



2024-2025 Public Humanities Fellows Call for Applications

Applications Due: June 4, 2024

[Apply Here](#) (or [Preview the Application Here](#))

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Optional Zoom Information Session: April 25, 2024, 1:30 pm. [Pre-Registration Required.](#)

The public humanities is a vibrant field aimed at sharing the humanities outside of academic circles, but there are too few opportunities for hands-on training and professional development. In its mission to create spaces to bridge divides and open minds, Humanities Washington hopes to remedy this gap by seeking applications from the next generation of public humanists. We seek innovative programming that serves Washington communities—especially those underserved and underrepresented in the academic humanities.

The [Public Humanities Fellows program](#) is designed for early-career humanists based in Washington (including graduate students, non-profit professionals, untenured professors, culture bearers, and other humanities experts), who are seeking to develop their program management and public humanities skills. Humanists from communities who are underrepresented in the humanities are encouraged to apply.

Your Project

Apply with a project of your own design, which should be free to experience or access, open to the public, robustly situated within the humanities, and achievable from October 1, 2024 - May 15, 2025.* Projects that are unique, innovative, and center audiences underserved by the humanities are a priority of this program.

Fellows receive:

- \$5000 stipend
- \$3500 for project expenses
- Publicity and marketing for their project
- Membership in a statewide cohort of early-career public humanists
- Mentorship and technical assistance from experienced public humanists from Humanities Washington staff and networks
- Unique hands-on experience and professional development in designing and executing public humanities projects

*Projects which are published outside the duration of the fellowship, like podcasts, are permitted with the approval of the Director of Programs. Additional reporting requirements apply.



Projects may take a variety of forms, but examples include: public presentations, online exhibits, podcasts, discussion groups, video series, place-based programming, digital publications, and many more. [See the work of past Fellows here.](#)

Responsibilities

- Participate in ten 75-minute cohort meetings via Zoom, from October through March
- Create and maintain project plan and budget, as well as project records
- Provide timely updates to Director of Programs
- Submit a final impact report and reflection and present to Humanities Washington Board of Trustees and staff
- Communicate and collaborate respectfully with colleagues, partner organizations, and audience members

Restrictions

This program is specifically intended for individuals in the early stages of their careers. This is typically defined as five or fewer years into a career path. Individuals serving in leadership roles or with extensive experience in the public humanities are likely outside the scope of this program.

Accepted applications receive \$3500 of funding for eligible project expenses. Examples of ineligible expenses include:

additional compensation for the fellow; construction, purchase of real property, major alteration and renovation; lobbying.

Due to restrictions on our funding, we are unable to fund art projects, projects that advocate for a particular program of social or political action, support specific public policies or legislation, or promote a particular political, religious, or ideological point of view.

Projects must be focused on the humanities. According to the NEH, “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.”



To Apply

1. [Preview the application here.](#)
2. Create an account with Foundant ([instructions here](#)).
3. [Apply here--due June 4, 2024](#)

Timeline

Date	Milestone	Description
June 4, 2024	Applications Due	Applications are reviewed by a statewide committee of humanities experts.
Mid-August	Decisions Announced	Applicants will be notified of decisions via email.
October 1	Fellowship Begins	Program activity until completion of project. Ten cohort meetings weeks, spread between October and March (roughly two per month, to be scheduled with cohort)
May 15, 2025	Completion of Project Activity	
Early June 2025	Presentation to Board of Trustees and Staff	Brief presentation outlining project, lessons learned, and next steps.
June 15, 2025	Project Report Deadline	All program activity funded by Humanities Washington must be completed by this date. Project summary, data, and reflection.



Program Priorities

- *Equity* – Projects serving and led by members of communities traditionally under-resourced in the humanities are prioritized by this program. These groups include people of color, people who identify as LGBTQIA+, people who live in rural areas, people with disabilities, people who identify as immigrants or refugees, and people whose first, or only, language is not English. (Please note that this is not an exhaustive list.)
- *Professional Development* – Humanities Washington aims to provide hands-on experience, a supportive community of learning, and direct access to subject matter experts to Fellows.
- *Respectful Relationships with Washington Communities and Organizations* – Fellows are encouraged to identify communities underserved by the humanities, and to develop thoughtful and respectful relationships with organizations and leaders who can help ensure that our support is equitable, ethical, and informed.
- *Program Incubation* – This program seeks to support innovation and experimentation in humanities project design and implementation, keeping in mind the ultimate goal of serving the public with the humanities. If a program is particularly successful and sustainable, then there may be opportunities for continued support.

About Humanities Washington

Humanities Washington and its partners create spaces for people to come together to explore and consider what it means to be human and to reflect on our shared past, present, and future. We hold events and programs led by cultural experts and scholars, who discuss everything from Washington State history to philosophy to current social issues. We also support and partner with a wide network of communities, organizations, and individuals across the state. To learn more about our programs, visit our [programs page](#) or [view our organizational video](#).

Humanities Washington's work is made possible through contributions from many individuals, corporations, and foundations, the State of Washington, and the National Endowment for the Humanities