

Possible Funders for the Social Sciences

These funding opportunities are listed in order of application deadline and include support for programs as well as for research.

Foundation/Agency	Priorities	Application Process	Deadlines	Amounts
US National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Collaborative Research Grants	Support humanities research undertaken by 2+ scholars; research must add to knowledge of humanities or use humanities to enhance understanding of social sciences	Follow application instructions. Submit application via email, not through Grants.gov.	1/7/2014	\$25K-\$100K per year for 1-3 years
US NEH: America's Historical and Cultural Organizations: Planning	Support early project development for organizations that produce public programs in the humanities	Follow application instructions.	1/8/2014	\$40K-\$75K
National Science Foundation (NSF) Bio & Cultural Anthro, Law and Social Sciences, Political Science, Social Psychology, Sociology	Supports research in each of these fields. Projects must be theoretically grounded, empirically oriented, and appropriate to questions asked, and must advance basic understanding in the field.	Submit either through FastLane or through Grants.gov and follow NSF and Grants.gov proposal guidelines	1/15/14	Amounts vary from \$18K to \$4M
NSF Behavioral and Social Science Economics	Supports research designed to improve the understanding of the processes and institutions of the US economy and world systems of which it is a part. Encourages proposals from junior faculty and minorities.	Submit either through FastLane or through Grants.gov and follow NSF and Grants.gov proposal guidelines	1/18/14	Amounts vary from \$14K to \$2M
Open Society Foundation Fellowships	Supports individuals "idea entrepreneurs" seeking innovative approaches to fundamental open society challenges.	Email LOI before submitting full proposal. Complete online application. Review "Tips" first.	2/3/14 or 8/4/14 deadlines	\$80K-\$100K
US NEH Awards for Faculty at HSIs	Supports faculty at HSIs to pursue research of value to humanities scholars or students. Supports wide range of projects based on humanities research.	Follow application instructions.	4/15/2014	\$4,200/per month for 2-12 months
US NEH Initiatives at HSIs	Strengthen and enrich humanities ed at HSIs; can enhance humanities content , develop new programs, or lay foundation for more extensive endeavors in future	Follow application instructions. Speak w program officer before submission of project/proposal	6/26/14	\$100K max
US NEH Enduring Questions Grants	Support faculty in the teaching and development of a new course to foster intellectual community through the study of an enduring question. Study of this question will encourage students to grapple with a fundamental concern of human life, as addressed by the humanities	Follow application instructions.	9/11/2014	\$38K max
NSF Behavioral and Social Science Research Grants	Promotes the conduct of interdisciplinary research by investigators from multiple fields and is likely to yield generalizable insights and advance info in many fields.	Submit either through FastLane or through Grants.gov and follow NSF and Grants.gov proposal guidelines	12/2/2014	\$250K-\$1M over up to 5 years
US NEH Bridging Cultures at Community Colleges	Strengthen humanities education and scholarship at community colleges in collaboration with another institution. Enhance humanities content of existing programs or develop new programs.	Follow application instructions when 2014 application comes out.	2013 deadline passed, 2014 TBD	\$120K max
US DOE Strengthening Institutions Grants	Helps higher ed institutions expand capacity to serve low-income students by improving academic quality; funds can be used to develop academic programs, innovative courses to improve retention and completion	2014 funding requirements, deadlines, and amounts are not yet available	TBD	TBD