

Humanities at the University of California

Federal funding for humanities research and projects at the University of California (UC) goes beyond the reach of the students and researchers on our campuses to directly impact museums, libraries and other learning centers in our communities. For fiscal year (FY) 2025, UC urges Congress to fund:

- **\$225 million for the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)**
- **\$91 million for the Department of Education's Title VI (\$80 million) and Fulbright-Hays programs (\$11 million)**

Each UC campus offers research, scholarship and event opportunities in the humanities that have been federally funded. Below are select examples:

- At **UC Irvine**, an assistant professor in history was awarded an NEH grant to research and write a book about the Vietnam War from the perspective of residents of Hue, the former royal capital, between 1957 and 1967.
- **UC San Diego's** Institute of Arts and Humanities, one of the nation's first recipients of the NEH's Infrastructure and Capacity-Building Challenge Grant, has transformed the Endowment's investment into a physical representation of the interdisciplinary work of the humanities, creating a hub for research, innovation and shared experience within one of the nation's first "living and learning" communities on a university campus.
- At **UC Berkeley**, Cal Performances produces and presents performances of the highest artistic quality, enhanced by programs that explore compelling intersections of education and the performing arts. The campus, community —and world—also benefit from the public-facing Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive.
- At **UC Merced**, NEH funding is being used to establish a Sierra Nevada-Central Valley Research Archive. The funding also supports renovations in the Kolligian Library on campus to create a regional archive focused on the Central Valley and Sierra Nevada regions.
- A faculty member at **UC Santa Cruz** received an NEH grant to direct a summer institute that will enrich U.S. educators' understanding of the mass incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II and the aftermath of their devastating displacement.
- The Art, Design and Architecture Museum at **UC Santa Barbara** has a collection of over 7,000 works of art and is one of the largest repositories of architectural design records in the United States.
- In 2022, the NEH awarded funding to support the work of five **UC Riverside** faculty in expanding research and educational opportunities in language and culture, including research on multilingualism, hip hop, dance and visual culture.
- At **UCLA**, NEH funding supports six online classes, two live workshops and mentoring to Native Americans working with tribal materials at museums and cultural centers across the country.