Limited Submission Funding Opportunity

National Endowment for the Humanities: Challenge Grants

http://www.neh.gov/grants/challenge/challenge-grants

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Challenge grants are capacity building grants, intended to support significant humanities activities of high intellectual quality and to help institutions secure long-term support for their humanities programs. Grants may be used to establish or enhance endowments or spend-down funds that generate expendable earnings to support and enhance ongoing program activities. Challenge grants may also provide capital directly supporting the procurement of long-lasting objects, such as acquisitions for archives and collections, the purchase of equipment, and the construction or renovation of facilities needed for humanities activities.

Challenge grant funds must enhance the humanities in the long term. Challenge grant funds should not merely replace funds already being expended on the humanities, but instead should reflect careful strategic planning to strengthen and enrich an institution’s humanities activities and commitment to the advancement of knowledge and understanding of the humanities.

Institutions may use challenge grant funds to meet both ongoing and one-time humanities-related costs, provided that the long-term benefit of the expenditure can be demonstrated. NEH will offer successful applicants a matching grant. Grant recipients must raise—from nonfederal donors—three times the amount of federal funds offered. To be eligible for matching, gifts may not derive from the grantee institution itself. The federal portions of NEH challenge grants have ranged in recent years from $75,000 to $500,000.

LIMIT ON NUMBER OF PROPOSALS PER ORGANIZATION
Institutions may apply for only one NEH challenge grant in a calendar year.

KEY DATES
Internal Letter of Intent Due: March 3, 2015 (by midnight)
Sponsor Proposal Due: May 5, 2015

SUBMITTING A MANDATORY LETTER OF INTENT
Faculty members interested in applying are required to submit a letter of intent (LOI). An LOI is required but not binding.

Click here to access the LOI form.

1. Name the LOI as follows: “LastName-FirstInitial-LOI-NEH-Challenge-2015”, replacing “LastName” with your last name and “First Initial” with your first initial.
2. Click on the Vault ticket: https://vault2.northwestern.edu/xythoswfs/webui/_xy-e6471634_t_WnhAaBLQ
3. Click the Upload button.
4. Click the Browse button and navigate to your file on your hard drive or network.
5. Click the OK button.
Note: You will get a tiny confirmation message upon upload. If you do not see it, you may contact Karen Cielo k-cielo@northwestern.edu for a confirmation.

COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES
The Office of Research Development offers assistance in identifying and facilitating collaborations, putting together interdisciplinary teams, programmatic and administrative development of large, cross-school proposals, and leveraging institutional resources for outreach and education. Contact Fruma Yehiely (yehiely@northwestern.edu), Director of ORD, for more information.

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