Calendar of Recurring Proposal Deadlines

The following is a rough guideline for when popular recurring proposal competitions are typically held. Please note that guidelines and deadlines change from time to time, and be sure to check with the sponsor (or on the sponsor's website) for the most current information, requirements, eligibility, and deadline information.

Also see the following:

- NIH Standard due dates: https://grants.nih.gov/grants/how-to-apply-application-guide/due-dates-and-submission-policies/due-dates.htm
- NSF active funding opportunities by due date: https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_list.jsp?org=NSF&ord=date

January

Oak Ridge Associated Universities Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Awards ($5,000 from ORAU; requires a $5,000 institutional match). Open to full-time assistant professors at ORAU member institutions who are within two years of their initial tenure-track appointment at the time of application. Limit of two proposals per institution per year. Proposals due in early January.

U.S. Department of Energy Early Career Research Program (approximately $150,000/year for five years, including indirects). Open to untenured assistant and associate professors within 10 years of receiving their doctorates. Research areas are limited, and described in the annual solicitation. Some research thrusts are only competed every other year. Pre-proposals (required) due in early January. Full proposals (by invitation only) due in early April.

American Council of Learned Societies Digital Extension Grants (up to $150,000 for 12-18 months). Funds digitally based research projects in all disciplines of the humanities and related social sciences to enhance established projects and extend their reach to new communities of users. Proposals due in early January.

Society of Physics Students Internship Program (paid internship plus travel costs to Washington, DC; additional funds for travel to scientific/technical meeting in the year following the internship). Open to undergraduate and graduate students with at least two years of physics coursework who are SPS members. U.S. citizenship may be required for some positions. Proposals due mid-January.

National Endowment for the Humanities Media Projects Grants (funding amount varies by project level). Proposals due early January and early August.

National Endowment for the Humanities Digital Humanities Advancement Grants (funding amount varies by project level). Proposals due mid-January and mid-June.

National Science Foundation Major Research Instrumentation (MRI) Program (funding amount varies by project track; requires cost share equal to 30% of total project costs). No more than three proposals per institution per year (two in Track 1 and one in Track 2). Proposals due mid-January.

Simons Foundation Collaboration Grants for Mathematicians ($8,400/year for 5 years; $6,000/year for collaboration, $1,000/year in discretionary funds for the department, $1,400/year in indirects for the institution). "Accomplished, active researchers" in the U.S. may apply. Applications are available at the end of August; submission deadline is the end of January.

February

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminars and Institutes (funding amount varies by project level). Proposals due late February.

March

NASA Early Career Faculty Grants (up to $200,000/year for a maximum of 3 years). Untenured assistant professors, who received doctoral degrees not more than seven years prior to the application due date, and who are U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents may apply. No more than one proposal per researcher per annual competition; no institutional limit on the number of proposals. Letters of intent (strongly encouraged, but not required) due in early March; full proposals due in early April.

National Endowment for the Humanities Institutes for Advanced Topics in the Digital Humanities (funding amount varies by project level). Proposals due mid-March.

April

NASA Early Career Faculty Grants (up to $200,000/year for a maximum of 3 years). Untenured assistant professors, who received doctoral degrees not more than seven years prior to the application due date, and who are U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents may apply. No more than one proposal per researcher per annual competition; no institutional limit on the number of proposals. Letters of intent (strongly encouraged, but not required) due in early March; full proposals due in early April.

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowships (provides a set stipend amount per month for salary replacement for up to 12 months). Open to U.S. citizens and to foreign nationals who have lived in the U.S. for at least three years prior to the annual application deadline. Proposals are submitted by individuals, but may be paid through OU if awarded. Proposals due in early April.

U.S. Department of Energy Early Career Research Program (approximately $150,000/year for five years, including indirects). Open to untenured assistant and associate professors within 10 years of receiving their doctorates. Research areas are limited, and described in the annual solicitation. Some research thrusts are only competed every other year. Pre-proposals (required) due in early January. Full proposals (by invitation only) due in early April.

NEH-Mellon Fellowships for Digital Publication (provides a set stipend amount per month for salary replacement for up to 12 months for interpretive research projects that require digital expression and digital publication). Open to U.S. citizens and to foreign nationals who have lived in the U.S. for at least three years prior to the annual application deadline. Proposals are submitted by individuals, but may be paid through OU if awarded. Proposals due in mid-April.

May

National Science Foundation Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) Program. Proposals for REU sites that require access to Antarctica are due the fourth Friday in May; all other REU site proposals are due the fourth Wednesday in August. REU Supplement proposals to existing NSF awards may be submitted at any time after consulting with the cognizant program officer. REU Supplements may also be included in standard NSF proposals at the time of proposal submission.

June

National Endowment for the Humanities Digital Humanities Advancement Grants (funding amount varies by project level). Proposals due mid-January and mid-June.

July

Department of Defense Defense University Research Instrumentation Program (DURIP). The program funds purchases of equipment and instrumentation in support of research in areas of interest to DOD (specified each federal fiscal year in Broad Agency Announcements from the Army, Air Force, and Navy), costing between $50,000 and $1,500,000, for institutions of higher education that grant degrees in science, mathematics, and/or engineering. Proposals due in early July.

National Endowment for the Humanities Humanities Collections and Reference Resources (funding amount varies by project level). Proposals due mid-July.

Department of Defense Multidisciplinary University Research Initiatives (MURI) Program (funding ranges from $500,000-$1 million/year for up to five years, depending on topic and technical goals). The MURI program funds teams of researchers investigating high-priority topics and opportunities (defined by DOD each year) that intersect more than one discipline. White papers due by mid-July; full proposals (by invitation only) due by early November.

National Science Foundation Faculty Early Career Development Program (CAREER) (funding amount varies depending on discipline; typically around $100,000/year for five years, including indirects). Only open to untenured assistant professors; cannot submit more than one application per annual cycle, and only three proposals over the eligibility period. Proposals due in late July, with staggered deadlines depending on the directorate/program receiving the proposal.

August

National Endowment for the Humanities Media Projects Grants (funding amount varies by project level). Proposals due early January and early August.

National Science Foundation Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE) Research Initiation Initiative (CRII) (provides up to $175,000 in total costs for up to 24 months). Open to researchers in any field of computer and information science in their first academic position post-Ph.D. No more than one proposal per PI per annual competition, and no more than two career proposals to the program are permitted. Proposals due the second Wednesday in August.

National Science Foundation Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) Program. Proposals for REU sites that require access to Antarctica are due the fourth Friday in May; all other REU site proposals are due the fourth Wednesday in August. REU Supplement proposals to existing NSF awards may be submitted at any time after consulting with the cognizant program officer. REU Supplements may also be included in standard NSF proposals at the time of proposal submission.

September

NSF-NEH Documenting Endangered Languages (DEL) Program. (funding amount depends on project type; NEH-funded fellowships do not include support for indirect costs). Supports projects to develop and advance knowledge concerning endangered human languages. Proposals are submitted to NSF and may be funded either by NSF or NEH after review. Proposals due mid-September.

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipends (provides a set amount for full-time, consecutive work for two summer months on an approved project). Open to U.S. citizens and to foreign nationals who have lived in the U.S. for at least three years prior to the annual application deadline. Proposals are submitted by individuals, but may be paid through OU if awarded. A maximum of two nominations per institution per annual cycle are allowed. Proposals due late September.

American Council of Learned Societies Collaborative Research Fellowships (funding varies depending on the number of collaborators and the duration of research leaves, up to $201,000 for up to 24 months). Funds small teams of two or more scholars collaborating intensively on a single, substantive project in the humanities and related social sciences. Proposals due late September.

American Council of Learned Societies Fellowships (funding level varies depending on applicant's rank). Funds six to 12 months of release time for full-time research and/or writing for scholars in all disciplines of the humanities and related social sciences, with the goal of producing some major piece of scholarly work. Some fellowship programs are dedicated to specific research areas or research types, while others are more broadly applicable. Proposals due late September.

American Council of Learned Societies Frederick Burkhardt Residential Fellowships for Recently Tenured Scholars (funds a residential fellowship at one of 13 participating research centers for one academic year, including stipend, research and related costs, and relocation expenses). Supports long-term, "unusually ambitious" projects in the humanities and related social sciences, leading to the production of a substantial piece of scholarly work (but not including novels, films, textbooks, straightforward translations, or pedagogical projects). Proposals due late September.

Simons Foundation Fellows Program (provides funding for mathematics and theoretical physics faculty for a research leave of up to one semester). Proposals due at the end of September.

October

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP). Provides a monthly stipend and an annual cost-of-education supplement for research at any institution in the United States leading to a graduate degree in a STEM field supported by NSF. Only senior undergraduates or first-year graduate students may apply (undergraduates may apply once before completing their bachelor's degree, and then again in their first year of graduate work; graduate students may only apply once). Proposals are submitted by individuals, but awarded to the institution at which they enroll. Proposals due late October, with staggered deadlines depending on the discipline in which research will be conducted.

American Council of Learned Societies Getty/ACLS Postdoctoral Fellowships in the History of Art (provides a set stipend, plus funds for research and travel expenses). Funds an academic year of research and/or writing by early-career scholars for a project that will make a substantial and original contribution to the understanding of art and its history, leading to the production of a major piece of scholarship. Proposals due late October.

American Council of Learned Societies Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowships (provides a set stipend, plus additional funds for research costs and university fees). Supports a year of research and writing to help advanced graduate students in the humanities and related social sciences in the final year of their Ph.D. dissertation writing. Applicants must be prepared to complete their dissertations within the fellowship period and these fellowships may not be held concurrently with any other fellowship or grant. Proposals due in late October.

November

Department of Defense Multidisciplinary University Research Initiatives (MURI) Program (funding ranges from $500,000-$1 million/year for up to five years, depending on topic and technical goals). The MURI program funds teams of researchers investigating high-priority topics and opportunities (defined by DOD each year) that intersect more than one discipline. White papers due by mid-July; full proposals (by invitation only) due by early November.

American Council of Learned Societies Programs in China Studies (funding level varies on type of project; programs are available for pre-dissertation summer travel, postdoctoral fellowships, collaborative reading workshops and, pending renewal of funding comparative perspectives on Chinese culture and society). Proposals for all programs due in early November.

American Council of Learned Societies Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation Program in Buddhist Studies (funding level varies depending on type of project; programs are available for dissertation fellowships, postdoctoral fellowships, research fellowships, and for critical editions and scholarly translations). Proposals for all programs due mid-November.

December

National Endowment for the Humanities Collaborative Research Grants (funding amount varies by project type). Proposals due early December.

National Endowment for the Humanities Scholarly Editions and Translations Grants (funding up to $100,000/year for up to three years, including indirects). Proposals must include at least one editor/translator and one other collaborating scholar, for the preparation of editions and/or translations of pre-existing humanities texts that are currently inaccessible. Proposals due early December.

National Endowment for the Humanities Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections (funding amount varies by project level). Helps cultural institutions (libraries, museums, archives, historical organizations, etc.) preserve humanities collections that facilitate research, strengthen teaching, and provide opportunities for life-long learning. Proposals due early December.

National Science Foundation Improving Undergraduate STEM Education (IUSE) Program (funding amount varies by project emphasis and project tier). The program funds projects aimed at improving the effectiveness of undergraduate STEM education, whether for STEM majors or others, including both development of new curricular methods and materials, but also new assessment tools to measure student learning. No deadlines for exploration and design tier proposals after 10/1/17 (proposals are accepted at any time, though proposals submitted after May 1 may not be funded before the following federal fiscal year); proposals for the development and implementation tier are due mid-December each year.