

WANT TO KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE A PART OF THE HUMANITIESDC BOARD?

Welcome and first thank you for your interest in learning more about the HumanitiesDC Board of Directors! Here's a quick glance at what it means to be part of the team.

ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW - WHAT WE DO

Founded in 1980, HumanitiesDC is the state-level humanities council for Washington DC. Through collaboration with other organizations, local scholars, community experts, and humanists, we work to amplify DC residents' voices primarily through grantmaking and public programs that support the making, recording and appreciation of all things related to our city's history and culture.

We connect curious people with bold questions to the powerful stories of our vibrant city. We use the humanities as a tool to help Washingtonians deepen their relationships with the city and each other.

OUR VALUES & ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE

HumanitiesDC has five main values that we use to help us navigate our internal decisionmaking processes, external relationships, and community programs:

- Equity Driven
- Community Powered
- Creative Vision
- Amplifying Voices
- Acting With Integrity

A full description of our values statements is on our website, www.humanitiesdc.org

WHO ARE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR HUMANITIESDC?

Our board is a group of community members tasked with helping make sure HumanitiesDC is the strongest, healthiest organization it can be, is following its mission, and is using funds and resources the best way possible. Board members are DC residents who are passionate about our city and humanities and recognize how creating these types of spaces foster rich and educational experiences for Washingtonians across the city.

A HumanitiesDC board member is someone who resides in DC and is ready to commit to sharing their power skills, connections, and ideas to help us meet goals set by our strategic plan ([Check out our 2023-2024 plan here](#)).

CURIOS MINDS. BOLD QUESTIONS. POWERFUL STORIES.

INTERESTED IN JOINING?

Our board is a diverse multigenerational group of members with a wide range of experiences, perspectives, and knowledge that collectively represent the richness found across all quadrants of our city. Ideally, the board will be a mix of emerging professionals and established expertise.

The particular skills we are looking for in 2025 include but are not limited to:

- Nonprofit Finance
- Human Resources
- Nonprofit Development and Fundraising
- Nonprofit Law or Management
- Connections with Humanities Practitioners and Organizations

* We are also interested in hearing from emerging professionals.

The commitment:

- Three-year terms
- Yearly giving (amount decided by you to help reach a collective board goal)
- Attendance at HumanitiesDC events throughout the year
- Sharing your network
- Sharing your ideas and knowledge
- General Meetings: an orientation, 6 in person board meetings, an annual retreat
- Committee meetings (no more than six a year) - mostly virtual
- ~ Five hours per month to review board and committee materials

*All board members complete an annual participation card to help track these commitments.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

If you're interested in joining the board, please fill out an application via this [Google Form](#) and email your resume to officeadmin@humanitiesdc.org by July 25, 2024. Have questions? Please email Executive Director, Rebecca Lemos Otero at rlemosotero@humanitiesdc.org.

Interested candidates will be asked to participate in a conversation with current board members and the executive director. Final decisions will be made by the end of September and new board members will attend their first board meeting in November.

HISTORY LITERATURE LANGUAGES ETHICS
PHILOSOPHY ARTS APPRECIATION