

FOUNDATIONAL SEARCH DATABASES

- **Grants.gov**
- **SPIN (via InfoEd)**

FEDERAL FUNDING SOURCES

NEH

#1 source for Humanities-focused grant funding, offering research, planning, and implementation grants.

Rolling cycles and opportunities throughout the year, with a wide award range.

Humanities at-large; All Departments

[Grants | The National Endowment for the Humanities \(neh.gov\)](#)

NEA

[National Endowment for the Arts Home Page | National Endowment for the Arts](#)

Dept. of State

Library of Congress

Dept. of Education

[Search Grants | Grants.gov](#)

National Park Service

[Grants \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](#)

National Historical Publications and Records Commission

[Grant Program | National Archives](#)

National Records and Archives

[Grants | National Archives](#)

National Trust for Historic Preservation

[Find Funding: National Trust Grant Programs | National Trust for Historic Preservation \(savingplaces.org\)](#)

STATE FUNDING SOURCES

SC Humanities

Awards grants to support the public humanities in South Carolina. Offers Major and Mini grants based on the size of the proposed project, as well as Planning grants. Major Grants have 2 submission periods in the year. Mini grants are accepted on a monthly basis.

Awards: Major Grants- \$5,000-\$15,000; Mini Grants- up to \$5,000; Planning Grants- up to \$5,000

Humanities at-large; Literature; History; Folklore; Religion; Philosophy; Interdisciplinary Studies; Cultural Studies; African-American Studies; Women's Studies; Southern Studies.

[South Carolina Humanities / Inspiring. Engaging. Enriching. \(schumanities.org\)](http://schumanities.org)

SC Arts Commission

Awards grants to support access and enjoyment of the arts.

Rolling submission opportunities throughout the year.

Award funding ranges from \$2,500 to \$30,000+

Performing Arts; Literature; Poetry; Musical Theater; Dance; Folk Art

[Home | South Carolina Arts Commission | Working for the Arts](#)

PRIVATE/NON-PROFIT SOURCES

American Council of Learned Societies

Offers Fellowships and Grants in support of scholarship in the humanities and research into the human condition. Current focus includes increasing access for marginalized communities, social justice, and supporting scholars who have traditionally had less access to research support.

- Multiple Fellowship Opportunities
- Digital Justice Grants
- Mellon Innovation Fellowships

Cycle: Rolling

Awards range widely from small grants to multi-year stipends, with rolling program deadlines.

Humanities at-large; History & Culture; Religion; Global Regional Studies; Interpretive Social Sciences

[Home - ACLS](#)

American Historical Association

Offers grants for research, including travel to libraries/archives and associated research expenses to eligible AHA members. Relatively small annual awards offered .

Cycle: Annual

Award \$500-\$1500

LGBTQ History; American Colonial Period; US Legal History; Global Regional History
[American Historical Association - Everything Has a History \(historians.org\)](http://historians.org)

Annie E. Casey Foundation

Offers grant funding to programs and research geared toward educational access, child welfare, equity, inclusion, leadership development, and community engagement.

Cycles: Annual

Awards vary with an average of approx. \$85,000.

Experiential Learning; Employment and Economic Opportunity; Social Justice
[Ensuring the Future of At-Risk Youth - The Annie E. Casey Foundation \(aecf.org\)](http://aecf.org)

Fetzer Institute

Provides funding and operating support for programs and research of spirituality, faith, and discourse on social issues and civic life.

Larger-scale funding opportunities for ongoing programs and initiatives. Direct solicitation.

Awards scale up to multi-million dollar funding opportunities.

Spirituality; Religion; Social Discourse

[Home | The Fetzer Institute](http://TheFetzerInstitute.com)

Guggenheim Foundation

Offers fellowships for scholarship in any field and creation in any art form. Available to individuals, not institutions.

Applications are accepted from August through mid-September each year.

Humanities at-large; Fiction/Non-Fiction Writing; Performing Arts; Anthropology; Film; Classics; Linguistics; Cultural History; History; Poetry; Philosophy; Religion; Theater
[John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation... \(gf.org\)](http://gf.org)

Henry Luce Foundation

Offers grants in support of research of challenges facing humanity and in promotion of equity, public discourse in art, and cultural studies. Supports programs that recognize shared humanity and advance inclusion and trust amongst diverse perspectives.

Accepts unsolicited inquiries on a rolling basis.

Awards vary in size from \$25,000-\$500,000

Humanities at-large; Art and Public Discourse; Religion & Theology; STEM and Cultural Advancement; BIPOC cultural advancement

[Home | The Henry Luce Foundation \(hluce.org\)](#)

Hewlett Foundation

Offers grant funding for a wide range of programs including Performing Arts, Gender Equity, Democracy and Governance and Racial Justice. Also funds unique special projects that align with goals of equity and advancement, including University research and learning initiatives.

Cycles: Annual

Awards vary, but are larger scale, ranging from \$50K - >\$4million

Performing Arts; Gender Studies; LGBTQ Studies; Governance; Social Justice

[Hewlett Foundation](#)

John Templeton Foundation

Funds interdisciplinary research and public engagement, with focuses on civic virtue, political freedoms, religion and spirituality, and classic pursuits of meaning and purpose.

Annual cycle with Summer submission deadlines.

Large-scale awards spanning the hundreds of thousands to millions.

Ethics and Moral Questions; Religion; Social Sciences; Interdisciplinary Studies

<https://www.templeton.org/>

Kluge Center

Offers Fellowships in concert with the Library of Congress and partner organizations to explore challenges to democracy, governance, and society through access to the Library's vast source materials.

Annual Cycles (current deadline September 2024).

Awards Stipends for research of \$5,000 per month

Digital History; Humanities; Law; Social Science; Democracy

[About This Program | The John W. Kluge Center at the Library of Congress | Programs | Library of Congress \(loc.gov\)](#)

Lilly Endowment

Offers operating support, grants, fellowships for initiatives focused toward community development, education, youth, and the role of religion in public life. Strong focus on communities in Indiana, but opportunities beyond.

Annual awards cycle.

Awards range from small to very large.

Religion; Geography; Community Development; Cultural Advancement

[Lilly Endowment Inc.](#)

Mellon Foundation

Offers grants (and fellowships) to programs that contribute to connection, creativity, and a just society. Focused areas include Arts & Culture, Higher Learning, Humanities in Place, and Public Knowledge. Excellent funding source for Humanities projects that focus on underrepresented populations, collective understanding, cultural engagement and understanding, and transformative academic leadership.

Rolling acceptance of submissions.

Potential funding for multi-year, large-scale awards.

Humanities at-large; Civic Engagement, Evolving Higher Education; Public Spaces

[Mellon Foundation](#)

National Geographic Society

Offers grant funding to programs utilizing Science, Education, Storytelling, and Exploration to illuminate and protect the world. Strong focus on Natural world and environment.

Explores questions regarding what it means to be human.

Rolling Funding Opportunities and application invitations.

Awards have the potential to be large-scale and multi-year projects.

Human Histories & Culture; Experiential Learning; Understanding Diversity;

Storytelling

[Home - National Geographic Society](#)

Robert B. Silvers Foundation

Offers small grants to support long-form writing works in progress in the fields of literary criticism, arts writing, political analysis, and social reportage.

Annual cycles, with applications accepted between 2/1-3/31.

Awards of up to \$10,000.

English; History and Politics; Literary Criticism

[Home - The Robert B. Silvers Foundation](#)

Wilson Center

Funds independent scholarship and research to inform policymakers and projects relating to global affairs. Fellowships available in regional and disciplinary specialities.

1 round of appointments per academic year with deadline of October 1.

Awards 9-month residential fellowships at \$90,000.

Political Science; Government; Global Affairs; Law

<https://www.wilsoncenter.org/>

William T. Grant Foundation

Focus on research opportunities geared to reducing inequality in youth outcomes, especially with regard to improving the use and accessibility of research evidence.

Challenge grant opportunities for Institutions, etc.

Rolling programs with multi-year awards.

[Home - William T. Grant Foundation \(wtgrantfoundation.org\)](http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org)

Past Successes

South Arts

Regional Arts non-profit, funded through NEA, offering grants and fellowships for performance art and creativity.

[Grants & Opportunities | South Arts](#)

Carnegie Corporation

Grantor focusing on Democracy, Education, International Peace, Higher Education and Research in Africa. Also offer Fellowships for related special projects.

[Grants | Carnegie Corporation of New York](#)

Teagle Foundation

Focuses on liberal arts education and the Humanities, Civics Education.

[The Teagle Foundation - Current Initiatives](#)

Whiting Foundation

Offers awards in Literature and the Humanities; Documentary Heritage and Digitization.

[Whiting Foundation](#)

National Humanities Center

[Homepage | National Humanities Center](#)

Arthur Vining Davis Foundations

Currently fund in five areas: Private Higher Education, Public Educational Media, Interfaith Leadership and Religious Literacy, Palliative Care, and Environmental Solutions.

Open submissions on an annual basis. Letters of Intent due August.

[Arthur Vining Davis Foundations \(avdf.org\)](http://avdf.org)