



# Research Fellowship Guidelines

**Award size:**  
\$5,000

**Deadline:**  
September 15th

**Decision:**  
Early November

**Grant length:**  
Flexible

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## Examples of projects supported:

Book/Chapter Proposals  
Research Costs

Digital Projects  
Podcast Series

Video Series  
Articles

*Note: if your project is not on this list, please reach out to discuss the project! We love to see new and innovative ideas come from across our great state!*

## Who can apply:

Individuals who hold at least a master's degree or higher in the humanities or related areas, are tribal elders, or are local keepers of community knowledge. Individuals do not need to be affiliated with a university or college to be eligible. While preference may be given to Idaho residents, out-of-state scholars are eligible to apply as well. Applicants must be U.S. Citizens to be eligible. Organizations are not eligible to apply for a Research Fellowship.

*Note: While scholars residing in Idaho can apply for a variety of topics, scholars outside of Idaho must present an Idaho connection to their research.*

## Purpose & Focus:

The IHC awards up to three \$5,000 fellowships. The fellowship program is intended to support humanities-based research by individuals in Idaho and/or about Idaho. This also includes the indigenous history of Idaho (including peoples who are no longer within the state lines of Idaho but have historically called this area their home) and pre-territorial topics. The research must result in a deliverable of some kind, such as a completed book/proposal, an article ready for publication, research-informed digital projects, etc. The deliverable should be completed by the end of the grant period, so plan accordingly in the application stage.

In addition to stimulating research, two presentations influenced by the research are required as part of the fellowship. More information on presentations is further in the guidelines.

## Requirements

All IHC-funded Research Fellowships require the following:

- A research-informed project based on the humanities
  - Idaho connections in research required for an out-of-state applicant
- At least one presentation open, accessible, and geared to the public in Idaho
- No advocacy (see glossary for IHC definition of advocacy)
- Two brief letters of support
- A 1:1 match of the funds requested, also known as cost share (see the glossary for a full Definition of cost share)
- A valid SSN

*Note: If you receive an IHC Research Fellowship, you must wait 5 years until you are eligible to apply and/or receive a new fellowship.*

## Presentations

The IHC Research Fellowship requires two presentations informed by the research conducted. One presentation must be open, accessible, and geared to the public in Idaho. This presentation can be an in-person/hybrid presentation (in Idaho) or a virtual one, such as podcast appearances or YouTube videos. The other presentation may be at an academic conference. Preference may be given to applications that have both presentations open, accessible, and geared to the public in Idaho. Presentations should take place before the grant period ends, so plan accordingly in the application stage.

## IHC funds cannot be used for the following:

Lobbying  
Advocacy  
Private programs  
Programs with high entry costs that could be a barrier to the public  
Construction or real estate  
General operating expenses outside of costs to run the program  
Collection acquisitions  
Projects that do not engage in critical thinking  
Meals, refreshments, or alcohol  
Entertainment costs  
Candidates running for office  
Costs associated with the creation/production of art  
Brick-and-mortar preservation projects  
Completion of an advanced degree

## Payments ([2 CFR 200.305](#))

The IHC may withhold a small amount of a fellowship (no more than 10 percent) to ensure the timely submission of final reports from the awardee. IHC will take care that this delay in funding does not jeopardize the project or cause financial hardship for the awardee. Final payment will be made promptly once the required reports are received.

*If an applicant chooses to have the fellowship paid through their institution, all IHC funds must be remitted to the individual. The institution may not take an institutional allowance or claim indirect costs.*

## Humanities and the Arts

While the humanities and the arts share much in common, they are viewed as two distinct categories by the federal government. The creation of art cannot be funded by the IHC, but research, consulting, and interpretations of artwork can be.

Examples of the humanities include but are not limited to:

Cultural studies	Religion	Music theory/history
Law	Philosophy	Art theory/history
History	Ethics	Medical literature
Linguistics	Archaeology	Scientific literature

See the glossary for the full legal definition of the humanities.

## Review Considerations

The IHC may give preference to:

- First-time applicants
- Idaho residents
- Applications that have both presentations open, accessible, and geared to the public in Idaho.
- Projects with a clear and defined scope
- Research that includes either underserved groups or rural counties as a focus or in the public programs (see glossary for definitions of underserved groups and rural counties.)

Common reasons for denial include IHC's limited budget, vague answers, advocacy, lack of presentations, and/or a lack of letters of support.

## Grant Cycle:



