

# Helping Humanists & Other Nonscientists

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# Why it's important

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- Part of mission of full-service Research Development office
- Important members of university community (think Faculty Senate)
- Can strengthen multidisciplinary proposals

# Need for funding

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- Travel to archives (not everything is web!)
- Uninterrupted time for writing (instead of summer teaching)
- Costs of indexing, permissions for use of images, etc., for book project



- Costs of transcription, artistic equipment  
other project-specific expenses

# Major humanities funders

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- National Endowment for the Humanities
- State humanities councils
- American Council of Learned Societies
- American Philosophical Society
- Mellon Foundation



# NEH

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- Ken Burns' movies
- Summer stipends
- Fellowships
- Digital humanities projects
- Challenge grants
- [www.neh.gov](http://www.neh.gov)

# Am. Council of Learned Societies

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- Fellowships
- Digital innovation fellowships
- <http://www.acls.org>



# Am. Philosophical Society

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- Fellowships
- Research grants for work in London or Edinburgh
- Native American research
- Research in its Philadelphia libraries
- [www.amphilsoc.org](http://www.amphilsoc.org)

# Andrew Mellon Foundation

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- Higher education & scholarship in humanities
- Grants for liberal arts colleges
- Scholarly communications: digitization, preservation
- [www.mellon.org](http://www.mellon.org)



# Other Sources

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- Harry Frank Guggenheim Mem. Fdn.
  - Research on violence & aggression
  - Hfg.org
- John Simon Guggenheim Mem. Fdn.
  - Fellowships for creative arts
  - [www.gf.org](http://www.gf.org)
- Subject- or location-specific organizations
  - Check your funding database

# Improving Your Chances

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- Become a reviewer for NEH
- Ask awardees to share funded proposals
- Ask awardees to review drafts

# Build on Institutional Strengths

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- Environmental science:
  - Communicating disasters
  - Science reporting
  - Valuation of shoreline property – aesthetics
  - History of shellfishing
  - Science “cabaret”



# Hot Topic: Public Access

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- Public history – marine archaeology
  - Nat'l Geographic
- Digital humanities – material culture (quilts, schoolgirl samplers)
  - State humanities council



# Internal programs

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- VPR program for seed money and career enhancement
- VPR program for project completion
- Humanities center grants for research, subvention, visiting speakers

# Research Development's Role

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- Get 'em early
- Help them to make connections on campus
- Guide them to small start-up grants

# Questions & Comments

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*Thank you!*