



2027 NEH CDMI Fellowship Application Guide

Project Scope

The CDMI is looking to include projects that represent a diverse spectrum of geographies, temporalities and topics. Fellow applicants will be asked to define the geographic and temporal scopes of their projects, as well as give a concise description of the project's topical scope.

Project Conceptualization

A successful fellowship application will include a detailed project plan. This plan will include distinct project phases with key milestones. This project plan should align closely with the values and aims of the CDMI. Community is a central component of the Community Deep Mapping Institute and project plans should articulate how the project will engage with the broader public during each phase.

Project Team Design

Teams will be evaluated based on not just the number of team members supporting the project but the diversity of their backgrounds. Teams that include members of public stakeholder groups, and heritage professionals as well as academic professionals will be prioritized. Successful fellowship teams bring together individuals from across an array of relevant disciplines. Areas of study that are pertinent to the field of Community Deep Mapping include but are not limited to the following: Geography, History, Archaeology, Heritage/Public History, Sociology, Anthropology, Computer Science, Economics, Political Science, Spatial Humanities, Linguistics, etc.

Level of Project Development

The Institute looks to bring together teams who are at varying levels of project development. A successful fellowship application clearly states the current stage of project development and lays out a pathway with relevant milestones explaining how participating in the CDMI will help the project meet these objectives.

Alignment of Fellow Team Goals with Institute Aims

A successful fellowship application aligns directly with the goals and objectives of the Community Deep Mapping Institute. A successful project should aim to integrate representations of space, time, architecture, material culture, environment and importantly community knowledge into a digital platform that both allows for public discourse and visualizes changes in human-environment relationship over time. Successful community deep mapping attempts to engage public stakeholders in every phase of project development and implementation and aims to accommodate multiple voices in the creation of community-based narratives.

Team Skill Level, Knowledge, and Background

The CDMI is looking to include fellows with diverse skill sets and knowledge levels in the areas of public heritage, engagement, and public participatory sciences as well as GIS, augmented reality, and mobile technologies. Teams that can identify knowledge gaps that need to be addressed through the Institute, but also have team members who are qualified and willing to learn these skills will be prioritized as fellows. Applications will be reviewed and evaluated based on both *Team Experience working with the public, community groups, and in heritage spaces* and *Team level of comfort learning new technologies and experience with GIS, augmented reality, and mobile applications technologies*.

Need Support? Have Questions?

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