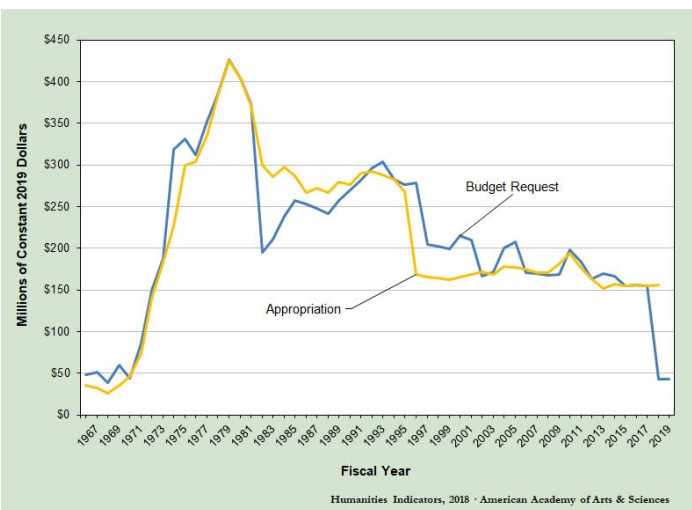




National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

A robust humanities education is critical to cultivating a broadly-educated workforce ready to compete in the knowledge-based, global 21st Century economy. From the basic building blocks of early education, to the highest levels of academic attainment, humanities fields provide individuals from all disciplines, including science, technology, engineering, & mathematics (STEM), with critical thinking, problem-solving, communication, and analytical skills, competencies, and the expertise needed to fill public, private, and non-profit sector jobs.



NEH Budget Request versus Final Appropriation, FY1966-2019 (inflation-adjusted)
Source: [Humanities Indicators, American Academy of Arts and Sciences](#)

NEH provides opportunities for collaboration among students and faculty, similar to those in the sciences, and helps sustain the pipeline of young humanities researchers and scholars. For the cost of less than 50 cents per American, NEH grants support the humanities nationwide—including history, English, and civics—which are fundamental to learning and essential for full participation in a modern democracy.

AAU urges Congress to provide at least \$167.5 million for the National Endowment for the Humanities in FY20

AAU remains concerned about the long-term erosion of NEH funding for competitive grant awards for nonprofit institutions and scholars. NEH competitive grants are known for their quality and ability to leverage non-federal funding. NEH grants are at one of the lowest funding rates in NEH's over 50 year history. This includes grants in the following divisions:

- Research;
- Education;
- Preservation and Access;
- Challenge Grants;
- Public Programs; and
- Digital Humanities.

AAU urges Congress to reach a bipartisan budget agreement to lift the Budget Control Act's harmful discretionary caps in FY20 and FY21 and allow for additional resources to meet the nation's significant investment needs.