



# NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES & NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

FOR FY2024, THE U OF I  
SYSTEM REQUESTS **\$225  
MILLION FOR NEH &  
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**Appropriations Bill:** Interior, Environment,  
and Related Agencies

**Agency:** National Endowment for the  
Humanities & National Endowment for the Arts

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## NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES (NEH)

NEH is the most important source of federal funding for research and scholarship in the humanistic fields, including history, literature, and foreign languages. With a limited federal budget, NEH is able to expand cultural and historical scholarship into K-12 classrooms, sponsor humanistic research and scholarship, and support preservation and exhibition efforts at libraries and museums.

In the first 50 years since the founding of the NEH, institutions in the state of Illinois collectively received more funding than those of any other state in the midwest region.

The University of Illinois Press has [received awards](#) through the Fellowships Open Book Program at NEH, a limited competition designed to make outstanding humanities books available to a wide audience.

## NEH-SUPPORTED PROJECTS AT UIUC

The NEH budget includes crucial support for humanities scholarship that reaches outside the academy to educate and inform the general public—a direction UIUC has also taken through programming at the [Humanities Research Institute](#) (HRI). HRI also administers the internal competition for campus nominees to the NEH Summer Stipend program, which aims to stimulate new research in the humanities and its publication, and has funded many UIUC faculty. In April 2021, [two](#) UIUC nominees received Summer Stipends.

With support from NEH's Public Humanities Projects program, UIUC's Krannert Art Museum will be able to do a [major reinstallation](#) of its pre-Hispanic Andean arts collection that

will center past Andean communities as active agents in the creation of their own art histories. Comprising over 700 objects, the KAM collection includes exquisite textiles, ceramics, and objects fashioned in gold, silver, wood, and shell from cultures that flourished throughout the coastal and highland regions of Peru from 1500 BCE to the Spanish colonial period.

One UIUC faculty member was among the 70 scholars from across the nation who were [awarded](#) NEH Fellowships for 2023. The Fellowships are highly competitive, with more than 1,120 applicants competing, on average, for the prestigious award.

## NEH-SUPPORTED PROJECTS AT UIC

UIC's [Institute for the Humanities](#) seeks to foster an intellectually vital, interdisciplinary community of scholars. As the hub of humanities scholarship on campus, the Institute provides a forum for intellectual exchange among faculty and students at UIC and other colleges and universities in the region.

In early 2022, a UIC professor received NEH funding to support research and editing a critical edition of Blas Valera's *Historia Occidentalis* (1596), a chronicle of Incan history.

## NEH-SUPPORTED PROJECTS AT UIS

Building on its location in the home town of Abraham Lincoln, the University of Illinois Springfield has recently established a [Center for Lincoln Studies](#) that is expected to grow into a national center for scholarship, teaching, and public history centered on Abraham Lincoln's life, leadership, and legacy. As it reaches full strength, the Center

will facilitate research and scholarship by developing curriculum, offering public history interpretation, hosting visiting scholars, engaging broad campus and public audiences, and offering an interdisciplinary learning laboratory for undergraduate and graduate students. In addition to being supported by private gifts, the Center will pursue relevant federal funding opportunities and partnerships at appropriate agencies to support programming, research, publishing and dissemination of materials, hosting of events, and other relevant activities.

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#### NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS (NEA)

Funding from the NEA has helped ensure that our communities—especially underserved or rural communities—receive support to enhance their cultural, artistic, and innovative opportunities in the arts. The past 10 years have seen nearly \$500,000 of awards from the NEA to projects across the U of I System.

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#### NEA-SUPPORTED PROJECTS AT UIUC

The [Krannert Center for the Performing Arts](#)—a university-based performing arts complex housed within the College of Fine and Applied Arts at UIUC—has benefited from NEA funds to advance sustainable creativity through culturally emblematic performances. The Krannert Center also receives support from NEA through Illinois Arts Council, Arts Midwest, and New England Foundation for the Arts. One UIUC faculty member recently [received](#) an NEA grant award to examine the experiences of artists and arts alumni regarding racial inclusion in higher education and the impacts of the pandemic.

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#### NEA-SUPPORTED PROJECTS AT UIC

UIC received \$20,000 in NEA funding to help support the production of “[Transforming Storytelling](#),” an immersive theater experience combining live performance and virtual reality. Presented in partnership with Goodman Theatre, the production will incorporate new technology in an immersive storytelling experience that allows participants to engage with live actors and other audience members virtually. Community outreach will focus on youth from Chicago public schools to cultivate interest in the intersection of theater and new technology.

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#### INSTITUTE FOR MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SCIENCES (IMLS)

In 2021, a UIUC faculty member was [awarded](#) a three-year grant from IMLS under its Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program to research how knowledge brokers assess the quality of scientific and technical information and the implications for public access, information literacy, and understanding of science on policy-relevant topics such as COVID-19, artificial intelligence, and climate. The Early Career Development project will research, create, and test a toolkit of services for public libraries around technical and scientific information literacy, in collaboration with partner libraries and the Public Library Association.

