MEMORANDUM

To: Faculty Colleagues in the Humanities and Social Sciences
From: Peter Mowrey, Dean for Faculty Development
Subject: NEH Summer Stipends, 2019
Date: May 8, 2018

I am writing to give you some information about the application process for the NEH Summer Stipends for 2019. The NEH deadline for Summer Stipends is September 26, 2018, and notification of an award should be made sometime the following March. 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 2019 may apply to NEH directly without nomination.

For more information, I encourage you to visit the link above. Although, at the current writing, the Summer Stipends Guidelines document for 2019 has not been posted by the NEH, it should be up by late July; however, the previous document is still available and, per the NEH, should still prove useful as you think about your application. Often, 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 would also encourage you to consider reaching out to Heather Fitz Gibbon (hfitzgibbon@wooster.edu), who can provide excellent advice (from experience!) and guidance as you consider your plans to apply for suitable grants and awards.