SUMMER STIPENDS IN THE HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

National Endowment for the Humanities
And
University of Virginia

Application Deadline:  
Noon August 30, 2012 (NEH applications)  
Noon September 27, 2012 (U.Va. applications)

The President of the University and the Dean of Arts and Sciences annually allocates funds for faculty stipends to support full-time summer research in the social sciences and the humanities (including original creative works in the fine arts). Approximately 45 U.Va. stipends are awarded each year, including support for full-time, non-chaired professors. In addition, the University is allowed two (2) nominees for the Summer Stipends program sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). The NEH’s Summer Stipends program supports continuous full-time work on a humanities project over a two-month period. Chaired professors may apply for the NEH awards only.

Since the aims and terms of the NEH program are similar to those of the University program, applications for one or both programs can be made on the attached form. The nominees chosen by the Summer Stipends Committee for NEH stipends will be required to submit their applications electronically through the NEH Website. All applicants may remain in contention for University stipends, whether or not they are nominated for NEH stipends, except as indicated in the attached. Notification typically can be expected by early December.

One copy of your proposal should be submitted as a single PDF file electronically to the Summer Stipends Committee at mjm8k@virginia.edu. Please review the summer stipends eligibility criteria given below specific to the current award year so that you can meet the applicable deadline for your application submission.
ELIGIBILITY FOR U.Va. STIPENDS

Full-time, tenure-track or tenured faculty holding appointments in the arts, humanities and social sciences at the rank of assistant, associate, or full (non-chair) professor and expecting to continue at the University through the end of the fall 2013 semester are invited to submit applications for a stipend (in the amount of $5,000) in support of the specific project outlined in the application. It is understood that Mollie Iseli in the Office of the Vice President for Research will be notified no later than May 2013 if a faculty member awarded such a stipend becomes ineligible to receive the stipend as a result of his/her inability to complete the fall 2013 semester at the University.

Acting assistant professors, who expect to complete all requirements for their doctoral degrees by February 1, may submit applications. Those acting assistant professors to whom awards are made must provide certification of the completion of their degree requirements to the appropriate dean by February 1. If certification sufficient to initiate an official change of status by the appropriate dean to assistant professor is not received by that date, the award will be terminated.

Funding for summer research is extremely limited, and competition for awards is severe. In evaluating proposals, the Committee focuses primarily on the quality of the project and the significance of the contribution that the proposed project will make to thought and knowledge in the applicant’s field and to the humanities or social sciences. The committee will also consider the likelihood that the applicant will complete the project (or designated subsection of a larger project) during the summer.

U.Va. stipend awards are subject to the following criteria:

1. No stipends will be made for research that is intended to result in the production of a textbook, for writing that is essentially commercial, or for the preparation of teaching materials that will be required by the applicant in the performance of his or her own normal teaching duties.

2. Faculty may receive summer stipend support for no more than two consecutive years; they regain eligibility after a summer without support.

3. No stipends will be made for the support of research leading to a graduate degree.

4. Stipend recipients are expected to devote at least four consecutive weeks of the summer in which the stipend is awarded to the proposed research project.

5. Stipend recipients may receive salary for summer teaching or summer administrative duties provided that the commensurate work occupies no more than eight consecutive weeks during the summer of the award.

6. Stipend recipients may accept grants for project expenses not covered by the summer stipend; in addition, research funds from alternate sources up to $10,000
may be accepted by stipend recipients for additional research project(s) provided that such additional research project(s) will occupy no more than eight consecutive weeks during the summer of the stipend award. Any such additional commitments for the summer should be described along with a proposed distribution of summer effort.

7. Persons receiving awards will be expected to report in writing to Chair, Summer Stipends Committee, by September 30, 2013, on the progress achieved toward the completion of the proposed project. **Failure to submit a final report on time will jeopardize future funding.**

ELIGIBILITY FOR NEH STIPENDS

1. Each summer stipend provides $6,000 for two consecutive and uninterrupted months of full-time research and writing on a humanities project at any stage of development. Stipend recipients may not hold major fellowships or grants that do not support the same project during the tenure of their award.

2. Faculty members teaching full-time at colleges and universities are eligible for nomination. Individuals currently enrolled in a degree-granting program are eligible to apply only if such individuals have satisfied all degree requirements and are awaiting conferral of the degree.

3. Non-faculty college and university staff members are eligible for the summer stipend program. Such persons may apply without nomination provided that they will not be teaching during the academic year preceding the award tenure.

4. Faculty with terminating academic appointments by summer 2013, adjunct faculty, part-time faculty and emeritus faculty are exempt from nomination and may apply directly to the Summer Stipends program.

5. Persons who have held or been awarded a major fellowship or research grant or its equivalent within the last three academic years prior to the deadline are not eligible to apply. For the purposes of this guideline, a "major fellowship or research grant" is defined as a postdoctoral research award that provides a stipend of at least $15,000 and that comes from sources other than the recipient's employing institution. In this regard, sabbaticals and grants from a person's own institution are not considered major fellowships, nor are stipends and grants from other sources supporting study and research during the summer.

6. Previous recipients of Summer Stipends may apply again to the program to seek support for a new stage in their respective projects.

7. Persons may not hold more than one award from a NEH-administered program which supports individual research during the 2013 federal fiscal year (October 1,
8. Summer stipends may not be used to pursue research for dissertations or theses by doctoral or other degree-seeking students; specific policy studies; educational or technical impact assessments; textbook preparation; studies of teaching methods, theories, surveys of courses, or curriculum development; inventories of collections; works related to the creative or performing arts; creation of databases or empirical social research, unless as a requirement of a larger humanities project; or promotion of a particular political, philosophical, religious, or ideological point-of-view or program of social action.

9. All U.S. citizens and foreign nationals who have been living in the U.S. or its jurisdictions for three years or longer immediately preceding the application deadline may apply.

10. The Summer Stipends program encourages and welcomes projects that promote and contribute to the NEH’s Bridging Cultures initiative.

11. More details pertaining to the NEH 2013 Summer Stipends program can be accessed via the following link: http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/stipends.html