The Harry M. Philpott Endowment for the Humanities Grant Program

The Harry M. Philpott Endowment for the Humanities Grant Program is administered by the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts & Humanities for the enhancement of teaching in the humanities in the College of Liberal Arts at Auburn University. Grants up to the amount of $2,500 each will be awarded in 2023. The endowment is named in honor of Dr. Harry M. Philpott, Auburn University’s eleventh president, who served from 1965 to 1980. The committee evaluates proposals for their direct impact on student learning, feasibility and sustainability of the project, and the project budget’s alignment to university spending policies.

**Eligibility:**
Faculty members who are tenure-track, tenured, or lecturers and have completed at least one year of full-time employment at Auburn University are encouraged to apply. Recipients will be eligible to apply every three years.

**Project Proposals:**
Applications must include a project proposal of no more than 1,000 words and should be submitted as a PDF file to cmdcah@auburn.edu. Proposals must include the following information:

- Name, Title, Rank
- Department
- Humanities course(s) to be enhanced by grant. (See next page for description of the humanities.)
- Project Description
- Timeline
- Budget
  - Eligible expenses include any university-allowable costs associated with the project proposal (e.g., field experiences as part of a course, equipment, course materials, in-person guest speakers).
  - Funds may not be used for supplemental or summer salary.
- Brief c.v. or bio, not to exceed two pages (not counted as part of the 1,000 max word proposal).
Submission Process and Deadline:
https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/71e7e505bb1b46eb87992f3510d85d4a

Deadline for submissions is Friday, May 12, 5:00 p.m.

Prior to submitting your application, please contact your department chair/director to alert them you are applying for this grant.

What are the humanities?
The award committee uses the following statement from the National Endowment of the Humanities to guide its selection of funded proposals:

"The term 'humanities' includes, but is not limited to, the study and interpretation of the following: 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.

Award Process:
If selected, an award letter will outline the process for expending funds through the faculty member’s department. Department chairs and administrators will receive a copy of the award letter. Funds must be expended by the end of the next year’s spring semester.

Project Reporting:
A report (max 500 words) on the use of funds will be due on the last day of classes of the 2024 spring semester.

Questions:
Contact Dr. Mark Wilson at mwilson@auburn.edu or 334-844-6198 for questions.