



Discussion Project Guidelines

The Maine Humanities Council is excited to offer this flexible opportunity to host a text-based discussion program that meets the needs of your own community, whether you are working independently or as part of an organization.

Program

- Work closely with MHC staff to bring your discussion project to life, whether you use one of our reading series or create your own.
- Participate in a group orientation / skill-share with others working to create vibrant text-based discussions in their communities.
- MHC provides a facilitator, provides or covers costs for materials, and offers other support as needed.

Priorities

- People and organizations serving those who are most deeply isolated from each other and the wider community.
- People and organizations whose work has public impact.
- Organizations serving and led by members of communities traditionally under-resourced in the humanities are encouraged to apply.
 - These groups include people of color, people who identify as LGBTQ+, people who live in rural areas, people with disabilities, people who identify as immigrants or refugees, and people whose first (or only) language is not English. (Please note that this is not an exhaustive list.)

Eligibility

- Individuals and organizations in Maine who want to convene members of their community for rich, grounding discussions of pre-selected texts.

- Individuals and organizations in Maine who want to develop their own idea for fostering real communication, grounded in texts, among members of their community.

Application Review

- Applications are due on: **Friday, October 16, 2020**
- Applications will be reviewed by a panel of MHC staff.
- Notifications will be made starting: **Monday, November 2, 2020**

To Apply

- The application period will open: **Wednesday, September 23, 2020**
- Application deadline is: **Friday, October 16, 2020**
- Apply online: <https://mainehumanities.org/apply-discussion-project/>
 - You will apply through a simple application that will take about 30 minutes to complete.

Information Sessions

- We'll be holding online info sessions so you can meet us, learn a little more about what we do, ask questions, and meet some of the other amazing people developing discussions and projects around Maine.
- **September 29, October 1, October 6, and October 8**
- Register online: <https://mainehumanities.org/info-session/>

Questions?

Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions at all!
Email jan@mainehumanities.org with questions or to set up a time to talk.