Improving Your Odds for Success, Even *Before* Writing Your Application





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Session Overview

!:Long-term strategies

- **!** Networking
- **!** Serve as a reviewer

Project-specific strategies

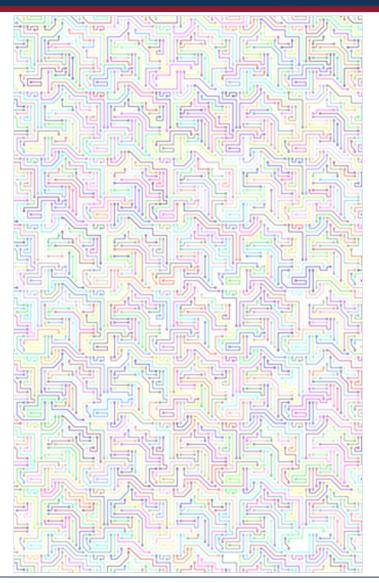
- **!** Explore prior awards
- **!** Examine funded proposals
- **!** Develop a concept paper
- Develop a plan for your writing goals

! Takeaways





Networking: Building relationships



Campus community

- Within home department, college/school
- Other colleges/schools, departments
- Other university divisions

State and region

- Other public/private IHEs
- State/local government
- Industry/Non-profit sector
- School districts

Professional field

- Conferences
- Journals
- Associations
- Social media

Funding sponsors



Behind the scenes: Serve as a reviewer

- See the review process in action
- Perspective while writing your proposal
- Network with field colleagues
- Contribute to the field







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Panelist Sign-up Form

We are always looking for scholars, cultural institution leaders, humanities center staff, and other experts to serve as peer reviewers. If you have ever applied for an NEH grant or served on an NEH panel, you are already in the NEH electronic grants management system (eGMS) and do not need to register via this form. But if you are new to the NEH, and if you would like to be considered as a peer reviewer, use this form to add yourself to the system. The NEH may use the information you provide to consider your candidacy for service on a peer review panel, and may also use that information to contact you to request your participation on a peer review panel. If you have been encouraged to sign up by a member of the NEH staff or the National Council on the Humanities, or by an NEH grantee or panelist, let us know in your comments below.

Boldface fields are required. On the next screen you can upload your CV or résumé as a PDF file.

To learn more about the application review process, check out this page on the NEH website: <u>https://www.neh.gov/grants/application-process</u>. Also on the website, the agency privacy policy: <u>https://www.neh.gov/privacy</u>.

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Welcome to the volunteer reviewer page!

To increase the pool of un-conflicted reviewers we are seeking subject matter experts to serve as on-line reviewers of proposals and/or in-person reviewers to engage in discussions at a face-to-face panel meeting. New researchers including post doctoral fellows and sometimes upper level graduate students are welcome. Just follow the links below to the volunteer review forms and indicate the fields in which you consider yourself to be a subject matter expert and click the boxes. If your expertise matches our program needs NASA will contact you to discuss potential review assignments. Qualified SMEs may, and are encouraged, to volunteer to one or more program reviewer

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Reviewers are Essential - NSF needs YOU

The success of the peer review process, which enables NSF to make wise investments in all fields of science and engineering research and education, depends on the willingness of qualified reviewers like you to share your time and expertise. Your experience and up-to-date knowledge enables you to provide helpful advice to NSF program officers on the merits of proposals and constructive comments to proposers that strengthen their projects. In making its decisions on proposals, the counsel of these merit reviewers has proven invaluable to the Foundation in the identification of meritorious projects. The Foundation also may ask reviewers to serve on panels, for which NSF pays travel expenses.

To implement peer review, NSF depends upon the reviewer community for nearly 240,000 reviews per year. We try to limit the number of requests made to any single individual, recognizing the many demands our reviewers have on their time. Therefore, NSF strives to increase both the size and diversity of the pool of reviewers to ensure that the NSF merit review process benefits by receiving broad input from a variety of different perspectives. You can help by volunteering to review proposals in your area of expertise.

Benefits to You as a Reviewer

In addition to providing a great service to NSF and the science and engineering community, reviewers benefit from reviewing and serving on panels. For example, reviewers gain first hand knowledge of the peer review process; learn about common problems with proposals; discover strategies to write strong proposals; and, through serving on a panel, meet colleagues and NSF program officers managing programs related to your interests.

How to Become a Reviewer

To become an NSF reviewer, send an e-mail to the NSF program officer(s) of the program(s) that fits your expertise. Introduce yourself and identify your areas of expertise, and let them know that you are interested in becoming a peer reviewer. It is most helpful if you also attach a 2-page CV with current contact information. We also encourage you to share this request with other colleagues who might be interested in serving as NSF reviewers. NSF welcomes qualified reviewers from the academic, industrial, and government sectors.

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Becoming a Peer Reviewer for NIJ

NIJ draws reviewers for both its ad hoc and standing review panels from diverse backgrounds and regions who have relevant expertise and experience in at least one of the following areas:

- · Crime control and prevention research.
- · Criminology, law enforcement or corrections.
- DNA analysis, research and development.
- Information and sensor technologies.
- · Investigative and forensic science and technology.
- · Justice systems research.
- · Law enforcement technologies.
- · Violence and victimization research.

Ad Hoc Review Panels

Some ad hoc reviews are conducted remotely, whereas others involve in-person meetings. Reviewers score 10 to 15 applications within a two-to-four-week period. Before beginning their work, reviewers must participate in an orientation telephone call, which covers the role and responsibilities of the reviewers and the background and purpose of the grant program under review.

Ad hoc reviewers receive \$125 for each application reviewed.



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How to Become a Grant Reviewer

If you have expertise in certain subjects, you may be able to evaluate grant applications.

How do we choose reviewers?

We choose reviewers based on their knowledge, education, and experience. We also select them based on specific criteria in the HRSA Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

How can you apply to become a grant reviewer?

If you work, or have experience, in health care, register via our Reviewer Recruitment Module (RRM).

We look for people with expertise in one of the following areas:

- Health workforce training
- HIV/AIDS
- Maternal and child health
- Organ transplantation
- Primary care for underserved people



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IFA convenes peer review panels comprised of research scientists and other subject matter experts to review competitive grant proposals.

Panels may be conducted via teleconference, at off-site hotels, or on-site at the NIFA building in Washington, DC. Peer review panels may take anywhere from a few hours to a week to complete. Panelists are asked to read proposals and prepare written reviews prior to the panel meeting.

BECOMING A PANELIST

Those interested in serving on a peer-review panel may contact the National Program Leader listed in the Request for Application (RFA).



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Each year, the Wisconsin Arts Board relies on the services of many volunteer panelists, who review grant applications, make recommendations, and select artwork for purchase or commission at state sites.

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Panels bring together artists, arts professionals, educators, community members, and others actively involved in the arts. Their participation is solicited by Arts Board staff on a panel-by-panel basis. Arts Board rules allow reappointment to the same panel for two consecutive panels. Panelists are reimbursed for travel, meal and lodging expenses, but are not compensated for their time or services. The Arts Board actively solicits and accepts nominations for panelists from constituents and private citizens in an open nominations process. All panel meetings are open to the public.

Panelist Profile

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- · Financial or organizational management for nonprofit organizations
- Public art aesthetics
- Community-based arts projects

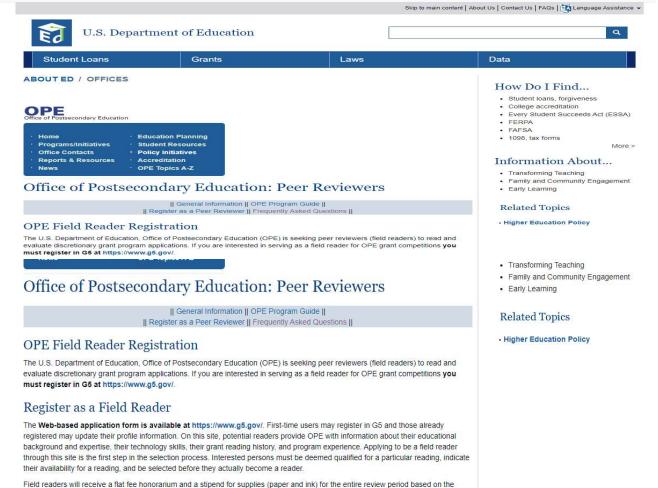
The Wisconsin Arts Board seeks panelists with strong knowledge and professional qualifications in the arts, familiarity with Wisconsin's arts communities and the ability to work well in a group. In addition, the Arts Board looks for panelists who are willing to commit time and energy to the review process and who will exhibit sensitivity in making constructive critical comments on grant applications. To help reflect the diversity of the state on all panels, the Arts Board considers gender, geographic representation and cultural background in selecting panelists. The agency also seeks balance among the professional groups encompassed by the arts, such as practitioners, administrators and educators.

How Much Time Does Panel Service Take?



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www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/peer-reviewers/index.html



Field readers will receive a flat fee honorarium and a stipend for supplies (paper and ink) for the entire review period based on the established number of reading days and applications. Since the number of reading days and applications to be reviewed may vary, you will be informed of the amount of the honorarium at the time of your selection as a field reader.

Contact the help desk listed on the Web site if you need help registering with or logging into the G5 system.



Review prior awards, awarded proposals



Source options

Awards information

- NIH RePORTER
- NSF Awards
- USDA CRIS, Data Gateway
- Energy: PAMS
- NEH
- USDE
- Non-federal: web sites and annual reports, tax form 990s

Copies of proposals

- within the institution
- within the UW system
- at your alma mater/mentor
- cold outreach
- Grants Resource Center (check with your ORSP)
- Federal? FOIA
- Google



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Projects funded in 2018

Here you will find brief descriptions of public humanities projects that received grants from the WHC in 2018.

We couldn't fund these projects without support from the National Endowment of the Humanities. The NEH provides 90% of the funding that enables us to bring great programming, support and services to the state of Wisconsin. Project sponsors match grants in their community with an average of \$3 for every \$1 we award.

Zoom down the page to read about Major Grants funded in 2018.

Mini Grant Awards awarded in 2018

Voting for a Change - The Impact of the 19th Amendment on Our Community | \$2,000 to Neenah Historical Society

WHC funds will help the Neenah Historical Society create an exhibit and supporting programming to celebrate the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The exhibit will highlight the struggle, the process and the outcome of this monumental moment in our history and how the community and the lives of women have changed since then.

Eighth Annual Tony Woiak History Festival | \$2,000 to Washburn Heritage Association

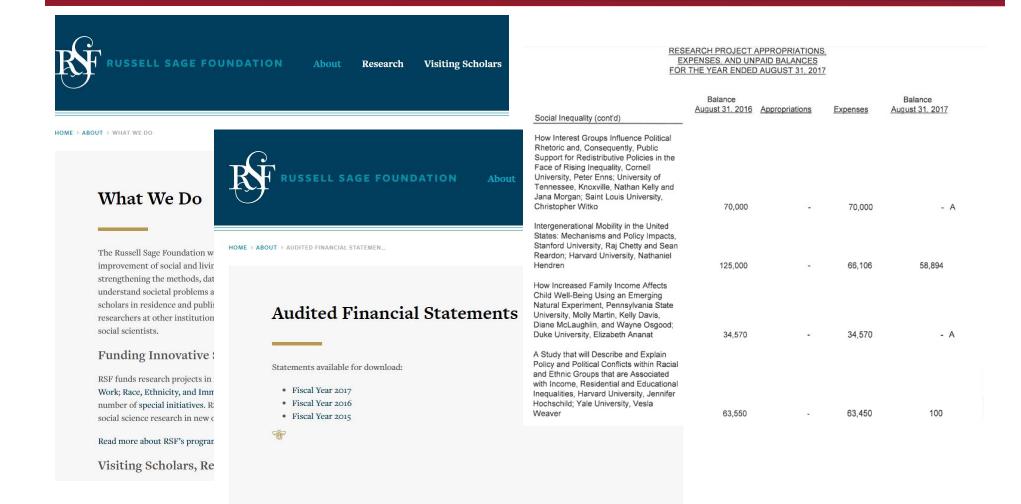
As co-sponsors, the Washburn Heritage Association and the Washburn Area Historical Society again present a series of four history lectures featuring regional topics presented by local experts.

Of Time and Place: The River Bend Trail | \$1,628 to T.B. Scott Free Library in Merrill

This project will help Merrill explore its changing cultural identity as it faces demographic and social change. The project



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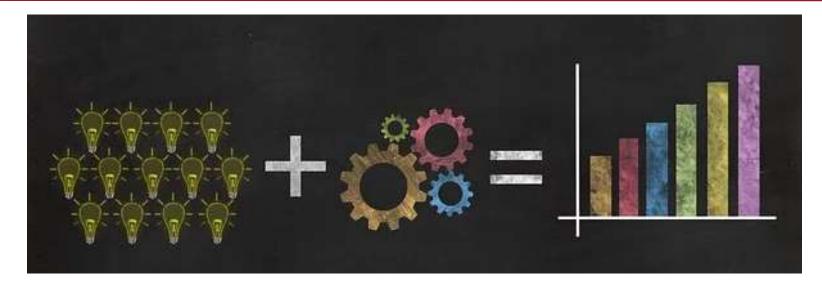
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Teamwork as a project strategy



- An ESI strategy
 Fill an expertise gap
 Interdisciplinary
 Outside the box approaches
- Maximize the reach/ impact of funding
- ✓Sponsor requirement
- ✓ Feedback loop



Refine and share ideas (concept paper)



 Project mapping
 Feedback loop
 Collaborator recruitment tool ✓ Sponsor reach out✓ Writing activity



Concept paper outline

- **1.** Project title (in the form of a research question)
- 2. Need/Purpose/Rationale
 - a) What others have written on the topic
 - **b)** Identify the gap in knowledge to be filled
 - c) An explanation of why it is important to pursue and fill the gap, establish significance
- **3.** Project Description
 - a) Identify the investigation that will fill the knowledge gap, emphasizing its innovative/novel features, potential for being transformative
 - b) Include a description of overall goal(s), objectives, and a concise overview of methods, and a discussion of how the methods/data will answer the research question
- 4. How will the project advance knowledge/know-how in the field?
- 5. What are the benefits to be realized, beyond the project outcomes?



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II. Preparing and Organizing your Application

Resources for preparing a strong application

To prepare a strong application, applicants are encouraged to take the following steps:

- read this notice of funding opportunity carefully, noting what information needs to be provided in the application
- · consult the program's review criteria, which are listed immediately below
- review the instructions for the narrative (under Attachment 3 below)
- read the Frequently Asked Questions, which are available on the program resource page;
- review the materials (including the sample narratives and budgets) available on the program resource page;
- contact the program staff (at 202-606-8337 or <u>humanitiesconnections@neh.gov</u>) to discuss your project and raise any questions you may have about the application; and
- submit an optional draft proposal by August 19, to which program staff will respond with suggestions and advice.

Although staff comments and responses to draft proposals are not part of the formal review process and have no bearing on the final outcome of the proposal, previous applicants have found them helpful in strengthening their applications.

Proposal deadline: September 19



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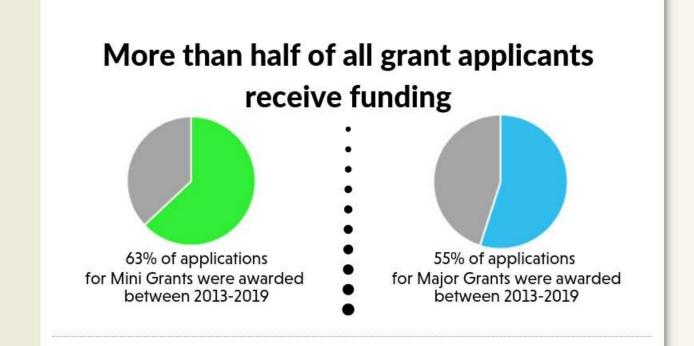
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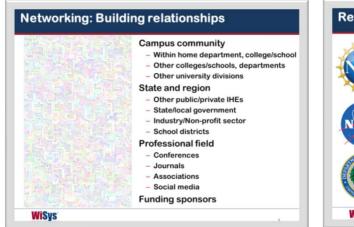
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- Work backward from the deadline
- Consider institution's internal processes
- Identify strategies for reclaiming writing time
- Feedback loop
- Build in time for the unexpected
- Need structured accountability?

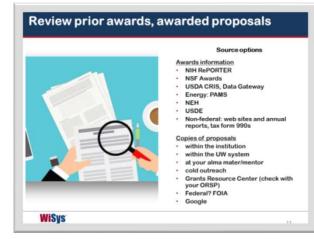


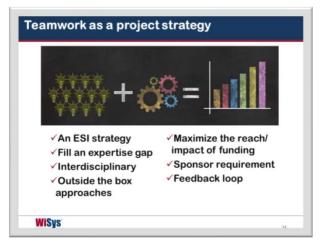


Presentation takeaways















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