FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: 5/17/2016

To: Interested Eligible Faculty
From: Tara Burke, Research Development 301.405.4178; tburke13@umd.edu
Re: NEH Summer Stipends
http://www.neh.gov/grants/research/summer-stipends

UMD REQUIRED Date: September 7, 2016 – intent to submit (by 5:00 pm)
UMD Limited Submission Date: September 16, 2016

Apply: Through ARHU
UMD applications allowed: 2
Agency Full Submission Deadline: September 29, 2016
Information Session: September 8, 2016, from 11:30am-12:30pm in 1102J Francis Scott Key Hall.

Award Amount: $6K

About the NEH Summer Stipends Program: Summer Stipends support individuals pursuing advanced research that is of value to humanities scholars, general audiences, or both. Eligible projects usually result in articles, monographs, books, digital materials and publications, 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.

NEH invites projects related to its new initiative, The Common Good: The Humanities in the Public Square. This initiative seeks to connect the study of the humanities to the current conditions of national life. Many of today’s challenges require more than ever the forms of understanding and knowledge represented by the humanities. They require the broadest possible engagement of scholars and the public with the resources of the humanities, including but not limited to the study of language, literature, history, philosophy, comparative religion, and ethics. The study of the humanities can help illuminate the complexity of many contemporary challenges while enriching our understanding of the common good. Note that the Common Good initiative incorporates the Standing Together initiative, which encourages projects related to war and military service. More information about the Common Good initiative is available here.

In response to the destruction of cultural heritage materials worldwide, NEH encourages applications for projects that study, document, or create digital representations of lost or imperiled cultural heritage materials. Proposed projects should be based on scholarly work and follow standards and best practices. Projects must demonstrate the capacity to be sustained and must be widely accessible to the public. For more information click here.
The Summer Stipends program will give equal consideration to all applications in accordance with the program’s evaluation criteria, whether or not they respond to the Common Good initiative or the Standing Together initiative or focus on lost or imperiled cultural heritage materials.

Stipend Amount: Summer Stipends provide $6,000 for two consecutive months of full-time research and writing. Recipients must work full-time on their projects for these two months and may hold other research grants supporting the same project during this time. Summer Stipends normally support work carried out during the summer months, but arrangements can be made for other times of the year.

Further information about the program and the submission process is available on the National Endowment for the Humanities site at: http://www.neh.gov/grants/research/summer-stipends.

**Campus Nomination Process**

The NEH Summer Stipends program allows two (2) nominees per institution. Faculty who wish to submit a proposal for consideration for a nomination, should send an “intent to submit” notice to Dr. Daryle Williams, Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, no later than close of business on Wednesday, September 7, 2016. A three-page, single-spaced narrative and a two-page resume are due to Associate Dean Williams no later than close of business on Friday, September 16, 2016. Campus nominees will be notified no later than Monday, September 26, 2016. The final submission deadline is Thursday, September 29, 2016.

All materials submitted for consideration for a campus nomination must follow the NEH guidelines found at the link noted above. Materials that do not conform to the published guidelines will not be considered.

Questions may be directed to Daryle Williams <daryle@umd.edu>. TEL: 301-405-2091

**Information Session**

All applicants who submit an “intent to submit” notice by September 7, 2016 are invited to an information session on Tuesday, September 8, 2016, from 11:30am-12:30pm in 1102J Francis Scott Key Hall. This session will provide applicants with information and guidance on their proposals and the review process, as well as sample successful applications.

**Awardees:**

For a list of recent awardees to this program, please follow this link:

https://securegrants.neh.gov/publicquery/main.aspx?q=1&a=0&n=0&o=0&k=0&f=0&s=0&p=1&pv=3&d=0&y=1&yf=2014&yt=2016&prd=0&cov=0&prz=0&wp=0&pg=0&ob=year&or=DESC