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On Developing a Successful NEH Program and Grant Proposal

Several of the programs cited in this newsletter have what might be considered “distant” application due dates – the Summer Seminars and Institute programs for faculty from higher education or for the program for K-12 teachers. Though the deadlines may seem distant, now is actually the time to begin developing your program and your application for grant support. Now is the time to consult with NEH program officers concerning your ideas and to begin recruiting senior scholars and experts who might assist you in conducting a NEH Summer Seminar or Institute. While application guidelines for the 2020 round of competition have not yet been released, the Office of Research & Sponsored Programs can provide you an assist by accessing guidelines from the past year – they are unlikely to change much in 2020 – and by identifying who has received funding in the recent past, and for what. This is one way we can help you prepare for a telephone consultation with an appropriate NEH program officer.

Proposal Development Advice from a longtime

advisor to IHEs, David G. Bauer, author of *The Grants Coaching Handbook* (2017) and *The “How To” Grants Manual*, presently in its Eighth Edition.

“Studies document that contact made before a proposal is constructed doubles the proposal’s success rate.”

“...start the proposal development process early and put in small amounts of time throughout the process. This enables (one) to conduct research on his or her potential grantor, (and) tailor a proposal based on his or her research findings...”

Reminder:

2020 NEH Summer Stipends Program - Self-nomination deadline, Friday, August 30

NEH due date for institutional nominees: September 25, 2019

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

NEH Summer Stipends support individuals pursuing advanced research that is of value to humanities scholars, general audiences, or both. Eligible projects usually result in articles, monographs, books, digital materials and publications, archaeological site reports, translations, or editions. Projects must not result solely in the collection of data; instead, they must also incorporate analysis and interpretation. Summer Stipends support continuous full-time work on a humanities project for a period of two consecutive months. Summer Stipends support projects at any stage of development.

The College may nominate no more than two faculty to participate in the Summer Stipend competition. Toward that end, our College conducts a self-nomination process wherein faculty should submit a description of their proposed work by Friday, August 30. Self-nominations may be as brief as a single page but should be prepared following the narrative format and content prescribed by NEH for final applications. Please e-mail self-nominations to murphyt@oldwestbury.edu with the subject title “NEH Nomination.” Copy should be sent concurrently to your Dean.

Humanities Connections Planning and Implementation Grant Programs

Application due date: September 19, 2019

URL **PLANNING GRANTS:** <https://www.neh.gov/grants/education/humanities-connections-planning-grants>

URL **IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS:** <https://www.neh.gov/grants/education/humanities-connections-implementation-grants>

The Humanities Connections program seeks to expand the role of the humanities in undergraduate education at two- and four-year institutions. Awards will support innovative curricular approaches that foster productive partnerships among

humanities faculty and their counterparts in the social and natural sciences and in pre-service or professional programs (such as business, engineering, health sciences, law, computer science, and other technology-driven fields), in order to encourage and develop new integrative learning opportunities for students. Humanities Connections grants are funded at two levels: Planning and Implementation; thus, two URLs cited above.

Summer Seminars and Institutes for Higher Education Faculty

Draft application due date (an optional, but encouraged step): January 2, 2020

Application due date: February 13, 2020

URL: <https://www.neh.gov/grants/education/summer-seminars-and-institutes-higher-education-faculty>

NEH Summer Seminars and Institutes for Higher Education Faculty provide higher education faculty across the nation the opportunity to broaden and deepen their engagement with the humanities. The one- to four-week professional development programs allow participants (NEH Summer Scholars) to explore recent developments in scholarship, teaching, and/or curriculum through study of a variety of humanities topics.

Seminars provide a focused environment in which sixteen participants study a humanities topic under the guidance of one or two established scholars. Seminars emphasize close interaction among the participants and director(s) through discussion of common readings and conversations about scholarship and teaching.

An Institute allows twenty-five to thirty-six participants to study a humanities topic with a team of experienced scholars. Project leaders and participants mutually explore connections between scholarship and teaching.

Application guidelines for the next round of competition will not be released for some time yet – possibly in November or December -- but it can reasonably be expected each participant will receive a stipend according to the duration of the Seminar or Institute, whether one (\$1,200) two (\$2,100), three (\$2,700), or four (\$3,300) weeks. The stipend is intended to help cover travel, housing, meals, and basic academic expenses.

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NEH Summer Seminars and Institutes for K-12 Educators provide schoolteachers across the nation the opportunity to broaden and deepen their engagement with the humanities. One- to four-week residential programs allow K-12 professionals to study a variety of humanities topics. Seminars and Institutes focus on the intellectual quality of humanities education and address recent developments in scholarship, teaching, and/or curriculum. Programs often take place at colleges or universities. The host site must provide facilities for collegial interaction and scholarship. Similar to the Seminars and Institutes programs for higher education faculty, Seminar enrollment engages sixteen participants. Institutes allow from twenty-five to thirty-six participants to study a humanities topic with a team of experienced scholars.

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