

National Endowment for the Humanities: Summer Stipend Program

The Office of the Vice President for Research with the College of Arts and Sciences is pleased to facilitate the 2017 NEH Summer Stipend Program internal competition. The university may nominate two faculty members for the national competition; at least one nominee will be a junior faculty member. The Summer Stipend Program provides \$6,000 grants for two consecutive, full-time months of research and writing.

The purpose of the NEH Summer Stipend is to provide recipients an opportunity to pursue advanced work in the humanities. The Summer Stipend may not be used for projects that study teaching methods or theories, survey courses and programs, or prepare institutional curricula. Although the NEH does not fund creative or performing arts, it does support the history and criticism of the arts.

The NEH mission is "to enrich American cultural lives by promoting the study of history and culture." According to the agency's enabling legislation, the "humanities includes, but is not limited to, the study of language (modern and classical); linguistics; literature; history; jurisprudence; philosophy; archaeology; comparative religion; ethics; the history, criticism, and theory of the arts; those aspects of social science that 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 current conditions of national life."

Faculty whose research interests are closely aligned with the NEH's mission are invited to **"self-nominate" by submitting a pre-proposal to proposals.vpr@ttu.edu in the Office of the Vice President for Research on or before 12:00 noon Friday, July 29, 2016.** Pre-proposals will be reviewed by the Humanities Council chaired by Dr. David Roach and *ad hoc* reviewers as necessary to assure representation from all applicant departments, schools and colleges.

IMPORTANT NOTE: NEH guidelines for this program can be found at www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/stipends.html. Specific guidelines for proposal preparation can be found at: www.neh.gov/files/grants/summer-stipends-sep-29-2016.pdf. Additional information is available from Mindali.Dean@ttu.edu (806 834-1376) and on the ORS website at: www.depts.ttu.edu/vpr/award-ops/limited-submissions.php. Please indicate clearly if you are a junior faculty member applicant.

As a reminder, individuals who have held a major fellowship or research grant or its equivalent within the last three academic years prior to the deadline are ineligible. A "major fellowship or research grant" is a postdoctoral research award that provides a stipend of at least \$15,000. Sabbaticals and grants from Texas Tech and stipends and grants from other sources supporting study and research during the summer are not considered major fellowships.

Time line:

Pre-proposal Internal deadline	July 29 th Noon, proposals.vpr@ttu.edu
Humanities Council Meeting	August 12 th , 1:30 HH 129

The Office of the Vice President for Research will be happy to work with you as you prepare your proposal for final submission. Please contact Mindali.Dean@ttu.edu if you need assistance.