

To: UTC
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This document provides a summary of the UC Berkeley Script Encoding Initiative's recent activities.

Proposals/documents

Proposals or documents currently submitted to the UTC (or WG2) that have involved SEI include:

- **Yezidi**
 - Proposal for encoding the Yezidi script in the SMP of the UCS ([L2/19-051](#)) (Rovenchak et al.)
- **Egyptian Hieroglyphs (additions)**
 - Revised draft for the encoding of an extended Egyptian Hieroglyphs repertoire - First Tranche ([L2/19-052](#) = WG2 N5019) (Suignard)
- **Old Uyghur**
 - Revised proposal to encode Old Uyghur ([L2/19-016](#)) (Pandey)
- **Palaeohispanic**
 - New Charts for Northern and Southern Palaeohispanic ([L2/19-045](#)) (Ferrer et al.)
- **Bété**
 - Bété Script Working Documents ([L2/19-044](#)) (Anderson / Rovenchak)
- **Reports and Feedback**
 - Recommendations to UTC #158 (L2/19-047) (Anderson et al.)

Script Proposals in Progress

The following scripts have received SEI support in the past and are either in a preliminary stage, or are almost ready for approval, but require more information. The asterisk (*) before a script indicates that a 2018 proposal was submitted to the UTC. Double asterisks (**) indicate projects where Anderson is a supervisor (with Rick McGowan) and funding has been provided by the Adopt-a-Character program.

- **Afáka** (Everson) [N4292=L2/12-228]
- **Bagam** (Everson) [N4293=L2/12-229]
- **Balti 'A' and 'B'** (Pandey) [N3842=L2/10-231, N4016=L2/11-103]
- **Bhujinmol** (Pandey) [L2/14-283]
- ****Book Pahlavi** (Pandey) [L2/18-276]
- **Coorgi-Cox** (Pandey) [N4287=L2/12-217]
- **Cypro-Minoan** (Everson) [N4733=L2/16-179]
- **Dhimal** (Pandey) [N4140=L2/11-348]
- **Eebee Hmong** (Everson) [N4668=L2/15-180]
- **Eskaya** (Pandey) [N4499=L2/13-229]
- **Garay** (Everson) [L2/16-069]
- **Jenticha** (Pandey) [N4028=L2/11-218]
- **Kawi** (Pandey) [N4266=L2/12-125]
- **Khambu Rai** (Pandey) [N4018=L2/11-105]
- **Khema Tamu Phri** [Gurung] (Pandey) [N4019=L2/11-106]

- **Kirat Rai** (Pandey) [N4037=L2/11-145]
- **Kpelle** (Everson and Riley) [N3762=L2/10-063]
- **Kulitan** (Pandey) [L2/15-232]
- **Landa** (Pandey) [N3768=L2/10-013]
- **Magar Akkha** (Pandey) [N4036=L2/11-144]
- * **Mayan** (Pallán) [L2/18-040]
- **Mwangwego** (Everson) [N4323=L2/12-311]
- * **Pallava** (Pandey) [L2/18-083]
- **Pau Cin Hau Syllabary** (Pandey) [L2/16-014]
- **Proto-Cuneiform** (Everson) [L2/17-157]
- **Pyu** (Pandey) [N3874=L2/10-295]
- **Ranjana** (Everson) [N3649=L2/0-192] (cf. Pandey [L2/16-015])
- * **Rejang Numbers** (Pandey) [L2/18-081]
- * **Sirmauri** (Pandey) [L2/18-085]
- **Siyaq** (Pandey): Persian [L2/15-122], Diwani [L2/15-066] (cf. [L2/15-340])
- **Tangsa (Khimhun)** (Pandey) [N4497=L2/13-230]
- **Tangsa (Mossang)** (Pandey) [N4496=L2/13-231]
- **Tani Lipi** (Pandey) [N3823=L2/10-146]
- **Tikamuli** (Pandey) [N3963=L2/10-465]
- **Tolong Siki** (Pandey) [N3811=L2/10-106]
- **Western Cham** (Everson/Cunningham) [WG2 N4734=L2/16-198]
- **Woleai** (Everson) [N4146=L2/11-362]
- **Zou** (Pandey) [N3864=L2/10-254]

Meetings

A number of proposals have been in a holding-pattern, so face-to-face meetings are planned with Unicode experts and specialists to help progress the proposals. For 2019, meetings on Cypro-Minoan and Proto-Cuneiform/Proto-Elamite are being planned.

In 2015, Henry Luce Foundation made [a multi-year grant](#) to the Unicode Consortium to support meetings on issues relating to specific scripts of China and Mongolia, with Deborah Anderson as project lead. Meetings have included: a 2015 meeting on the Soyombo and Zanabazar Square scripts (Tokyo, see meeting report [L2/15-249R](#)); a 2016 meeting on the Khitan scripts (Yinchuan, China, see WG2 [N4736](#) and [N4737](#)); meetings on Mongolian issues in Hohhot, Inner Mongolia, in Sept. 2017 (see the ad hoc report [L2/17-347](#)) and San Jose, CA in April 2018 (see the meeting report [L2/18-108](#)). A meeting on Mongolian is being planned for April 3-5, 2019, in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

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Poster

SEI worked with Johannes Bergerhausen, Hochschule Mainz, and Atelier National de Recherche Typographique ([ANRT](#)) in Nancy, France on a poster of the World's Writing Systems, which includes with one glyph per script. The poster is now available and can be had for a donation to SEI. (Donation details and an image are available at: <http://linguistics.berkeley.edu/sei/how-to-donate.html> .)