Humanities at the University of California

The University of California (UC) urges Congress to provide $225 million in fiscal year (FY) 2024 for the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

- In FY 2022, UC received 30 NEH grants, totaling more than $2.26 million. These NEH-funded projects include:
  - Beginning winter 2023, UC Santa Cruz started offering a new Certificate in the Humanities—Humanizing Technology Certificate Program (HTCP)—introducing students enrolled in the Baskin School of Engineering to humanities disciplines aimed to help them better understand the social and cultural impacts of technological change.
  - At UC Berkeley, a digital education project supported by an international consortium of universities and high schools, is collecting and annotating historical documents, songs and videos related to the culture and history of New Orleans.

UC urges Congress to support international education by providing $173.6 million for the Department of Education’s Title VI and Fulbright-Hays programs.

- International education is crucial for confronting global challenges, effective military and diplomatic engagement, civic and cultural competency as well as economic competitiveness. Our campuses have produced:
  - At UC Irvine, Department of Education Title VI funding supports graduate student research abroad and student language study crucial to American understanding of the world we live in.
  - In 2022, six centers at UCLA that are part of the International Institute were awarded approximately $8 million in Title VI funding, including the Latin American Institute and the Center for Near Eastern Studies.

We urge Congress to visit the UC campuses to tour the projects and meet the faculty whose research has been funded by the NEH.

- A more robust investment in the NEH is essential to support humanities' educators and organizations across the United States. These investments directly impact K-12 children, libraries, museums, local communities and institutions of higher education. For example:
  - 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.
  - Born of a collaborative partnership between the UC San Diego Institute of Arts and Humanities and the UC San Diego Library, the Race and Oral History Project (ROHP) was created in 2017 to document and share stories of understudied racial and ethnic communities in the greater San Diego region.
  - 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.