

NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Meetings of Humanities Panel

AGENCY: National Endowment for the Humanities, NFAH.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, as amended), notice is hereby given that the following meetings of the Humanities Panel will be held at the Old Post Office, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, D.C. 20506.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon I. Block, Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, D.C. 20506; telephone (202) 606-8322. Hearing-impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter may be obtained by contacting the Endowment's TDD terminal on (202) 606-8282.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed meetings are for the purpose of panel review, discussion, evaluation and recommendation on applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including discussion of information given in confidence to the agency by the grant applicants. Because the proposed meetings will consider information that is likely to disclose: (1) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential; or (2) information of a personal nature the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, pursuant to authority granted me by the Chairman's Delegation of Authority to Close Advisory Committee meetings, dated July 19, 1993, I have determined that these meetings will be closed to the public pursuant to subsections (c)(4), and (6) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

1. Date: November 2, 1995
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Room: 315
Program: This meeting will review Translations and Editions Programs applications in Classical and medieval European Studies, submitted to the Division of Research Programs, for projects beginning after May 1, 1996.
2. Date: November 3, 1995
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Room: 415
Program: This meeting will review applications in Library and

Archival Preservation and Access Projects, submitted to the Division of Preservation and Access, for projects beginning after May 1996.

3. Date: November 6, 1995
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Room: 315
Program: This meeting will review Translations Program applications in Russian and Eastern European Studies, submitted to the Division of Research Programs, for projects beginning after May 1996.
4. Date: November 7, 1995
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Room: 315
Program: The meeting will review proposals submitted to the October 1 deadline on the Higher Education Program, submitted to the Division of Education Programs, for projects beginning after April, 1996.
5. Date: November 8, 1995
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Room: 415
Program: This meeting will review Library and Archival Preservation and Access applications, submitted to the Division of Preservation and Access, for projects beginning after May 1, 1996.
6. Date: November 9, 1995
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Room: 315
Program: This meeting will review Translations Program applications in Western European Studies, submitted to the Division of Research Programs, for projects beginning after May 1, 1996.
7. Date: November 13, 1995
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Room: 415
Program: This meeting will review applications for the Library and Archival Preservation and Access Projects, submitted to the Division of Preservation and Access, for projects beginning after May 1, 1996.
8. Date: November 14, 1995
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Room: 415
Program: This meeting will review proposals submitted to the October 1 deadline in the Higher Education Program, submitted to the Division of Education Programs, for projects beginning after April 1, 1996.
9. Date: November 20, 1995
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Room: 315
Program: This meeting will review proposals submitted to the October 1 deadline in the Higher Education Program, submitted to the Division of Education Programs, for projects
10. Date: November 21, 1995
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Room: 315
Program: This meeting will review proposals submitted to the October 1 deadline in the Higher Education Program, submitted to the Division of Education Programs, for projects beginning after April, 1996.
16. Date: November 27, 1995
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Room: 430
Program: This meeting will review proposals submitted to the October 1 deadline in the Higher Education Programs, submitted to the Division of Education Programs, for projects beginning after May 1, 1996.
12. Date: November 28, 1995
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Room: 415
Program: This meeting will review application in Library and Archival Preservation and Access Projects, submitted to the Division of Preservation and Access, for projects beginning after May 1, 1996.
13. Date: November 29-30, 1995
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Room: 430
Program: This meeting will review applications in Elementary and Secondary Education in the Humanities, submitted to the Division of Education Programs, for projects beginning after April, 1996.

Sharon I. Block,
Advisory Committee Management Officer.
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Directorate for Education and Human Resources Proposed Data Collection Available for Public Comment and Recommendations

In compliance with the requirement of Section 2506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the National Science Foundation (NSF) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call the NSF Clearance Officer on (703) 306-1243.

Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have

practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Proposed Project: Program Evaluation of the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR). EPSCoR is an ongoing initiative of the National Science Foundation (NSF)—and, in parallel, of six other federal agencies—to increase the research competitiveness of faculty and universities in selected states. The design calls for five sub-studies drawn from the broader framework of the program's objectives, structure, and strategies, which was developed in conjunction with several workgroups. New, non-archival data collections in subsidies 3, 4, and 5 are being submitted for OMB review. The studies are:

Substudy No. 1: Has There Been an Increase in Funded Research?

The substudy will be conducted for each EPSCoR state, across EPSCoR states, and between EPSCoR and non-EPSCoR states. The study will be conducted using total levels of external awards, disaggregated by sector (federal/state/industry), and within the federal sector by agency. These data are currently available from existing NSF databases for the period from EPSCoR's inception through FY 1992.

Substudy No. 2: How Competitive Was EPSCoR Research at the Time of Award?

The data for Substudy No. 2 will come from the archival records maintained by NSF. The results of each round of reviews have been kept in a separate notebook, reflecting the applications and their components, the nature of the peer review, and the disposition of the review. From these notebooks and the award jackets, the evaluation team will reconstruct the peer review outcomes for the last two program announcements: EPSCoR's Advanced Development Program awards (n=17) and the Systemic Improvement awards (n=19) made between 1992 and 1995.

Substudy No. 3: How Competitive Was EPSCoR-Funded Research Later On?

Substudy No. 3 will involve three complementary data collection activities at the level of the individual research investigator and research group. The first of these activities consists of a citation analysis utilizing data from the NSF Database of EPSCoR Projects. The

second two activities, which utilize the sample from the citation analysis, are a mail survey and a telephone survey.

Sampling. As of 1994, according to the NSF EPSCoR Database, an estimated 1,184 faculty were participating in the EPSCoR program. Using the database, a random sample (with replacement in case of 0 publications) of 10 researchers from the 13 states will be drawn. To allow for the practice of co-principal investigators in many fields, the second author, where practical, will also be included as a separate, independent researcher. Thus, an initial list of between 130 to 260 faculty (13 states × 10 (or 20) researchers), will be identified. From this list, up to three publications per faculty member will be selected, for a total number of between 130 and 780 observations, with the actual number likely to be between 390 and 780. The article is the unit of analysis.

Mail Survey: Editors of the journals in which EPSCoR researchers have published will be invited to conduct qualitative assessments of the article authored by the EPSCoR faculty member with the comparison article by the non-EPSCoR author plus an additional number of articles that appeared in the same journal issue.

This comparison will be made for a 10 percent sample of the articles selected above (n=390 to 780 articles or 39–78 journals). The review protocol will be structured and brief to minimize burden and facilitate response.

Telephone Survey. The lead authors of the same 10 percent sample will be contacted telephonically, to determine whether (or not) their own research and the research of colleagues in a research cluster have thrived over time. This will involve telephone discussions with a sample of the investigators, to determine their post-EPSCoR experiences, both as individuals and as part of a research cluster. The authors will be asked to respond to a brief, structured interview protocol.

Substudies No. 4 and 5: Have Universities Implemented Research-Supporting Changes? and Have States Initiated Research-Supporting Changes?

Both field-based studies will involve the same five sites, with separate site visits approximately one year apart. The fieldwork for both studies is to be conducted by COSMOS.

Field-Based Studies. The site visits for each year will consist of structured and consistent—but not identical—interviews at the same 5 states. In year one, interviews will be held with university officials (provosts, vice

presidents for research, deans, department heads, and sponsored program officers) involved in formulating and implementing institutional policies. In year two, the focus is on state technology development, inter-institutional coordination, and state financing and regulation of university activities. These structured interviews will be held with state officials. It is anticipated that 10 individuals will be interviewed at each site.

Burden estimates across all data collections are as follows:

Year	Re-spond-ents	Burden hours
1996	50	100
1997	128	228

Send comments to Herman Fleming, Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 485, Arlington, VA 22230. Written comments should be received within 60 days of publication.

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Herman G. Fleming,

NSF Reports Clearance Officer.

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Advisory Panel for Science, Technology and Society; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meetings.

Name: Advisory Panel for Science, Technology and Society (#1760).

Date and Time: November 10, 1995, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; November 11, 1995, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Place: Galleria Park Hotel—The Palm Room/Second Floor, 191 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94104, Telephone: (415) 781-3060—FAX (415) 433-4409.

Contact Person: Dr. Ronald J. Overmann, Senior Staff Assistant/SBER, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone (703) 306-1743, Room 995.

Agenda: To review and evaluate science and technology studies proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Date and Time: November 16-17, 1995—8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, Room 970—4201 Wilson Blvd.—Arlington, VA.

Contact Person: Dr. Rachelle D. Hollander, Program Director for Ethics and Values Studies, National Science Foundation, Room 995, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone (703) 306-1743 Ext. 6991.