

Notice of Funding Opportunity and Criteria for Fellowships (Excerpted from the Notice of Funding Opportunity, available at www.neh.gov/grants/research/fellowships)

NEH Fellowships are competitive awards granted to individual scholars pursuing projects that embody exceptional research, rigorous analysis, and clear writing. Applications must clearly articulate a project's value to humanities scholars, general audiences, or both.

Fellowships provide recipients time to conduct research or to produce books, monographs, peer-reviewed articles, e-books, digital materials, translations with annotations or a critical apparatus, or critical editions resulting from previous research. Projects may be at any stage of development.

NEH invites research applications from scholars in all disciplines, and it encourages submissions from independent scholars and junior scholars.

NOFO, Section E1. Review Criteria

Peer reviewers will use the following criteria to review applications in the Fellowships program:

1. The intellectual significance of the proposed project, including its value to humanities scholars, general audiences, or both.
2. The quality of the conception, definition, organization, and description of the project and the applicant's clarity of expression.
3. The feasibility and appropriateness of the proposed plan of work.
4. The quality or promise of quality of the applicant as an interpreter of the humanities.
5. The likelihood that the applicant will complete the project (not necessarily during the period of performance), including, when relevant, the soundness of the dissemination and access plans.

Each review criterion corresponds to specific sections of the narrative and the other application components. See Section D2 Content and Form of Application Submission for additional information.

Rating Scale

E=Excellent

VG=Very Good

G = Good

SM = Some Merit

NC = Not Competitive