

Professional Development Opportunities for Teachers

Each year, the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) offers to K-12 educators approximately thirty seminars and institutes for the intensive study of important texts and topics in the humanities. Programs are held at locations throughout the United States and abroad. All full-time teachers in American K-12 schools, whether public, public charter, private, or church-affiliated are eligible to participate.

Summer Seminars and Institutes are often described by participants as “life changing” and the finest professional development in the humanities available. Participants are drawn from all parts of the United States and study with nationally-recognized humanities scholars. Programs last from four to six weeks, and NEH provides stipends for all participants ranging from \$2,800 to \$3,700 (depending on the length of the program) to defray travel and living expenses.

Topics for programs during the summer of 2004 include: Shakespeare’s plays, children’s literature, African-American history, Milton’s *Paradise Lost*, Cervantes’ *Don Quixote*, the novels of Balzac and Zola, Mozart’s operas, Russian novelists, the Industrial Revolution, the Irish famine, Dante’s *Divine Comedy*, the Holocaust, America’s Great Plains, Spanish art and theatre, American state constitutions, cultures of the Himalayas, and much more. For full listings, please see <http://www.neh.gov/projects/si-school.html>.

The deadline for applications is March 1, 2004.