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The Humanities

In the act that established the National Endowment for the Humanities, the term *humanities* includes, but is not limited to, the study of the following disciplines: history; philosophy; languages; linguistics; literature; archaeology; jurisprudence; the history, theory, and criticism of the arts; ethics; comparative religion; and those aspects of the social sciences that employ historical or philosophical approaches.

Summer Stipends

NEH Summer Stipends provide support for faculty and staff members in universities and in two-year and four-year colleges; for staff members in libraries, museums, and historical societies; for independent scholars; and for other persons working in the humanities so that they can devote two consecutive months of full-time study and research to their projects. An applicant's project may be one that can be completed during the stipend tenure, or it may be part of a long-range endeavor.

Projects supported by NEH Summer Stipends contribute to scholarly knowledge, to the conception and substance of individual courses in the humanities, or to the general public's understanding of the humanities. Projects may address broad topics or consist of study and research in a specialized field.

Selection Criteria

Applications for Summer Stipends will be evaluated using the following criteria: the quality or the promise of quality of the applicant's work; the significance of the contribution that the proposed project will make to thought and knowledge in the applicant's field and to the humanities generally; the conception, definition, organization, and description of the proposed project; and the likelihood that the applicant will complete the project.

Eligibility

Applicants should be U.S. citizens, native residents of U.S. territorial possessions, or foreign nationals who have lived continuously in the United States or its territories since October 1, 1986.

Applicants for NEH Summer Stipends need not have advanced degrees, but neither candidates for degrees nor persons seeking support for work toward a degree are eligible to apply.

A person who has held a major fellowship or research grant during the 1987-88 academic year or during subsequent academic years is *not* eligible to apply. Sabbaticals or grants from a scholar's own institution are *not* considered major fellowships, nor are other summer research stipends or grants supporting scholarly work during the academic recess.

Persons who have held NEH Summer Stipends in 1986 or later are not eligible to apply for 1990 awards.

Nomination

Each college and university in the United States and its territorial possessions may nominate three members of its faculty for the Summer Stipends competition. No more than two of the nominees may be in the early stages of their careers, that is, *junior* nominees; no more than two may be at a more advanced stage, that is, *senior* nominees.

For the purposes of the Summer Stipends Program, academic applicants who hold the rank of instructor or assistant professor or who are at comparably early stages of their careers will be considered *junior* nominees. Those holding the rank of associate professor or professor will be considered *senior* nominees.

Nonfaculty college and university staff members are eligible for the Summer Stipends Program. Such persons may apply without nomination, provided that they will not be teaching during the 1989-90 academic year.

Academic applicants with appointments terminating by the summer of 1990 and others not employed by colleges and universities are exempt from nomination and may apply directly to the Endowment.

Special Initiatives

A special initiative is an undertaking by the Endowment to encourage proposals in all grant-making categories for projects relating to a specific subject or event. Proposals are currently solicited for the following initiatives:

The Foundations of American Society

Within its existing programs, the Endowment continues to encourage study, research, and discussion about the history, culture, and principles of the founding period, an emphasis that began with the initiative on the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution. Proposals may deal directly with the events and achievements of the founding period, including the ratification of the new Constitution, the establishment of the federal government, and the works of philosophy, politics, literature, and art that were produced during this founding period. Proposals may also treat later events, achievements, and works that have resulted or developed from the founding period or that reflect or respond to its concerns and principles.

The Columbian Quincentenary

As part of the international observance of the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus's voyage of discovery to the New World, the Endowment invites proposals for original scholarship on related topics and for the dissemination of both new and existing scholarship. Topics may include the expansion of European civilization through the efforts of the Spanish and Portuguese crowns and the establishment of new societies and new forms of cultural expression through encounters among native American, European, and African peoples. Proposals may also explore the ideas—political, religious, philosophical, scientific, technological, and aesthetic—that shaped the processes of exploration, settlement, and cultural conflict and transformation set into motion by Columbus's momentous voyage.

Applicants with proposals for projects on *The Foundations of American Society* and *The Columbian Quincentenary* may apply without nomination.

Additional Information

To determine who will be nominated, colleges and universities generally hold internal competitions before the October 1 application deadline. Application materials and information on institutional nomination procedures should be available at the office of the academic vice president of the institution. Summer Stipends application materials can also be obtained from NEH by writing or calling the

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