Call for Proposals – GRIP Genealogy Institute 2026--2027

NGS is inviting proposals for innovative and unique courses to be included in the GRIP Genealogy Institute (GRIP) curriculum. GRIP conducts two sessions annually, one virtually in June and the other in person in July at LaRoche University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Courses will take place in 2026 and 2027:

- GRIP Virtual week will be held **22-26 June 2026** via Zoom.
- GRIP In-person week will be held **12-17 July 2026 at** the University of Pittsburgh
- GRIP Virtual week will be held **21-25 June 2027** via Zoom.
- GRIP In-person week will be held **11-16 July 2027 at** the University of Pittsburgh

We are specifically seeking creative proposals on various topics such as advanced methodology, genealogical records, ethnic groups, geographic areas, DNA, writing, and more. These courses should aim to enhance students' skills and knowledge through comprehensive learning experiences, catering to individuals across all skill levels, from beginner to advanced.

We encourage course proposals that offer unique perspectives or incorporate elements exclusive to the GRIP learning environment. We also encourage hands-on learning approaches or modules resembling workshop experiences, provided they can be completed using student laptops or within the classroom model.

Each course should consist of eighteen 75-minute class sessions. This includes four sessions daily (Monday - Thursday) and two sessions on Friday, including any labs and consultations. Additionally, 30-minute enhancement or homework sessions can be used each day.

*The deadline for 2026 Course submissions: **15 May 2025***

*The deadline for 2027 Course submissions: **15 May 2026***

Timeline for Coordinator and Faculty members for 2026:

Date	Item
15 May 2025	Proposal deadline for 2026.
07 June 2025	Notification of proposal status.
15 June 2025	Contracts to coordinators.
Aug 2025	Course Schedule for 2026 Announced
Aug 2025	Final Schedule due to NGS
Sep 2025	Contracts to Faculty

Kindly submit proposals using the GRIP 2026/7 Proposals Google Form.

Are you new to coordinating or have questions about the process, content, or expectations?
Please submit all questions to GRIP@ngsgenealogy.org

PROPOSAL DETAILS

If you are interested in submitting a course proposal, please review the following details to assist in your preparations.

We recommend that each course has at least two instructors to ensure variety in teaching styles and viewpoints and alleviate teaching fatigue.

Please include the following information within your proposal:

- Course Coordinator
    - Name as it should appear on marketing materials, including any post-nominals.
    - Mailing address, email address, and phone numbers.
    - Short bio (for marketing purposes).
    - Long bio for advisory committee review.
    - Photograph – for marketing purposes.
- Full Course Title
    - Shorter course title (for marketing purposes).
    - Course objectives (will be published for marketing purposes).
    - Level of instruction: beginner/intermediate/advanced
- Course Prerequisites (if any)
    - Prerequisites may include previous courses or skillsets necessary for success, such as "students must have a working knowledge of research in archives, courthouses, and libraries" or "students must have DNA tests completed for review within coursework and lab time."
- Special course requirements, including but not limited to homework, special labs, or technology support.
- Detailed Course Schedule (18 sessions – 75 minutes each, including Q&A)
    - Session title.
    - A brief description of the session.
    - Proposed instructor.
    - A brief description of any particular class or lab needs.
    - Include 30-minute enhancement or homework sessions.
- Instructor Listing (minimum of 2 instructors)
    - Include a short bio for each proposed instructor.
- Preference, if any, for which week your course should be offered: virtual or in-person.
- Additional Information:
    - A short narrative of the benefit of the course (value to the field, how it differs from courses offered at other institutes).
    - Have you presented this course before? If so, when and where? (include all listings, individually or for another organization)
    - Will the course be presented elsewhere within the year preceding or following GRIP 2025?