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Office of the Vice President for Research

Subject: Limited Competition: NEH Humanities Research Centers on Artificial Intelligence

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The Office of the Vice President for Research is requesting statements of interest for the NEH Humanities Research Centers on AI opportunity. The NEH is particularly interested in projects that explore the risks of AI-related technologies on truth, trust, and democracy; safety and security; and privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties.

The Humanities Research Centers on Artificial Intelligence program addresses Strategy #3 of the 2023 National Artificial Intelligence Research and Development Strategic Plan, put forth by the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP). Strategy #3 calls for research into "the ethical, legal, and societal implications of AI" in order to "understand, anticipate, and mitigate harm as well as [understand] the distribution of likely benefits." The Humanities Research Centers on Artificial Intelligence program will create new Centers of scholarly discourse and learning, each one a nexus for collaborative efforts that reach across disciplinary lines to gain a more holistic understanding of AI in the modern world.

Applications must propose to create a Center with a specific research focus related to the ethical, legal, and societal implications of AI. A Center is a sustained collaboration among scholars focused on exploring a specific topic, the humanities implications of AI, through two or more related scholarly activities. NEH particularly encourages Centers interested in equity, privacy, and civil-rights topics. Centers must involve more than one scholar. A Center may or may not have a physical location, but should 1) establish a leadership structure, 2) develop a mission statement, and 3) create a strategy to sustain the Center beyond the period of performance.

NEH anticipates awarding approximately $1,000,000 among an estimated 2 recipients. The deadline for optional drafts is January 10, 2024 with full proposals due on February 14th, 2024. Full details can be found at https://www.neh.gov/program/humanities-research-centers-artificial-intelligence.

This is a Limited Competition. Each institution may submit 1 (one) application. If you are interested in submitting a proposal to this program, please submit a one-page statement of interest with the following: (1) Provide a concise statement about your Center written for a non-specialist audience. Describe the proposed activities and outcomes of the Center, and who will lead and take part in these activities. Include a long-term vision and potential impact for the Center (this may extend beyond the end date of the period of performance). (2) Provide a summary of the thematic focus of your Center, noting how it relates to the goals of the Humanities Research Centers on Artificial Intelligence program; (3) List the members of the project team. Statements of interest are due by **NOON December 1st, 2023** via UNM's InfoReady portal **https://unm.infoready4.com/.** Based on the number of responses received, the Limited Competition Management Team may announce a call for preproposals.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact us at limited@unm.edu.

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