

Call for Nominees: One Junior, One Senior Scholar in Humanities & Social Science

2025 Andrew Carnegie Fellows Program – TCNJ Limited Submission

Call 2025 Topic: Polarization (see details below)

TCNJ Call Deadline: September 16, 2024. (Full Submission: November 8, 2024)

Background. The Andrew Carnegie Fellows Program provides philanthropic support to scholars and writers for high-caliber research in the humanities and social sciences.

The fellows program was established in 2015 to provide philanthropic support to extraordinary scholars and writers for high-caliber research in the **humanities and social sciences**. Fellowships of \$200,000 are awarded annually to exceptional scholars, authors, journalists, and public intellectuals. The criteria prioritize the originality and promise of the research, its potential impact on the field, and the scholar's plans for communicating the findings to a broad audience. The funding is for a period of one or two years with the anticipated result of a book or major study. Regardless of title, a **junior scholar** is defined as someone who received their PhD within the last 10 years (2013–2024, for the 2025 fellowship program).

2025 Topic Details. The Corporation anticipates that the work of the Andrew Carnegie Fellows Program will explore the many ways **political polarization in the United States** manifests itself in society and suggest ways that it may be mitigated. Studies of polarization in other countries will be considered providing they offer lessons that can be applied to the United States.

Broad Objective of 2025 Topic. Through the study of political polarization in the United States, the Corporation seeks to raise awareness in the philanthropic sector, guide public policy, and help inform the foundation's grantmaking in democracy, education, and international peace and security.

NEH Evaluation criteria:

- Originality and promise of the idea
- Quality of the proposal
- Potential impact on the field
- Record of the nominee
- Plans to communicate findings to a broad audience

In order to apply, applicants must be nominated by their institution via the process below. TCNJ may only nominate one Junior Scholar and one Senior Scholar.

TCNJ Nomination Process

Interested applicants should submit a CV and 1-2 page summary of their proposed research by uploading their documents to [this Google shared folder](#) by **September 16, 2024**. Uploaded documents should be named as follows: YourLastName_CV; YourLastName_Summary [*Feel free to contact Amy Cuhel-Schuckers or Cathy Virecci in the Office of Grants and Sponsored Research (OGSR) in advance of your submission, if you'd like a critical read.*]

Dean Chris Fisher will coordinate the review process, Provost Suzanne McCotter, designated institutional nominator, will make the final selection of the most suitable applicant(s) and notify all applicants of the outcome by **Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2024**, barring any unforeseen circumstances. If selected, the **program application deadline is 5:00PM ET on Friday, Nov. 8, 2024**.

IF YOU ARE SELECTED as a NOMINEE at the TCNJ LEVEL*...

A **complete application** includes the following:

1. Letter of nomination, including a brief description of the candidate's accomplishments and potential, internal process for selecting nominees, and the research proposal's potential to address political polarization in the United States. The letter should be addressed to John DeGioia, Jury Chair, Andrew Carnegie Fellows Program.
 - a. *Note: Only an application with a letter of nomination from a nominator designated by the Corporation will be considered. Self-nominations will not be accepted. [Provost Suzanne McCotter will prepare this letter.]*
2. A three- to five-page prospectus prepared by the nominee that describes the proposed research, including a projected work plan and approximate time frame. The prospectus should be double-spaced with a minimum of 12-point font.
 - a. *Note: Jurors will not read any prospectus beyond the five-page limit (footnotes and bibliography accepted, but brevity is appreciated).*
3. A one-page summary of the prospectus, formatted as above.
4. A description of the project in 75 words or fewer.
5. An estimate of budgetary requirements — a budget form and instructions are provided as part of the online application. *[Note: OGSR staff can help you with this.]*
6. A copy of nominee's curriculum vitae.

Detailed information, including application process and guidelines, can be [found on the Carnegie Fellows Program website](#). More information about the Carnegie Corporation of New York and program background can be found on the [Carnegie Corporation website](#).

*Contact grants@tcnj.edu with questions about the TCNJ nomination process. *Feel free to utilize OGSR Director Amy Cuhel-Schuckers or OGSR Associate Director of Grant Development Cathy Virecci as internal readers, in addition to any other internal readers you might utilize.*

While not directly relevant to the Andrew Carnegie Fellowship competition, here are three resources we suggest you review as you prepare to write your two-page summary:

- [How to Write Effective Proposals in the Humanities and Social Sciences](#) - Carleton College
- [Writing Proposals for ACLS Fellowship Competitions](#)
- [On the Art of Writing Proposals: Some Candid Suggestions for Applicants to Social Science Research Council Competitions](#)