The National Endowment for the Humanities invites applications for 2014 Summer Stipends to support research in the humanities. The application period runs from August 1st to September 26th. This notification is to alert you to the opportunity to seek funding for a summer research project. Stipend awards for next summer are $6,000.

The NEH requires that the University nominate proposals for consideration. JMU may nominate a maximum of two proposals; of these, one should be from a junior faculty member. The deadline for submitting proposals to NEH is September 26, 2013.

NEH Summer Stipend recipients may also receive other small research grants for the same project during the term of their award. The recipient must devote two months of full-time research to the project.

You may obtain a copy of the guidelines and access the electronic application by visiting the NEH web site at http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/stipends.html and select Summer Stipends Guidelines under the Download Application Materials on the left side of the screen. If you encounter trouble with the grants.gov system, contact a member of the Summer Stipends staff, at stipends@neh.gov or 202-606-8200. If you have questions about JMU’s process, please contact Dr. Marilou Johnson, Associate Dean, CVPA at johnsomx@jmu.edu.

In order to complete the university selection process by the NEH deadline you will need to submit your NEH application and 3 copies to the College of Arts and Letters Dean’s office, ATTN: Laura Wisman, by Friday, August 30th at 5:00. A 3-person committee selected from the membership of the CAL and CVPA College Faculty Assistance Committees will review the applications and select two proposals that will be submitted to NEH.

The cover letter to the application notification defines the term “humanities,” included here for your information:

The term ‘humanities’ includes, but is not limited to, the study of the following: language, both modern and classical; linguistics; literature; history; jurisprudence; philosophy; archaeology; comparative religion; ethics; the history, theory and criticism 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.

Any faculty member with a humanities project may apply for nomination for a Summer Stipend. The field of the project determines the eligibility for nomination to and application for NEH Summer Stipends, not the field of the applicant.