

NHC Summer Fellowship (NHCSF) Grant

APPLICATION DEADLINE

November 17th, 2025

OBJECTIVE

The Bucknell Humanities Center (BHC) is pleased to announce a call for applications to the National Humanities Center (NHC) Summer Residency Program in the month of June. The NHC is a gorgeous facility about 10 miles from Durham and Chapel Hill, in the Research Triangle of North Carolina. It houses a dedicated research library as well as a staff of professional librarians.

The NHC Summer Residency Program includes:

- individual study space in the quiet, light-filled NHC building
- free lodging at a local hotel near the NHC
- complimentary continental breakfast at the hotel and lunch on weekdays at the NHC provided by the in-house chef
- daily shuttle service between the NHC and the hotel
- 24/7 access to the NHC library and individual study space
- The library staff will help residents procure research materials prior to their arrival, if such materials are not already in the NHC library collection.

As a member institution, Bucknell may nominate up to two scholars to enter into a competitive application process conducted by the NHC ([this is a change in process from previous years](#)). The BHC will cover the cost of the Residency (\$8,000) as well as travel to/from North Carolina at the beginning and end of the residency for the successful scholars. If the BHC budget permits, the faculty member(s) will also receive a summer research stipend of \$6,000 to offset other research expenses incurred during the summer, beyond those covered by the grant. This stipend requires the faculty member to commit two full months of the summer to scholarly endeavors—including the one month of the NHC Residency. The primary objective of this fellowship is to enable a faculty member to make significant progress on a research project leading toward publication in peer-review venues.

ELIGIBILITY

Any tenured or tenure-track Bucknell faculty member from within the humanities and humanistic social sciences is eligible to apply. We especially encourage junior faculty members whose progress toward tenure would be significantly aided by the dedicated month of research at the NHC, as well as tenured faculty members looking to complete a project that will provide significant momentum toward promotion, to apply. In conjunction with this award, the chosen faculty member will be expected to present their work at a signature BHC event the following academic year, and to formally acknowledge the BHC in any publications produced as a result of this opportunity.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Applications should be [submitted here](#). In addition to the information requested in this form, proposal narratives must include the components described below (prepared as a single PDF).

- **Project Description** (≤500 words): Describe the project you would undertake at the NHC in a form intelligible to the non-specialist and explain how it connects with or builds upon your prior and/or ongoing scholarship.
- **Rationale** (≤200 words): Explain the significance of the project for Humanistic inquiry and how participating in the NHC Summer Fellowship would be transformative for your scholarly goals.
- **Work Plan** (≤200 words): Describe how you would propose to use the month-long NHC summer residency and (if you wish to be considered for funding for a second month of focused research) how you would spend that time.
- **Current CV**

EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS & FURTHER STEPS

The goal of this fellowship is to support innovative research undertaken by faculty in the humanities. The primary selection criteria include the degree to which the proposed project will lead directly and in a timely fashion to major scholarly publication. The proposals will be evaluated based on quality, likelihood of success, and the impact on the faculty member's professional and intellectual development. Nominations will be forwarded to the NHC by November 21st. The NHC will send each nominated scholar a unique link to their application portal shortly thereafter. Complete applications will be due in early January 2026.

DESCRIPTIVE ASSESSMENT

Grant recipients are expected to email a one-page descriptive assessment to BHC Academic Assistant, Nina Olivetti (ntolivet@bucknell.edu) by August 17, 2026.