2007 NEH Summer Stipend Awards

CARLETON’S DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING PROPOSALS
TO ASSOCIATE DEAN JOHN RAMSAY IS
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2006.

The National Endowment for the Humanities has announced details of the 2007 round of its Summer Stipends program. Carleton can nominate one or two faculty members for the program; one of the nominees should be a junior faculty member.

To be considered for nomination, eligible faculty should submit a complete package of application materials – two-page C.V., three-page project narrative, and bibliography – to Associate Dean John Ramsay (Laird 140) by 5 p.m. on Friday, September 8, 2006. More information about the application process appears below and on the program website.

The deadline by which Carleton’s nominees must submit complete proposals to the NEH is October 2, 2006. Successful proposals will garner $5,000 stipends which can be used for two consecutive months of full-time research and writing during (or after) summer 2007.

Faculty who are pursuing humanities projects (see definition below) and who are interested in obtaining copies of the guidelines and application instructions can visit the program website (http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/stipends.html) to review program guidelines (including criteria for eligible types of projects and faculty), application materials and instructions, and detailed submission instructions are available on the website. A summary of this information appears below.

ELIGIBILITY

a) Any faculty member with a humanities project may apply for nomination for a Summer Stipend. The field of the project determines the eligibility for nomination to and application for NEH Summer Stipends, not the field of the applicant. According to the NEH,

The term 'humanities' includes, but is not limited to, the study of the following: language, both modern and classical; linguistics; literature; history; jurisprudence; philosophy; archaeology; comparative religion; ethics; the history, theory and criticism of the arts; those aspects of social sciences which have humanistic content and employ humanistic methods; and the study and application of the humanities to the human environment with particular attention to reflecting our diverse heritage, traditions, and history and to the relevance of the humanities to the current conditions of national life.

b) Individuals who received Summer Stipends prior to 2002 may apply to support a new stage in their projects. These applications do not receive special consideration and
will be judged by the same criteria as others in the competition. Previous recipients must wait five years from the time they received their award to reapply.

c) All applicants must have completed their formal education by the application deadline. Individuals currently enrolled in a degree-granting program are ineligible to apply. Applicants who have satisfied all the requirements for a degree and are awaiting its conferral may apply, but such applicants need a letter from the dean of the conferring school attesting to the applicant's status as of October 2, 2006.

d) Only U.S. citizens or foreign nationals who have been living in the United States or its jurisdictions for at least three years prior to the time of application are eligible to apply for a Summer Stipend.

e) Individuals who have held a major fellowship or research grant or its equivalent within the three academic years prior to the deadline are ineligible. A “major fellowship or research grant” is a postdoctoral research award that provides a stipend of at least $10,000. All sabbaticals and grants from Carleton and any stipends and grants (from any source) for study and research during the summer are not considered major fellowships.

f) Recipients must work full-time on their projects for the two consecutive months covered by the stipend. They may hold other research grants supporting the same project (for example, a travel grant) during this time. Summer Stipends normally support work carried out during the summer months, but arrangements can be made for other times of the year.

g) Some individuals affiliated with the College may apply online without a nomination:

- staff members who are not faculty members and will not be teaching during the academic year preceding the award tenure; and
- adjunct faculty, part-time faculty, and applicants with academic appointments that terminate by summer 2007.

**NOMINATIONS AND PROCEDURES**

Except in the cases of exemption noted below (see (f) above), applicants teaching full-time in colleges and universities must be nominated by their institutions. Carleton can nominate two faculty members, one of whom should be a junior faculty member (assistant professors or instructors who are at comparably early stages of their careers).

To be considered for nomination, eligible faculty should submit a complete package of application materials (two-page C.V., three-page project narrative, and bibliography – see the program website for further information) to Associate Dean John Ramsay (Laird 140) by 5 p.m. on Friday, September 8, 2006.

The College Grants Committee will evaluate all complete applications submitted by that deadline according to the four criteria which the NEH itself uses:
1) the intellectual significance of the project to the humanities, including its potential contribution to knowledge and learning;
2) the quality or promise of quality of the applicant's work as an interpreter of the humanities;
3) the quality of the conception, definition, organization, and description of the project; and
4) the feasibility of the proposed plan of work and the likelihood that the applicant will complete the project.

Carleton plans to select its two nominees by mid-September 2006. On being informed of their status as the College’s nominees, these faculty members can submit their online applications. This submission process will entail working with the Office of Corporate and Foundation Relations, as certain steps in the submission process will require institutional information and final confirmation by the College’s nominating official. The full application must be completely submitted by October 2, 2006.