

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP)

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Limited Submissions

Sponsored Programs Contact Information

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I. Overview

Limited submission funding opportunities place restrictions on the number of proposal submissions per institution. Certain sponsors will limit the number of proposals submitted by a single institution while other sponsors will require a wait time before the institution can reapply for new or additional funding. UW Oshkosh procedure for limited submission funding opportunities is to provide an open, competitive institutional nomination process for all interested applicants when a sponsor places a limited submission requirement on the funding opportunity. The procedure below has been established in order to meet limited submission standards set forth by various external funding sponsors.

II. Applicability

This procedure applies to all faculty at UW Oshkosh who are planning to submit a proposal to a limited submission funding opportunity.

III. Procedure Details:

There are numerous sponsors which solicit limited submission proposals. To showcase the process that is utilized at UW Oshkosh, the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Summer Stipends program will be used as an example for the limited submission process:

- 1) NEH issues their official guidelines for the next NEH Summer Stipend opportunity (typically in late May or early June each year for this program).
- 2) Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) staff review the guidelines to ensure it is a limited submission opportunity and that no significant changes to the opportunity have occurred since the previous year.
- 3) OSP staff send out an announcement to the Faculty listserv with information about the upcoming opportunity with a clear statement that it is a limited submission opportunity. A copy of the Program guidelines and the process for internal nomination are included in the e-mail.
- 4) Full-time tenured and tenure-track faculty wishing to apply for nomination will submit a 1-page, single-spaced Letter of Intent (LOI) to OSP@uwosh.edu (2-page single-spaced Letter of Intent for Regent Scholar). Note that Non-tenure track Faculty, Adjunct Faculty, Retired Faculty, Community College Faculty, and Independent Scholars are exempt from nomination.
- 5) The LOI may include a short bibliography and should address the following:
 - (i) Justify the need or purpose of the project and include importance or contribution to existing knowledge or scholarly/creative activities

- (ii) Provide at least one clear objective or goal of the intended project, optimally presented in terms of research question, hypothesis or how previous work will be advanced
 - (iii) Describe method, approach or protocol for conducting the project
 - (iv) Describe proposed activities that will be undertaken
 - (v) Provide an associated timeline for the project and address when each activity or goal will be completed
 - (vi) Proposed project or activities must align with NEH Summer Stipend program requirements for a humanities project (provided in the program Guidelines)
 - (vii) Proper grammar, spelling and lack of errors
- 6) OSP will establish a deadline for submission of the LOI to OSP@uwosh.edu, at minimum 60 days before the sponsor's deadline. The LOI deadline is typically set for mid-July each year so that nominees have sufficient time to finalize and submit their proposals to NEH before the late-September deadline.
 - 7) If the number of people who apply by the deadline is less than or equal to the maximum allowed per institution (i.e. two proposals for NEH Summer Stipends), they are automatically the nominees. This applies to any limited submission program.
 - 8) If there are three or more LOIs submitted prior to the LOI deadline then a competitive nomination procedure will be followed, as outlined here:
 - i) An ad hoc nomination committee of three members, including any of the following will be gathered: Director or Associate Director of OSP, the Faculty Development Board Chair, the Provost or the Provost's designee, and the Director of the Office of Student Research & Creative Activity (OSRCA) for Regent Scholar proposals.
 - ii) Members of the selection committee receive a copy of the NEH guidelines and utilize a scoring rubric based on NEH's guidelines to score each Letter of Intent. The two highest-scoring LOIs will move forward as the institutional nominees. Selection committee members do have the option of convening a meeting to discuss scores if there is any disagreement or concern about which LOIs to nominate.
 - iii) In the event of a tie for highest score, the two LOIs in question will be presented to the Director of OSP. The Director will make the final decision about which of the proposals in question should be nominated. Decision will be based on the ability of the intended project to align with NEH program guidelines and potential success of the proposed project.
 - iv) OSP staff will notify nominees, on behalf of the committee, that they may proceed with application submission. Technical information nominees need for using Grants.gov is also shared. More detailed feedback is provided to both the nominees and to those who are declined, upon request.
 - 9) All nominees must submit their own NEH Summer Stipends applications through [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) (this may vary for other programs or funding opportunities, contact the Sponsored Programs office for guidance). Nominees are provided with a copy of the NEH Guidelines and may contact OSP staff with questions regarding the Grants.gov application or system.
 - 10) Nominated applicants must include in their applications the name and email address of the appropriate nominating official. The Director, Interim Director or Associate Director of OSP, or their designee, may be listed as the Nominating Official of the institution. The Nominating Official may choose to leave additional feedback on proposal materials or provide technical support or guidance for individuals using Grants.gov to submit their final proposal to NEH.

- 11) After the sponsor's deadline, each Nominating Official will receive an email directly from NEH asking for verification of the selected applicants. This verification must be received by the sponsor's deadline (typically two weeks after the proposal submission deadline).
- 12) OSP requests that all nominees send a copy of their final proposal to OSP@uwosh.edu for the project file and also for tracking purposes.
- 13) In other limited submission cases where there has historically been insufficient levels of interest, the Director or Associate Director of OSP will announce the funding opportunity and request that PIs send a Letter of Intent within a reasonable timeframe, in order to gauge interest.
 - i) Letters of Intent will include a brief description of the proposal; proposal type (if the funding opportunity specifies required subtypes); name of PI; name(s) of any Co-PIs or other faculty/staff participants; names and affiliations of any participants or collaborators not affiliated with UW Oshkosh.
 - ii) If the number of proposals disclosed through the Letter of Intent process is equal to or less than the maximum allowed per institution, then all PIs will be given a tentative green light to submit an application. OSP will collect information about the proposals in development and may share with the college Dean as needed to confirm that there are no reasons why a particular proposal should not proceed to submission. If the number of LOIs exceeds the sponsor's per institution maximum then OSP will follow the process detailed in this SOP.

IV. Policy Links:

V. Contact Information

For questions or comments, please contact OSP@uwosh.edu or 920-424-3215

VI. Revision History:

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