May 13, 2015

Dear Chairs:

The application process for NEH summer stipend grants is once again upon us. These grants provide $6000 in summer support for a variety of research projects in the humanities [note that "humanities" is broadly defined; see below]

Please circulate this email to your faculty and encourage them to apply. Faculty: please click on the NEH website link-- [http://www.neh.gov/grants/research/summer-stipends](http://www.neh.gov/grants/research/summer-stipends) -- for more information on the award competition, eligibility, etc.

Faculty members who wish to apply should submit a current c.v. and a statement about their proposed summer research project [of no more than 2 pages] to their respective chairs. Chairs should then nominate ONE faculty member per department and provide a letter of support and the above materials, to me [jpburke@uvm.edu] by Friday, August 14, 2015.

Also note the special emphasis in the award competition as described on the NEH website. They have a special interest in projects that involve "The Common Good: The Humanities in the Public Square" and "Standing Together: The Humanities and the Experience of War." For further information, see the NEH "Summer Stipend Guidelines" pdf at their website: [http://www.neh.gov/files/grants/summer-stipends-oct-1-2015.pdf](http://www.neh.gov/files/grants/summer-stipends-oct-1-2015.pdf)

Finally, please note how the NEH defines "humanities" very broadly. According to their website: "The term 'humanities' includes, but is not limited to, the study and interpretation of the following: language, both modern and classical; linguistics; literature; history; jurisprudence; philosophy; archaeology; comparative religion; ethics; the history, criticism and theory 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."

--National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act, 1965, as amended

The following is a brief description of the summer stipends from the NEH website:
**Brief Summary**

Summer Stipends support individuals pursuing advanced research that is of value to humanities scholars, general audiences, or both.

Recipients usually produce articles, monographs, books, digital materials, archaeological site reports, translations, editions, or other scholarly resources.

Summer Stipends support continuous full-time work on a humanities project for a period of two consecutive months.

Summer Stipends support projects at any stage of development.

Summer Stipends are awarded to individual scholars. Organizations are not eligible to apply.

**Program Statistics**

In the last five competitions the Summer Stipends program received an average of 930 applications per year. The program made an average of 81 awards per year, for a funding ratio of 9 percent.

Best,

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