



**SUNDANCE INSTITUTE
HUMANITIES SUSTAINABILITY
FELLOWSHIP**

OVERVIEW

- What are the “humanities”
- What is the NEH Sustaining the Humanities Through the American Rescue Plan (#SHARP) Granting Program
- Overview of the Sundance Institute | Humanities Sustainability Fellowship
 - Timeline
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WHAT ARE THE HUMANITIES?

Humanities includes, but is not limited to, the study and interpretation of: language, both modern and classical; linguistics; literature; history; jurisprudence; philosophy; archaeology; comparative religion; ethics; the history, criticism and theory of the arts; those aspects of the 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.

--National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act, 1965, as amended



**WHAT IS NEH SUSTAINING THE HUMANITIES
THROUGH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN
(# SHARP) GRANTING PROGRAM?**

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- Year long fellowship that will provide direct, unrestricted stipends to supplement the income of U.S.-based underemployed nonfiction mediamakers whose work and livelihood have been grossly affected by the pandemic.
- Paid humanities advisors will support the mediamaker through the granting term (April 2022–March 2023) with dedicated mentorship, project advice, and other tailored non-financial support.

FELLOWSHIP OVERVIEW

- 20 fellows receive \$5,000 unrestricted stipends per month during the fellowship term (\$60,000/year) (April 2022 - March 2023)
- 5 humanities advisors will advise, mentor and provide hands on support during the fellowship year
- Fellows will be eligible to receive Sundance Institute creative and tactical support, and will be invited to Sundance Institute Collective events and convenings.
- Fellows will receive a one year Creator+ membership to Collab

FELLOWSHIP TIMELINE

October 15, 2021	Application Opens
December 1, 2021	Application Closes
March 2022	Successful Fellows Notified
April 1, 2022	Fellowship Year Begins
March 30, 2023	Fellowship Year Ends

ELIGIBILITY

- Nonfiction feature length film, podcast/audio or emerging media project
- Project is deeply rooted in the humanities
- Project at any stage from development through post-production
- Proposed project must be the primary focus of work during the fellowship year

APPLICATION COMPONENTS

Logline

Story synopsis

Topic summary

Connection to the story

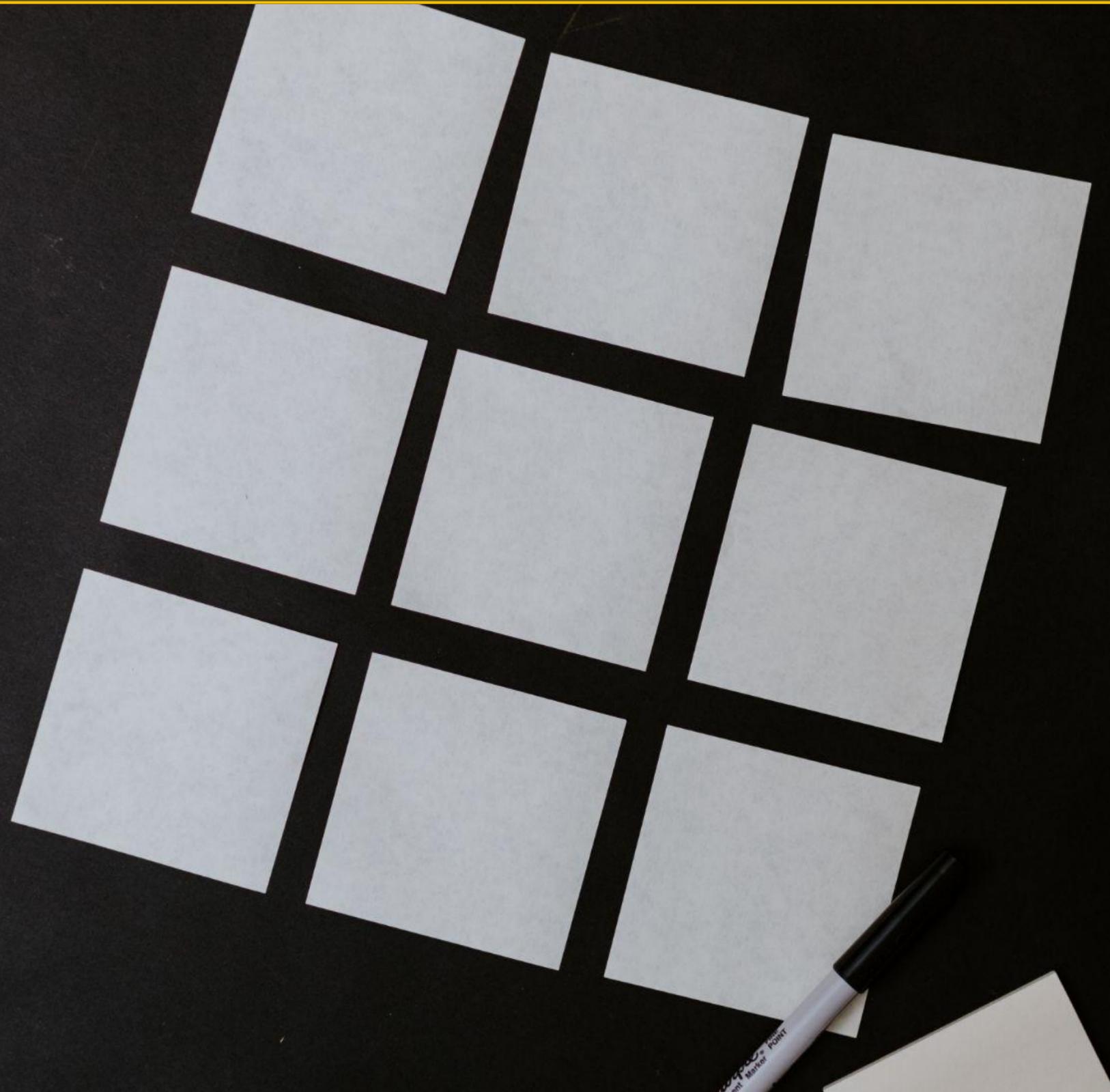
Applicant statement

**Humanities themes, content
and approach**

COVID 19 considerations

Financial overview

Visual sample



SELECTION PROCESS

- Sundance Institute staff to convene a multidisciplinary panel of media professionals, humanities advisors and industry experts
- Panel will make final selections and designate alternates
- Fellows will be notified; if a fellow is offered a grant from one of the other NEH granted entities (Firelight Media or ITVS) they must identify the fellowship they wish to pursue



SELECTION PRIORITIES

Depth of humanities content and scholarship

Strength of project vision and creative direction

Applicants from underrepresented communities in media and the humanities

Applicants with direct and sustained negative impact from COVID-19 pandemic

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- **Website:** <https://www.sundance.org/apply/>
- **Blog post:** <https://www.sundance.org/blogs/humanities-sustainability-fellowship>
- **Application link:**
https://apply.sundance.org/prog/2022_sundance_institute_humanities_sustainability_fellowship/
- **FAQ:**
<https://www.sundance.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Sundance-Institute--Humanities-Sustainability-Fellowship-FAQ-2.pdf>
- **Still have questions, email:** InstituteGranting@sundance.org or call (310) 360-1981