Humanities and Social Sciences: Getting Funded, Getting Published

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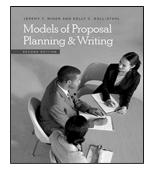
Session Overview

- Identify grant programs supporting book publications
- Leverage grant proposals into book proposals and vice versa
- Apply insider secrets
- Questions

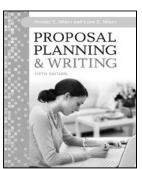


Grant Writing Resources

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Greenwood, 2016



Greenwood, 2013





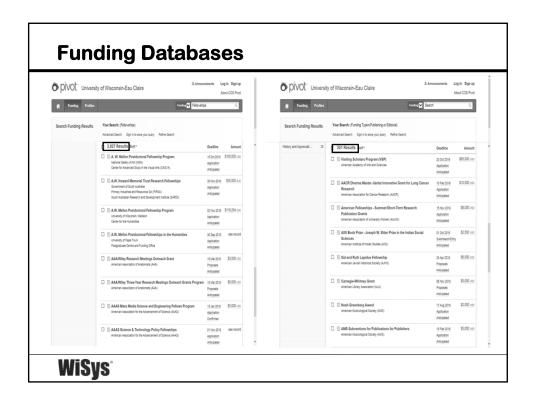
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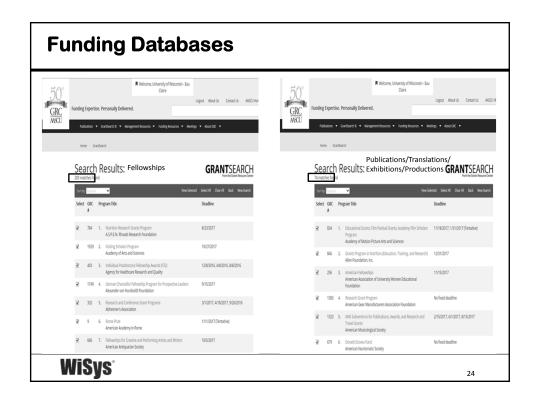
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Identify Opportunities







The Usual Suspects





John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation

MacArthur Foundation

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation

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National Endowment for the Humanities



Fellowship Program

- Support individuals pursuing advanced research of value to humanities scholars and/or general audiences
- \$4200/mo for 6-12 mo
- 3 ss page narrative
- Due April 11, 2018
- · www.neh.gov

Grant Proposal

- Research and Contribution
 - Describe intellectual significance
- Methods and Workplan
 - Provide a chapter outline
- Competence, Skills and Access
 - Describe research materials
- Final Product and Dissemination
 - Describe intended audience

National Endowment for the Humanities



Summer Stipend Program

- Support individuals pursuing advanced research of value to humanities scholars and/or general audiences
- \$6000 for 2 mo summer
- 3 ss page narrative
- Due September 26, 2018
- www.neh.gov

Grant Proposal

- Research and Contribution
 - Describe intellectual significance
- Methods and Workplan
 - Provide a chapter outline
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American Council of Learned Societies



Fellowship Program

- Support individuals pursuing advanced research of value to humanities scholars and/or general audiences
- \$40, 50, 70K for 6-12 mo
- 5 ds page narrative
- Due September 2018*
- www.acls.org

Grant Proposal

- What you plan to do and why
- Progress already made
- Professional experience
- Significance of work
- Relationship to collaborators

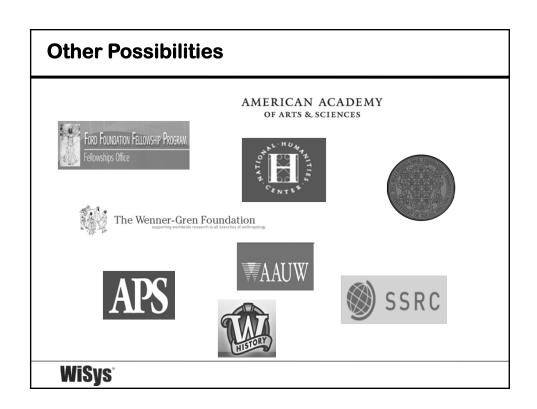
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Fellowship Program

Grant Proposal

- Provide Fellows with blocks of time in which they can work with as much creative freedom as possible
- Statement of Plans
- Amounts vary for 6-12 mo
- 3 ss page narrative
- Due September 2018*
- www.gf.org



National Humanities Center



Visiting Scholars

Supports advanced study Proin the humanities

- Individually determined; at least ½ salary for 1 year
- 1000 word narrative
- Due October 2018*
- · nationalhumanitiescenter.org

Grant Proposal

Project Proposal

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American Academy of Arts & Sciences

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Visiting Scholars

- Supports a year of research and writing in the humanities and social sciences
- \$60,000/year for up to 2 year
- 1500 word narrative
- Due October 2018*
- www.amacad.org

Grant Proposal

- Project Description
 - Significance
 - Status of research you initiated
 - Plan of work
 - Involvement in projects at the Academy
 - Participation in Academy's multidisciplinary community

Russell Sage Foundation



Visiting Scholars

- Supports research and writing in social, economic, and behavioral sciences
- Up to \$125,000 for 1 year
- 5 SS page narrative
- Due June 28, 2018
- · www.russellsage.org

Grant Proposal

- Project Description
 - Importance
 - Literature review
 - Major questions/hypotheses
 - Data sources to be used
 - Research methodology
 - Outcomes produced

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American Philosophical Society



Franklin Research Grant

- Support the cost of research leading to publication in all areas of knowledge
- \$6000 for 1 year
- 5500 character narrative
- Due October 1, 2018*;
 December 1, 2018*
- www.amphilsoc.org

Grant Proposal

- Statement of Purpose
 - Project description
 - Methods
 - Significance

American Association of University Women



American Fellowship

- Support women faculty to prepare research manuscripts for publication
- \$6000 for 8 weeks
- Online submission
- Due November 15, 2018*
- www.aauw.org

Grant Proposal

- Statement of Project
 - Description of project, design, methodology, significance
 - Outline of present state of project and schedule for completion
 - Location where work will be conducted

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Wisconsin Historical Society

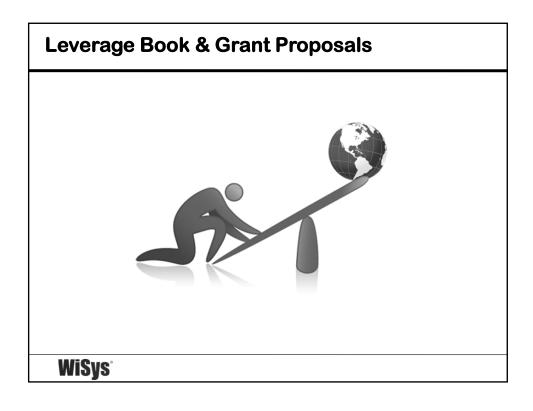


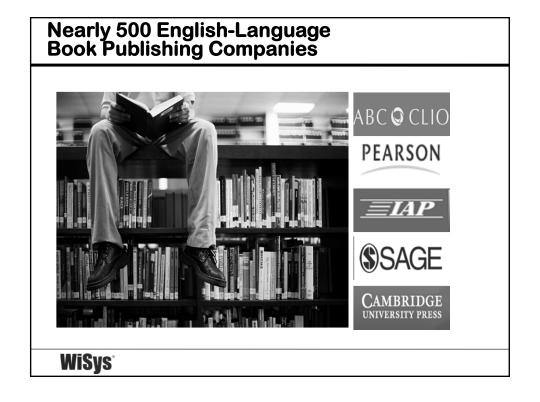
Research Fellowship

- Support research and writing for publication of books by the WHS Press
- \$2000 for 8 weeks
- No specified limits
- Accepted year round
- www.wisconsinhistory.org

Book Proposal

- Working title
- Estimated word count
- Percent of manuscript completed
- Expected completion date
- Unique selling points
- Manuscript synopsis
- TOC and chapter synopsis
- Number of illustrations
- Author's pertinent experience
- Research strategy
- Writing approach
- Market/audience for book
- Competing titles





ABC-CLIO



Publisher

- ABC-CLIO/Greenwood: reference scholarship and innovative coverage of history, humanities and general interest topics
- www.abc-clio.com

Book Proposal

- Scope
 - Describe rationale, direction, and information gap to be filled
- Organization/Outline
 - Prepare TOC and illustrations
- Length
- User Objectives
 - Describe how book will be used
- Competition
- Biographical Information

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ABC-CLIO



Publisher

- Praeger: seek serious general-interest books in psychology, education, health, politics, current events, military and security issues, pop culture, business, crime, and religion
- www.abc-clio.com

Book Proposal

- Project description
- Annotated TOC
- Resume
- Potential audience
- How you can market the book
- Writing sample
- Qualifications

Allyn & Bacon

PEARSON

Publisher

- Focuses on producing textbooks in a select number of social science, education, and humanities disciplines.
- www.pearson.com

Book Proposal

- Project description
 - Rationale, approach, biases
 - Distinctive/innovative features
 - Apparatus (cases, problem sets)
- Primary and secondary markets
- Competition
- Status of work
 - Timetable and sample chapter
 - Length
 - Photographs, charts, graphs
 - Material previously tested
- Vita
- Annotated TOC

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Prentice Hall



Publisher

- Focuses on producing college textbooks and other educational materials.
- www.prenhall.com

Book Proposal

- Project description
 - Approach, purpose
- Outstanding/unique features
- Pedagogical features
- Supplements
- Target audience
- Material previously tested
- Vita
- Competition
- The market
- Outline
- Sample chapters
- Additional information
 - Timeline for completion
 - Length
 - Drawings, photographs

Information Age Publishing



Publisher

- Social science publisher of academic and scholarly book series and journals
- www.infoagepub.com

Book Proposal

- Purpose, objectives, significance
- Target audience
- How can book be marketed
- How will readers use the book
- Is current knowledge extended
- Is unrecognized topic explored
- Fit within published literature
- · Length of project
- · Schedule for delivery
- Special production issues
- · Annotated chapter outline
- Resume
- Sample chapter

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SAGE Publications



Publisher

- Higher education books concentrate upper-level and graduate textbooks, and handbooks and professional books.
- www.sagepub.com

Book Proposal

- Project overview
- Market and course background
 - Primary course and level
 - Primary market and size
 - Secondary markets/courses
- Book
 - Approach and rationale
 - Features and benefits
 - Artwork and design
 - Length
 - Ancillaries
- Competition
- Annotated TOC
- Sample chapters
- Biographical information
- Schedule for delivery

Cambridge University Press

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS

Publisher

- Widely respected as a world leader in publishing for subjects as diverse as astronomy, Shakespeare studies, economics, mathematics and politics.
- www.cambridge.org

Book Proposal

- Rationale and scope
- Relation to other books
- Annotated TOC
- Intended readership
- Length and date of completion
- Biosketch
- Author Questionnaire
 - Unique features/reader benefits
 - Competition
 - Marketing opportunities

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Book & Grant Proposals

- Biographical Information
- Audience
- Purpose
- Rationale
- Timeline for completion
- **★Annotated TOC**
- **★Length**
- **★**Special production issues
- **★Competing titles**
- **★Unique selling points**
- ★How you can market book



Apply Insider Secrets



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Insider Secrets

"We are the division of books."

"The success of your application begins with your reading of the application guidelines."



-- Dr. Russell Wyland, Deputy Director Division of Research Programs, NEH

Insider Secrets

"The Plan of Work is the thing you do at the end when you figure out how much space you have left. Two sentences is not a workplan. If you are going to stay home and write, tell us what you're going to write – 3 chapters or 3 books. Be honest. Be realistic. And panelists want to know how chapters will tie together; don't just provide an outline of chapter titles."



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Insider Secrets

"Don't forget to explain the significance of your project and its scholarly content."

The proposal is very impressive for both its substance and clarity: the narrative situates the project within historical and theoretical contexts, and the bibliography features a reasonable number of representative texts from the ancients to the present day.



-- NEH Reviewer

Insider Secrets

"Write with the evaluation criteria in mind."

- 1. Intellectual significance
- 2. Promise of quality of the applicant
- 3. Quality of conception and description
- 4. Feasibility of work plan
- 5. Likelihood of completion



-- NEH Reviewer

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Insider Secrets

"They also don't understand that reference books are not textbooks, and that we don't care about the potential classroom market for their book, since that's not how our marketing system is set up."

"Recognize that university presses are under increasing pressure to act like businesses, and that they are being encouraged to steer away from books on narrow topics for specialists."



-- Seasoned book editor

Insider Secrets

"It is not about page count but about energy and connections that an author or editor might have. Books sell when you have mutual energy for success."

"An editor/author has to be willing and able to spread the word to the academic world as much as we do. Please don't participate by collecting and submitting email lists."



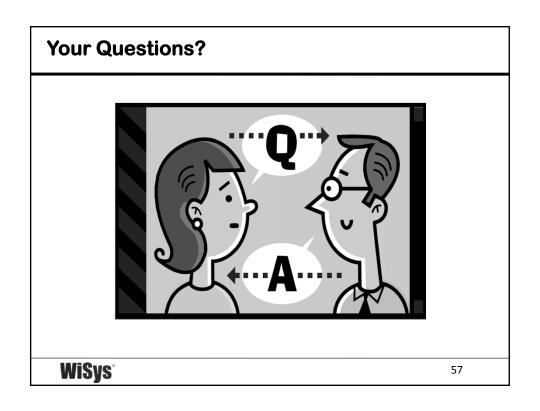
-- Veteran book publisher

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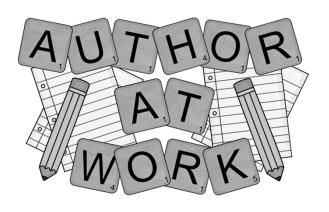


In matters of truth the fact that you don't want to publish something is, nine times out of ten, a proof that you ought to publish it – Gilbert K. Chesterton





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