

Humanities New York HCI Public Humanities Fellowship - FAQ

- Who is eligible for the HCI Public Humanities Fellowship?
 - Anyone enrolled as a graduate student at one of the nine partner universities at the time of application: New York University, Columbia University, Stony Brook University, CUNY Graduate Center, Binghamton University, Syracuse University, Cornell University, University at Buffalo, and University of Rochester.
- Does this mean that I can apply if I am planning to graduate next year?
 - Yes. If you are enrolled in a graduate program at one of the universities at the time of application, you are still eligible.
- Do I have to be enrolled in a humanities program or department?
 - No. You can apply to the fellowship regardless of your home department, as long as the program or project you are proposing has public humanities content.
- Do I have to be a PhD student to apply?
 - No. But some of the participating universities have preferences for PhD students over MA students, so you should contact the head of the Humanities Center at your university for more information.
- Does the project have to be brand new, or can it be a project that is already being conducted?
 - Either one. The project can be one that will be initiated with the funds, or already underway and in need of support.
- What kinds of projects will the fellowship fund?
 - Any project or program that has substantial public humanities content and methods, broadly conceived. That is, it engages some segment of the public as collaborator and audience, and utilizes the tools and methods of the humanities in its content and execution.
- What kinds of projects will the fellowship not fund?
 - Projects that remain tied to academic activities or within the walls of the university, including dissertation research, curriculum development, or engagement solely with the academic community.
- Is preference given to particular applicants or projects?
 - Preference given is to applicants who have never received support for their project before, and those projects that articulate a clear impact on the community they serve.
- Do I have to be a U.S. citizen to apply?
 - No. Those who hold a student visa can also apply. However, you should check with your university's international student office regarding whether students on a visa can receive funds directly, or how they should otherwise be paid.
- Does the project have to be located in New York State?
 - Projects can involve communities and audiences outside New York State, but must involve New York residents in some way.
- Can there be more than one project director?

- Yes - but for the purposes of the application, one person should be designated as the primary project director.
- What can I spend the funds on?
 - Funds can be spent on a variety of project expenses, including but not limited to: travel costs; participant and consultant honoraria and fees; venue and space rental; marketing materials; project director wages; software purchases or equipment rentals; catering; production costs; and more. If you have a question about whether a particular expense qualifies, please ask!

If you have any additional questions about the HCI Public Humanities Grant, please contact Director of Programs Adam Capitanio at programs@humanitiesny.org.