

NEH Program Areas and Grant Categories Awarded in March 2008

Public Programs support projects that engage public audiences with the humanities through substantive multiformat programming such as documentary films and traveling exhibitions. This grant cycle, America's Historical and Cultural Organizations Planning, Interpreting America's Historic Places Planning, and NEH On the Road grants were awarded. Planning and implementation grants announced today support the interpretation of nationally significant sites in the United States, provide programming planning to America's cultural and historical organizations, and enable communities of all sizes to experience some of the best exhibitions funded by the NEH.

Education awards support schoolteachers and college faculty who wish to strengthen the teaching of history, literature, foreign languages and cultures, philosophy, and other areas of the humanities. Faculty Humanities Workshops as well as Teaching and Learning Resources and Curriculum Development grants were awarded this grants cycle. These grants will support professional development programs for K-12 teachers and faculty at post-secondary institutions, and improve humanities education through the development of new or revised curricula and educational resources.

Research awards are intended to create and disseminate new knowledge on human history, language, and culture. Awards are offered in two programs during this grant cycle, Fellowship Programs at Independent Research Institutions and Summer Stipends. Grants announced today support fellowships for scholarly research at several research centers and summer stipends for scholars and higher-education faculty members conducting research between academic semesters.

Preservation and Access awards ensure that significant humanities collections in libraries, museums, and archives are preserved and made available for research, education, or public programming. In this grant cycle, awards were made through Humanities Collections and Resources to preserve and create intellectual access to collections of books, archival materials, still and moving images, sound recordings, art, and objects of material culture. Grants also fund reference works and research tools including encyclopedias, dictionaries, and electronic archives. Also announced are grants for Documenting Endangered Languages, to record and archive languages facing extinction.

Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants support scholars and educators exploring new ways to advance humanities disciplines through the use of technology. This grant opportunity encourages the development of innovations in the digital humanities and these awards will result in plans and prototypes for long-term digital humanities projects. Grants announced today are offered for the planning or initial stages of digital humanities initiatives in all areas of NEH concern: research, publication, preservation, access, teacher training, and dissemination in informal or formal educational settings.