

Communities Leading on AI

Application closes Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at 4:59 PM PT / 7:59 PM ET.

A Consent

In addition to awarding \$10 million to chosen applicants, Humanity AI will explore opportunities to connect select applicants with additional funding beyond this open call. With your explicit permission, excerpts of your submitted application may be shared with interested funders for this purpose.

For full privacy disclosures, please see the full application.

1 Do you consent to Humanity AI and its partners potentially sharing the data contained in this application for the purpose of connecting select applicants with additional potential funding opportunities?

- ☐ Yes, my application can be shared with other funders.
- ☐ No, my application cannot be shared beyond reviewers of this open call.

B About the applicant

2 Primary Contact Name

SHORT ANSWER

3 Primary Contact Professional Title or Role, if applicable

OPTIONAL SHORT ANSWER

4 Primary Contact Email Address

SHORT ANSWER

5 Primary Contact Phone Number

SHORT ANSWER

6 Which best describes the Lead Applicant?

SINGLE CHOICE

- ☐ **A 501(c)(3) organization applying independently**
- ☐ **A 501(c)(3) organization serving as the lead applicant** for a collaboration with one or more additional collaborators
- ☐ **A 501(c)(3) fiscal sponsor applying on behalf of a fiscally sponsored project** led by an individual, unincorporated group, or collaboration
- ☐ **A Tribal government treated as a State pursuant to IRC Section 7871**

PATH 1 If you selected a 501(c)(3) applying independently

6a Lead Applicant Legal Name

SHORT ANSWER

6b Lead Applicant EIN

SHORT ANSWER

6c Is the Lead Applicant based in the U.S. or U.S. Territories?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

6d Lead Applicant Annual Operating Budget

Please use your organization's overall annual operating budget.

- ☐ Under \$250,000
- ☐ \$250,000 to \$1 million
- ☐ \$1 million to \$5 million
- ☐ \$5 million to \$10 million
- ☐ \$10 million to \$20 million
- ☐ Over \$20 million

PATH 2 If you selected a 501(c)(3) leading a collaboration

Everything in Path 1 (questions 6a–6d), plus:

6e Please provide the name, organizational affiliation, and role (e.g., Project Manager, Co-Chair, etc.) of up to 3 lead individuals in this collaboration.

SHORT ANSWER

PATH 3 If you selected a 501(c)(3) fiscal sponsor

6a Legal Name of Fiscal Sponsor or Intermediary

SHORT ANSWER

6b Fiscal Sponsor EIN

SHORT ANSWER

6c Are you applying on behalf of an individual, unincorporated group, or collaboration?

SINGLE CHOICE

- ☐ Individual
- ☐ Unincorporated group
- ☐ Collaboration

APPEARS IF you selected **Individual** or **Unincorporated group** above

6d Name of the individual or unincorporated group being sponsored

SHORT ANSWER

6e Is the individual or unincorporated group you are applying on behalf of based in the U.S. or U.S. Territories?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

APPEARS IF you selected **Collaboration** above

6f Please provide the name, organizational affiliation, and role (e.g., Project Manager, Co-Chair, etc.) of up to 3 lead individuals in this collaboration.

SHORT ANSWER

PATH 4 If you selected a Tribal government

Everything in Path 1 (questions 6a–6d).

c Scope of the work

7 Is the community or communities this proposal focuses on based in the U.S. or U.S. Territories?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

8 Which of the following best describes the geographic scope of this work?

SINGLE CHOICE

- ☐ One or more local communities
- ☐ Statewide or multi-state
- ☐ National

APPEARS IF you selected **One or more local communities** above

9 Please provide at least one (1) and up to five (5) local communities (cities or towns) in which the work will take place. For each city/state listed, please also provide the state in which the work will take place.

APPEARS IF you selected **Statewide or multi-state** above

9 Please select at least one (1) and up to five (5) states in which the work will take place. For each state selected, you will have the option to provide the name of the city or town in which work in that state is headquartered.

10 Is providing people with knowledge and skills to use AI tools the primary purpose of this proposal?

Efforts that primarily focus on providing the knowledge and skills to use AI tools are out of scope for this Open Call.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

11 Is promoting the spread of specific AI tools or systems the primary purpose of this proposal?

Efforts that primarily focus on promoting the spread of specific AI tools or systems are out of scope for this Open Call.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

12 Is this a research-only project, without a concrete action, organizing, or practice component?
Efforts that are primarily about research without advancing community leadership and action are out of scope for this Open Call.

- Yes
- No

D Your funding request

13 Which funding tier are you applying under?

Please refer to the funding tier guidance in the Open Call. If your request falls at a tier boundary, you may select either tier.

SINGLE CHOICE

- \$75,000 to \$150,000
- \$150,000 to \$500,000
- \$500,000 to \$1,000,000

14 Please share the requested duration (in years) of your proposed work.

Applicants may request a grant duration of up to three years.

NUMBER

15 What is the total funding amount you are requesting over the requested grant duration?

NUMBER

E Focus & approach

16 Which issue area will the proposal primarily focus on?

Even if your proposal crosses more than one of the below issue areas, please select the one that is most relevant.

SINGLE CHOICE

- Education
- Labor and Economy
- Humanities, arts, and culture

17 Please select any additional issue areas your proposal will focus on.

Select from the issue areas you did not choose as your primary focus above.

SELECT ANY THAT APPLY

18 Which of the following approaches will your proposal advance?

Please review the definitions carefully and select all that apply. (Definitions are shown for this question in the live application.)

SELECT ALL THAT APPLY

- ☐ Shaping how AI is governed and used
- ☐ Building AI on community terms
- ☐ Challenging AI that doesn't serve communities

19 How, if at all, does your proposed work use AI? Please choose the best option.

We welcome applications regardless of whether your proposed work uses AI.

SINGLE CHOICE

- This proposed work uses AI as part of its core deliverable(s) or methodology.
- This proposed work does not use AI, OR only uses AI for routine purposes, such as internal drafting, editing, and research support.

APPEARS IF you selected **uses AI as part of its core deliverable(s) or methodology** above

20 Which best describes your use of AI models?

One [explanation of the different types of models](#) is available here.

SINGLE CHOICE

- My proposal relies on open-weight and/or open-source models only.
- My proposal relies on a combination of open-weight and/or open-source models AND closed-weight models.
- My proposal relies on closed-weight models only.

While many proposals are eligible, where AI models are part of the proposed work's core methodology or deliverables, priority will be given to open-weight and/or open-source models over closed models. See our [FAQs](#) for more information.

APPEARS IF you selected a **combination** of models or **closed-weight models only**

20a Please briefly describe how your work relies on closed-weight models and list the models used.

MAX 50 WORDS

F Narrative questions

21 What problem is your proposal addressing, and how does it affect the community you seek to serve in particular? Please identify the community or communities in your response.

MAX 200 WORDS

22 Provide an overview of the proposal approach. What outcome does it aim to achieve, and why do you believe this approach will be effective?

MAX 200 WORDS

23 Specify the role of community design and leadership. How will the community or communities you seek to serve lead, shape, or participate in the work?

MAX 150 WORDS

24 Help us get to know you. What relevant background, experience, and/or relationships do you and any collaborators bring to this work?

MAX 200 WORDS