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

Proposals/documents

Proposals that have involved SEI include the following:

- Additional Variation Selectors as Substitute for Legacy v5.2-v15 Hieroglyphs [[L2/24-177](#)]
- IR Report from WG2 Meeting #71 and SC2 Meeting #29 [[L2/24-154](#)]
- Recommendations to UTC #180 July 2024 on Script Proposals [[L2/24-166](#)]

Ongoing Work

Documents on Persian Siyaq and Sirmauri are expected in 2024. Anshuman Pandey is also working on Kerinci, Kulitan, Linear Elamite, Lampung, Proto-Elamite, Proto-Cuneiform, Ranjana, and Proto-Sinaitic, thanks to a grant from the Unicode AAC program. SEI and Unicode are jointly supporting work for a proposal for Codical Mayan hieroglyphs.

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.

Script Proposals in Active Development

- **Bété** (Yeo et al) [[L2/23-279](#)]
- **Book Pahlavi** (Pandey) [[L2/24-040](#)]
- **Kerinci** (Pandey) [[L2/16-074](#)]
- **Kulitan** (Pandey) [[L2/15-232](#)]
- **Lampung** (Pandey) [[L2/22-044](#)]
- **Linear Elamite** (Pandey) [[L2/21-233](#)]
- **Maya Hieroglyphs – Classic** (Vail) [[L2/23-020](#)]
- **Maya Hieroglyphs – Codical** (Pallán) [[L2/23-228](#)]
- **Persian Siyaq** (Pandey) [[L2/21-105](#)]
- **Proto-Cuneiform** (Pandey) [[L2/23-190](#)]
- **Proto-Elamite** (Pandey) [[L2/23-196](#)]
- **Proto-Sinaitic** (Pandey) [[L2/19-299](#)]
- **Ranjana** (Pandey) [[L2/23-028](#)]
- **Seal** (Cook) [[L2/22-279](#)]
- **Sirmauri** (Pandey) [[L2/18-085](#)]

Work Awaiting More Information

- **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]
- **Coorgi-Cox** (Pandey) [N4287=L2/12-217]
- **Dhimal** (Pandey) [N4140=L2/11-348]
- **Eebee Hmong** (Everson) [N4668=L2/15-180]
- **Eskaya** (Pandey) [N4499=L2/13-229]
- **Kpelle** (Everson and Riley) [N3762=L2/10-063]
- **Landa** (Pandey) [N3768=L2/10-013]
- **Loma** (Everson) [N3756=L2/10-005; cf. L2/17-059, L2/17-233]
- **Magar Akkha** (Pandey) [N4036=L2/11-144]
- **Mwangwego** (Everson) [N4323=L2/12-311]
- **Palaeohispanic, South and Palaeohispanic, North** [L2/22-146, L2/22-147]
- **Pallava** (Pandey) [L2/18-083]
- **Pau Cin Hau Syllabary** (Pandey) [L2/16-014]
- **Pyu** (Pandey) [N3874=L2/10-295]
- **Rejang Numbers** (Pandey) [L2/18-081]
- **Siyaq** -- Diwani [L2/15-066R] (Pandey) (cf. L2/15-340)
- **Tangsa - Khimhun** (Pandey) [N4497=L2/13-230]
- **Tani Lipi** (Pandey) [N3823=L2/10-146]
- **Tikamuli** (Pandey) [N3963=L2/10-465]
- **Woleai** (Everson) [N4146=L2/11-362]
- **Zou** (Pandey) [N3864=L2/10-254]

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SEI has also been awarded a grant from the Internet Society Foundation that will start in July 2024, and will offer support for travel, proposal review work by Jan Kučera, and the creation of a blog. A large grant from the Mellon Foundation was also awarded to SEI at UC Berkeley, starting 1 July 2024.

Research Activities

Anushah Hossain participated in a research exchange in May 2024 with the Atelier National de Recherche Typographique in Nancy, France and the Institut Designlabor Gutenberg in Mainz, Germany. She delivered talks on SEI's activities and the intersecting histories of the Unicode Standard and OpenType format (recordings available [here](#)) and interviewed type designers from the [Missing Scripts project](#) with whom SEI has collaborated.

SEI has also begun compiling an open data set that aims to illustrate the length of time it has historically taken for a script to move from first proposal to full stack support, with the help of student volunteer Ahad Bashir from Brown University.