

Summer Stipend Program 2010

National Endowment for the Humanities

<http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/stipends.html>

What the Summer Stipend Program Is: A summer research fellowship program that provides opportunities for individuals to conduct advanced work to enhance their capacity as interpreters of and contributors to thought and knowledge in the humanities. Humanities are broadly defined to include: history; philosophy; languages; linguistics; literature; archaeology; jurisprudence; the history, theory, and criticism of the arts; ethics; comparative religion; and aspects of the social sciences that have humanistic content and employ humanistic approaches. Funds are awarded for work that will produce scholarly articles, a monograph on a specialized subject, a book on a broad topic, an archaeological site report, a translation, an edition, or other scholarly tools.

What It Provides: \$6,000 for two consecutive months of full-time research and writing. Summer Stipends can begin by May 2010.

Who May Apply: U.S. citizens, or foreign nationals who have resided in the U.S. or its jurisdictions since October 1, 2006; applicants must have received the highest degree in their professional training or completed all official requirements by the application deadline; persons who have **NOT** held a major extramural fellowship or research grant within the last three years; persons who have **NOT** received an NEH summer stipend in 2005 or later.

Caveats: In general, NEH panels prefer not to award funds for projects that are already substantially completed. Applications involving enhancement of research completed for the dissertation should strongly emphasize a significant expansion of that research.

Application Process:

- Provide the following information, prepared according to NEH guidelines, to the Office of Sponsored Projects between July 1 and August 1, 2009. (Please note that *ALL* items are **required**):
 - Contact information
 - Brief project description (approximately 120 words)
 - Names of two references and their affiliations
 - Two-page resume
 - Project narrative (approximately 3 single-spaced pages)
 - Bibliography
- Submit your application materials to your department chair; the chair must append a brief statement of project significance and forward your application to OSP.
- Please note that a two-tiered internal review process will be implemented:
 - One copy of your application materials must be received by the Office of Sponsored Projects, 301 Lowden Hall, between **July 1 and August 1, 2009** in order to be considered.
 - Members of the review panel will meet no later than August 15 to discuss the applications. Their evaluations will be provided to applicants, who may then make revisions to their proposals and resubmit them to OSP by **September 1, 2009**.
 - The review panel will meet again in early September to discuss the revised applications and select two finalists.

- If selected as a finalist, you must submit your application to NEH by **October 1, 2009**. It needs to be submitted electronically through grants.gov, which will require you to register in the system *as an individual*. For further details on this process, please visit: http://www.grants.gov/applicants/individual_registration.jsp
 - After completing the registration process, download Pure Edge Viewer to your computer: http://www.grants.gov/applicants/apply_for_grants.jsp
 - You will be able to download the Summer Stipend application package via the link in the guidelines, or here: <http://apply07.grants.gov/apply/UpdateOffer?id=7023>
 - The NEH Summer Stipend guidelines provide detailed instructions on how to complete the necessary form and attachments, and OSP staff will be available for assistance if you have additional questions. They can be reached at 815-753-1581.

Resources: The following helpful resources for preparing applications are available from the Office of Sponsored Projects:

- NEH Guidelines, available at: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/stipends.html>
- Samples of previously funded proposals, available at: <http://www.neh.gov/news/awards/stipends2007.html>
- Booklet: *Guidelines for Preparing Fellowship Applications*

Questions? Call David Stone, Director, NIU Office of Sponsored Projects, at 753-9282, or e-mail him at dastone@niu.edu.

- ❖ **Special note:** Projects responding to the NEH “We the People,” “Rediscovering Afghanistan,” or “Digital Humanities” Initiatives should state this in the application.