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MEMORANDUM

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To: Faculty Colleagues in the Humanities and Social Sciences  
From: Heather Fitz Gibbon, Dean for Faculty Development  
Subject: NEH Summer Stipends, 2014  
Date: May 2, 2013

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I am writing to give you some information about the application process for the NEH Summer Stipends for 2014. The deadline for Summer Stipends has not yet been announced but is generally around October 1 and notification of an award will be made in late March 2014. In past years, the amount of the stipend has been \$6,000 for two consecutive and uninterrupted months of full-time independent study and research. A full description of the scope of eligible projects can be found at [www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/stipends.html](http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/stipends.html). Applications will be submitted electronically through the NEH website. Only faculty who are nominated by the College should apply online.

Since the College may nominate only two candidates for the Summer Stipends, one of whom must be at the rank of instructor or assistant professor, we have set an internal deadline of September 1. We request that a draft of the narrative of your proposal be submitted to me by that date. That allows us time to review proposals and select those that will go forward, and it gives you time to make revisions and to let your referees know that you will indeed require a letter of reference. It would be helpful, however, if you would notify me immediately if you do plan to apply. Independent scholars and applicants whose appointments terminate by summer of 2014 may apply to NEH directly without nomination.

Those who are interested in learning more about the nature of NEH fellowships and summer stipends are encouraged to contact Jennifer Hayward, Department of English, who was awarded a stipend for summer 2006 and who served an NEH fellowship review panel in 2009. Most summer and year-long fellowships are awarded for research projects that grow out of attendance at a summer institute or seminar sponsored by NEH. Successful proposals often have letters of support from the seminar/institute leader(s). It might be helpful to keep these points in mind as you plan future NEH proposal submissions.

I will be pleased to discuss with you your research plans and to assist you in making application for suitable grants or awards.

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