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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 that have involved SEI include:

- Latin
  - Unicode request for extIPA support (<u>L2/20-039</u>) (Miller and Ball)
  - Unicode request for VoQS support (<u>L2/20-038</u>) (Miller and Ball)
- Old Uyghur
  - Revised proposal to encode Old Uyghur (L2/20-003) (Pandey)
- Palaeohispanic scripts
  - Proposal to encode the Northern Palaeohispanic script (<u>L2/20-047</u>) (Ferrer et al.)
  - Proposal to encode the Southern Palaeohispanic script (<u>L2/20-048</u>) (Ferrer et al.)
- Reports and Feedback:
  - Recommendations to UTC #162 (L2/20-046) (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.

- Afáka (Everson) [N4292=L2/12-228]
- **Bagam** (Everson) [*N*4293=*L*2/12-229]
- **Balti 'A' and 'B'** (Pandey) [*N3842=L2/10-231, N4016=L2/11-103*]
- Bété (Rovenchak) [L2/19-044, proposal L2/17-323]
- **Bhujinmol** (Pandey) [L2/14-283]
- Book Pahlavi (Pandey) [L2/18-276]
- **Coorgi-Cox** (Pandey) [*N*4287=*L*2/12-217]
- Cypro-Minoan (Everson/Anderson) [report L2/19-166]
- **Dhimal** (Pandey) [*N*4140=*L*2/11-348]
- **Eebee Hmong** (Everson) [*N*4668=*L*2/15-180]
- Egyptian Hieroglyphs Extension (Suignard) [N5063=L2/19-220]
- Eskaya (Pandey) [*N*4499=*L*2/13-229]
- Garay (Everson/ Rovenchak) [L2/19-162, L2/19-163, proposal N4709]
- Jenticha (Pandey) [*N*4028=*L*2/11-218]
- **Kawi** (Pandey) [*N*4266=*L*2/12-125]
- 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) [*N*3762=*L*2/10-063]
- **Kulitan** (Pandey) [*L*2/15-232]
- Landa (Pandey) [*N*3768=*L*2/10-013]
- Magar Akkha (Pandey) [N4036=L2/11-144]
- Mayan Hieroglyphs (Pallan) [L2/19-171, proposal L2/18-038]

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- **Mwangwego** (Everson) [*N*4323=*L*2/12-311]
- **Pallava** (Pandey) [*L*2/18-083]
- Pau Cin Hau Syllabary (Pandey) [L2/16-014]
- **Pyu** (Pandey) [*N3874*=*L2*/10-295]
- Ranjana (Everson) [*N3649=L2/0-192*] (cf. Pandey [*L2/16-015*])
- **Proto-Cuneiform (**Everson) [*N*4797=*L*2/17-157]
- Rejang Numbers (Pandey) [L2/18-081]
- **Sidetic** (Pandey) [*L*2/19-106]
- 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) [*N*4496=*L*2/13-231]
- Tani Lipi (Pandey) [N3823=L2/10-146]
- Tikamuli (Pandey) [N3963-L2/10-465]
- Tolong Siki (Pandey) [N3811=L2/10-106]
- Woleai (Everson) [N4146=L2/11-362]
- **Zou** (Pandey) [*N3864=L2/10-254*]

# **Grant Support**

Work on unencoded scripts has been funded primarily by donors and the National Endowment for the Humanities Preservation and Access grant (under the name Universal Scripts Project). The NEH grant PR-253360-17 is funding work that will extend into 2020. In addition, the Unicode Adopt-a-Character program has funded work in 2018-2020 on proposals for Book Pahlavi, Persian Siyaq, Old Uyghur, and Mayan which the SEI Project Leader has been (and will be) involved in. A new NEH grant application for work from 2020-2022 has been submitted.

# **Other SEI-Related Activities**

SEI is supporting ongoing work by Carlos Pallán in identifying Mayan characters and quadrats from Classic period monuments. Research into Classic period materials is required for a comprehensive Mayan script proposal. Additional support for Mayan is being provided by the Unicode Adopt-a-Character program.

Proposals for Vithkuqi and Cypro-Minoan are expected in 2020, as well as a preliminary proposal for Proto-Elamite.

A Unicode Technical Note on medieval Latin characters (and how to represent them in Unicode) will be submitted in 2020.

The Project Leader collaborated with <u>Translation Commons</u> and others in the development of a "<u>Indigenous Languages: Zero to Digital</u>" guide, which aims to help communities get access to their languages (and scripts) on computers and devices. The Project Leader also participated (remotely) in the one-day <u>symposium Alphabetica 2019</u>, held in conjunction with the "Missing Scripts" exhibit in West Den Haag, NL on November 29, 2019.

Lastly, the eScholarship site now contains links to Unicode proposals that received assistance from SEI. This archiving site will help make the proposals for historical scripts and modern minority scripts discoverable. The site is: <u>https://escholarship.org/uc/bling\_script\_proposals</u>.