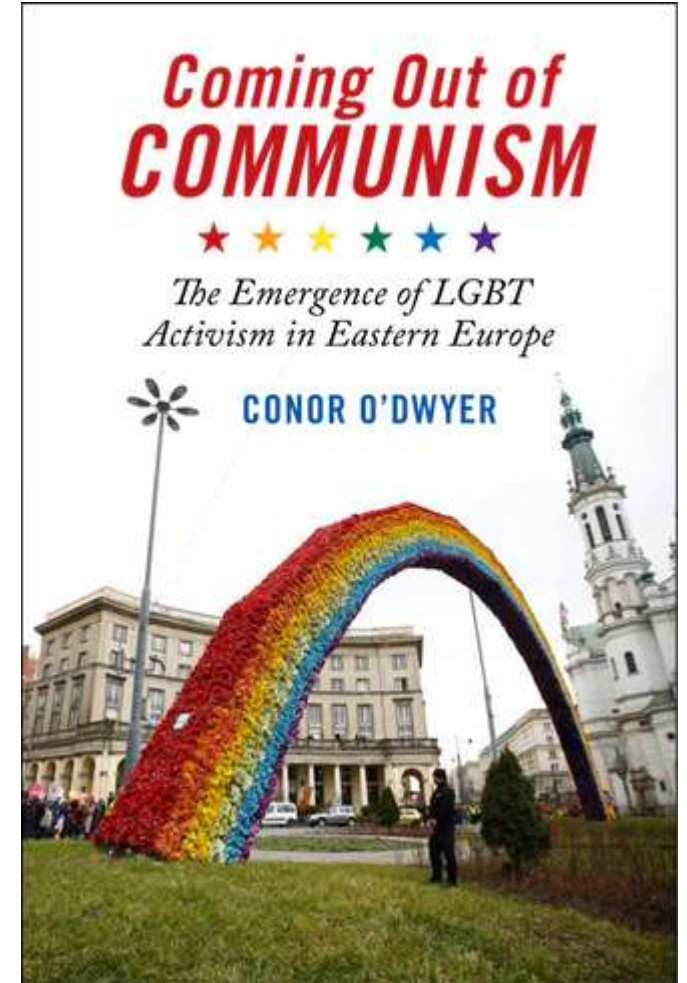
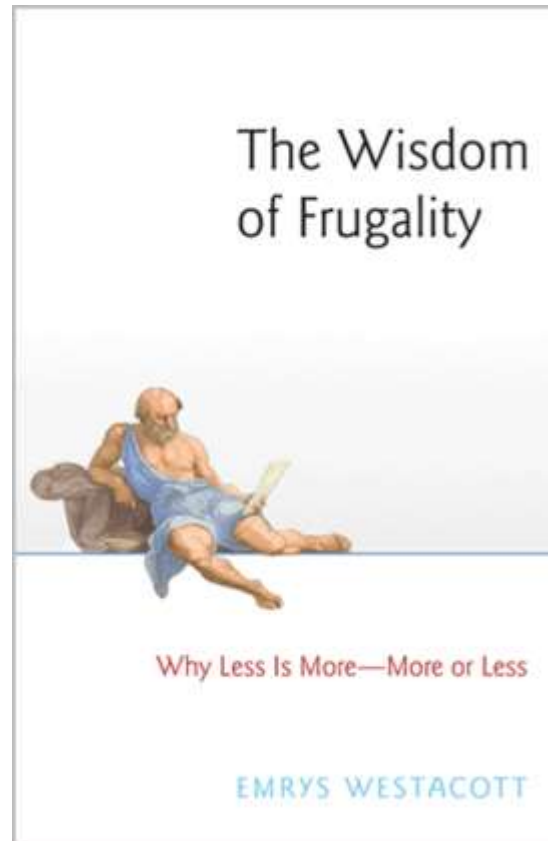
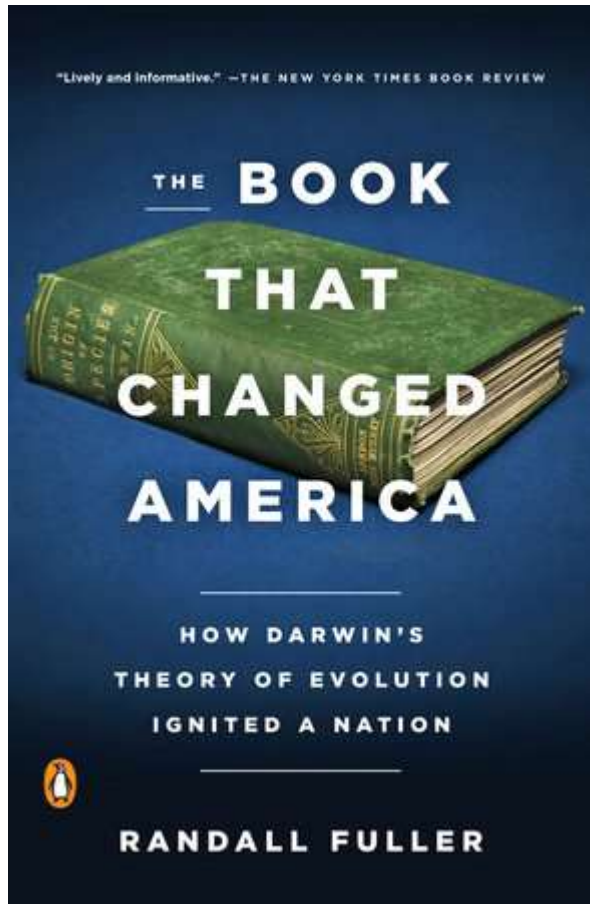
humanities research
travel to archives
scholarly editing
writing and revision

PRINT AND DIGITAL PRODUCTS

monographs, books/e-books
peer-reviewed articles
translations (with critical apparatus)
editions (with critical apparatus)
other interpretive tools



Sample Projects and Products



Who Should Apply?

The NEH Summer Stipends program invites research applications from scholars in *a//* disciplines that employ humanistic research methods.

The program encourages submissions from independent scholars, junior scholars, and faculty at historically black colleges and universities, Hispanic-serving institutions, tribal colleges and universities, and community colleges.



What are the **Humanities**?

- **History**
 - **Literature and language**
 - **History and theory of the arts and performing arts**
 - **Philosophy and ethics**
 - **Religious studies, theology**
 - **Political theory**
 - **Jurisprudence**
 - **Cultural anthropology, archaeology**
- **The program also supports projects in the social sciences and sciences that employ humanistic research methods**

Who Is Eligible?


Open to U.S. citizens, and to foreign nationals who have been living in the U.S. for the three years preceding the September 22, 2021 application deadline.

No advanced degree is required.

No institutional affiliation is required.

You may not be currently enrolled in a degree program.

***For currently enrolled students:* If you have satisfied all 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 (September 23, 2021).**



Nomination process

- **Tenured and tenure-track faculty must be nominated by their institution**
- **All institutions can nominate up to two people per year**
- **Institutions run their own nomination process**
- **Applications must include name of nominating official**



Exempt from nomination

- **Non-tenure-track faculty (including adjuncts)**
- **Staff**
- **Community college faculty**
- **Emeritus faculty**
- **Independent scholars**



Projects Not Supported (NOFO p. 14)

Some highlights, see the funding notice for a complete list of prohibitions

- **the creation or performance of art; creative writing, autobiographies, memoirs, and creative nonfiction**
- **promotion of a particular political, religious, or ideological point of view**
- **advocacy of a particular program of social or political action**
- **the development of teaching methods or theories**
- **empirical social science research, unless part of a larger humanities project**
- **the preparation or revision of textbooks, curriculum development**
- **research for doctoral dissertations or theses**



■ Application Materials (NOFO pp. 5-13)

- **3-page narrative (single-spaced)**
- **1-page bibliography**
- **2-page resume or CV**
- **Appendices (only if required) (for editions/translations, database project, visual materials)**
- **Documentation of degree conferrals or explanation of federal debt**

- **1000-character summary of your proposal**
- **Two letters of reference (due by October 15, 2020)**
- **Note: no budget is required**



■ The narrative should include (NOFO, p.10)

Research significance and contribution

Organization, concepts, and method

Work plan


Competencies, skills, and access

Final product and dissemination

➤ **In three pages! Look at the review criteria and samples**



Review Criteria (NOFO p. 15)

- 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 plan of work.**
- 4. The quality or promise of quality of the applicant's work 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.** 

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Application Materials (NOFO pp. 6-8)

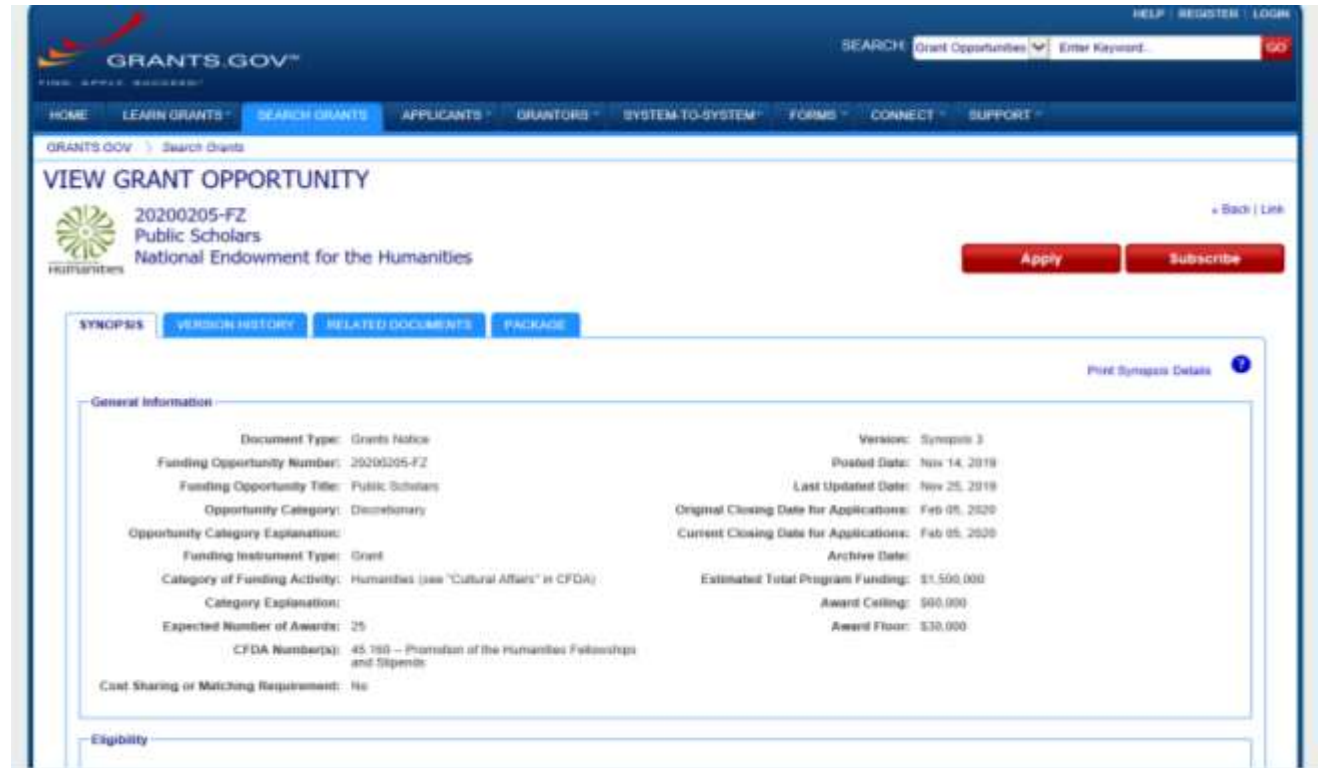
Grants.gov Forms:

- **Application for Federal Assistance SF 424 – Individual**
- **NEH Supplemental Information for Individuals**
- **Project/Performance Site Location Form**
- **Attachments (your narrative, bibliography, CV, appendices)**



Submitting Your Application

1. Register now with Grants.gov.
2. You must create an “individual applicant profile” in your account.
3. Submit several days early to allow time for technical problems.
4. Use the Grants.gov 24/7 helpline: 1-800-518-4726



The screenshot displays the Grants.gov website interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text 'Grant Opportunities' and a search button. Below the search bar is a navigation menu with options: HOME, LEARN GRANTS, SEARCH GRANTS, APPLICANTS, GRANTORS, SYSTEM-TO-SYSTEM, FORMS, CONNECT, and SUPPORT. The main content area is titled 'VIEW GRANT OPPORTUNITY' and features a green circular logo for the National Endowment for the Humanities. The grant details include: 20200205-FZ Public Scholars, National Endowment for the Humanities. There are 'Apply' and 'Subscribe' buttons. Below this, there are tabs for SYNOPSIS, VERSION HISTORY, RELATED DOCUMENTS, and PACKAGE. The 'General Information' section provides the following details:

Document Type:	Grants Notice	Version:	Synopsis 3
Funding Opportunity Number:	20200205-FZ	Posted Date:	Nov 14, 2019
Funding Opportunity Title:	Public Scholars	Last Updated Date:	Nov 25, 2019
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary	Original Closing Date for Applications:	Feb 05, 2020
Opportunity Category Explanation:		Current Closing Date for Applications:	Feb 05, 2020
Funding Instrument Type:	Grant	Archive Date:	
Category of Funding Activity:	Humanities (see "Cultural Affairs" in CFDA)	Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$1,500,000
Category Explanation:		Award Ceiling:	\$90,000
Expected Number of Awards:	25	Award Floor:	\$30,000
CFDA Number(s):	45.190 - Promotion of the Humanities Fellowships and Stipends		
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:	No		

Below the 'General Information' section, there is an 'Eligibility' section which is currently empty.

Resources for Applicants

Information on the NEH website at:

<https://www.neh.gov/grants/research/summer-stipends>

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (contains instructions for applying)
- Sample application narratives
- List of recently funded projects
- Application-writing tips webinar

Advice from NEH staff stipends@neh.gov



Nominating Officials

Institutions should identify one person who can confirm their faculty nominees

Choosing nominees

- **Each institution uses its own method**
- **About 75% use a standing or ad hoc committee**
- **Many use the program criteria**

Incentives to apply

- **Mock review panels**
 - **Encouraging previous applicants to resubmit**
 - **Recognition in annual reviews**
 - **Offering internal research money for unsuccessful nominees**
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FAQs

- **Are dissertation revisions eligible?**
- **Can I apply with a collaborative project?**
- **Can I apply to other NEH grant programs concurrently?**
- **Does my university or college submit the application for me?**
- **Other questions? Please enter in the Q&A box**



Questions?



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