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HUMANITIES WASHINGTON ANNOUNCES

NEW PUBLIC HUMANITIES FELLOWS PROGRAM

THE PROGRAM AIMS TO HELP THE NEXT GENERATION OF HUMANISTS CREATE PUBLIC PROGRAMMING FOR UNDERSERVED WASHINGTON COMMUNITIES

SEATTLE – Nonprofit Humanities Washington, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, has announced a new program aimed at bringing innovative public humanities programming to underserved communities around the state.

The public humanities is a vibrant field that shares the humanities outside of academic circles, but there are too few opportunities for hands-on training and professional development. Humanities Washington's Public Humanities Fellows program hopes to change that by offering a stipend and support to early-career humanists (including graduate students, non-profit professionals, untenured professors, culture bearers, and other humanities experts) who are seeking to develop their program management and public humanities skills. This is the first paid public humanities fellows of its kind in Washington State, either inside or outside of academia.

Fellows receive a stipend of \$5000 and up to \$3500 to fund the public humanities project, as well as professional development opportunities, technical assistance and mentorship from public humanities professionals, and regular meetings with a cohort of other fellows. Humanists from communities who are underrepresented in the humanities are especially encouraged to apply.

"The humanities are for everyone," said Stone Addington, director of programs at Humanities Washington. "They can change lives and fill them with meaning, yet they are often seen as the exclusive domain of colleges and universities. This program will encourage innovative approaches to reaching underserved communities, ensuring that everyone has access to the wealth of the humanities."

Fellows can either create their own project or choose from two Humanities Washington opportunities. The deadline to apply for the Public Humanities Fellows program is **March 1**, and the project must be completed by November 15, 2022. [More information can be found here.](#)

ABOUT HUMANITIES WASHINGTON

An independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit, Humanities Washington is Washington State's affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Its mission is to open minds and bridge divides by creating spaces to explore different perspectives. For more about Humanities Washington, visit humanities.org.