

**DECLARATION OF SANTIAGO SCHNELL**

I, Santiago Schnell, declare as follows:

1. I am the Provost at Dartmouth College (“Dartmouth”), located in Hanover, New Hampshire, as position that I have held since 2025. I am also a Professor of Mathematics in the School of Arts & Sciences at Dartmouth and an Adjunct Professor of Biochemistry & Cell Biology and Biomedical Data Science in the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth.

2. I have personal knowledge of the contents of this declaration or have knowledge of the matters based on my review of information and records gathered by Dartmouth personnel, and could testify thereto.

3. As was outlined in Dartmouth’s previous declarations in this case, Dartmouth’s mission is to educate the most promising students and prepare them for a lifetime of learning and of responsible leadership through a faculty dedicated to teaching and the creation of knowledge. The creation of new knowledge in the humanities is critical to Dartmouth’s mission as a research university with the liberal arts at its core.

4. Those previous declarations in this case further detailed how four of Dartmouth’s grants awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (“NEH”) were summarily terminated in early 2025, with no warning and no formal notice.

5. These awards supported work in a variety of disciplines, from the digitization of historic newspapers reflecting the political, economic, and cultural history of New Hampshire, to tools that allow visitors to our State to better engage with the cultural and natural world around them, to remote sensing methods for archaeological sites, to a platform used by librarians and archivists to annotate and share oral history collections online.

6. Dartmouth notably submitted appeals of NEH's actions cutting off this funding, which was done in contravention of the award terms and conditions as well as with applicable regulatory requirements. However, those appeals were not granted (nor even acknowledged) by the agency.

7. The abrupt termination of these awards also limited Dartmouth's ability to mitigate our losses in respect of spending on the projects in progress. As a result, in addition to the forward-looking losses of direct costs and indirect recovery associated with these awards, we suffered a loss of more than \$40 thousand in expenses that were incurred in reliance of the funded grants but ultimately not reimbursed by NEH despite having availed ourselves of prescribed close-out processes.

8. As a result, despite Dartmouth's efforts to provide "bridge" funding following the termination of these grants, the expected deliverables from these projects will now either be diminished as to what was originally envisioned or, in other cases, delayed. A platform intended for broad use by librarians and scholars to annotate important primary sources will not be deployed publicly. Primary source research into New Hampshire's colonial history will no longer be accessible to scholars, students, and the American public. And advanced technical training in remote sensing technologies for students, early career scholars, and cultural heritage managers, which provide invaluable information regarding the location, character, and preservation of important resources, will not be made widely available.

9. Highly trained experts, who had been recruited to work on the terminated projects, were forced to move to other programs with very little notice, with no assurances that they will be available to work on future funded research. At the same time, the critical training opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students, postdoctoral researchers, and other collaborators in

connection with the terminated awards will no longer be realized. This has further reduced the availability of critical expertise and advanced technical skills, for example in new methods for fast, efficient, and cost-effective archaeological investigations, which would have had a wide range of benefits to the public and private sectors.

10. The loss of Dartmouth's funding was only amplified by a corresponding loss of confidence on the part of community partners who simultaneously had their own federal support curtailed. The abrupt diminution of the premier funding source for humanities research has meant that years of effort to build relationships with local stakeholders and secure official permits has been suspended, with no guarantee that we will be able to re-establish such opportunities in the future. And given that the completion of a grant project is an important factor for consideration for further funding, Dartmouth's readiness for further funding from the NEH and other sponsors has been compromised.

1. In sum, the cancellation of NEH programs has had and will continue to have a wide-ranging and long-felt impact on scholarship at Dartmouth and in the larger society.

2. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on March 4, 2026, at Hanover, NH.



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Santiago Schnell