

## NEH *Summer Stipends*

Each year the **National Endowment for the Humanities** (NEH) requests nominations for its *Summer Stipends* program. The \$6,000 stipends are intended to support two months of full-time work on projects that will contribute to scholarly knowledge or to the general public's understanding of the humanities.

As defined by the NEH, *the term “humanities” includes, but is not limited to, the study of the following: language, both modern and classical; linguistics; literature; history; jurisprudence; philosophy; archaeology; comparative religion; ethics; the history, theory and criticism of the arts; those aspects of social sciences which have humanistic content and employ humanistic methods; and the study and application of the humanities to the human environment with particular attention to reflecting our diverse heritage, traditions, and history and to the relevance of the humanities to the current conditions of national life.* Additionally, the *Summer Stipends* program welcomes projects that respond to NEH's new ***Bridging Cultures*** initiative. Such projects could focus on cultures internationally or within the United States. International projects might seek to enlarge Americans' understanding of other places and times, as well as other perspectives and intellectual traditions. American projects might explore the great variety of cultural influences on, and myriad subcultures within, American society. These projects might also investigate how Americans have approached and attempted to surmount seemingly unbridgeable cultural divides, or examine the ideals of civility and civic discourse that have informed this quest. **Recipients usually produce articles, monographs, books, digital materials, archaeological site reports, translations, editions, or other scholarly resources.**

For a full description of the program, its guidelines, and sample successful applications visit: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/stipends.html>. **NEH *Summer Stipends* do not support projects to study teaching methods or theories. Neither do they support surveys of courses and programs, the preparation of institutional curricula, the publishing of textbooks, research for doctoral dissertations or theses, or empirical social science research, unless part of a larger humanities project.**

This is a limited submission grant program that requires institutional nomination and an internal process for selecting faculty applications to be put forward, i.e., to receive an institutional nomination. Nominees must be full-time tenure-track or tenured faculty of any rank. Eligible faculty must be nominated by the University in order to apply for a *Summer Stipend*<sup>1</sup>. The Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Jerry D. Jorgensen, is Park University's nominating official.

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<sup>1</sup> Adjunct faculty, part-time faculty, applicants with academic appointments that terminate by the summer of the award tenure, and college staff members who are not faculty members and will not be teaching during the academic year preceding the award of tenure are exempt from the institutional nomination requirement and may apply independently.

Park, and all other colleges and universities, is restricted to two nominations. Faculty who wish to be nominated by the University must complete and submit a *Pre-Proposal Review Form* signed by their Chair/Director and Dean to the Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) by **Friday, September 9, 2011**. The *Pre-Proposal Review Form* may be obtained on the OSP website: <http://www.park.edu/osp/proposals.html>. To receive a University nomination, faculty must meet the NEH eligibility criteria as listed in the program guidelines and should submit the following to OSP by **Thursday, August 15, 2011**:

1. Narrative that provides the proposed project's ideas, objectives, methods, and work plan (no more than three single-spaced pages)
2. Bibliography (no more than one page)
3. CV (no more than two pages)

If more than two qualified faculty members wish to apply for NEH *Summer Stipends*, their application material will be reviewed by the OSP in collaboration with faculty expert consultants as appropriate. The following criteria will be used in evaluating applications:

1. The intellectual significance of the proposed project, including its value to scholars and general audiences in the humanities
2. The quality or promise of quality of the applicant's work as an interpreter of the humanities
3. The quality of the conception, definition, organization, and description of the project and the applicant's clarity of expression
4. The feasibility of the proposed plan of work, including, when appropriate, the soundness of the dissemination and access plans
5. The likelihood that the applicant will complete the project

At the completion of the review process, two applications will be recommended to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs for nomination to NEH. **Priority will be given to those applicants who first submit complete and approved *Pre-Proposal Review Forms* to OSP.** The final nominating decision will be made by Dr. Jorgensen. The two faculty who are nominated to apply will be notified by **Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

Applications must be submitted to NEH electronically through Grants.gov. Although the applicant/nominee submits the proposal as an individual rather than through the institution, faculty should work with OSP throughout the submission process. The NEH *Summer Stipend* deadline is **Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**. OSP, NEH, and Grants.gov recommend submitting at least two business days prior to the deadline. After submission of the grant application, NEH will contact the Provost for confirmation of institutional nomination.