CFR Private Funding Opportunities -
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**Corporate and Foundation Relations (CFR)** assists on non-governmental, institutional grant opportunities at the $25,000 level and above. For all grant opportunities requiring a 501c3 submission, we will arrange applying through the University of Massachusetts Foundation. This 501c3 process has strict timelines; please contact our office as early as possible to assure that the funder deadline can be met.

Most funding opportunities below are offered annually. If time does not permit applying now, we encourage you to add them to your proposal schedule for next year. Previous editions of RFP’s and the private foundation limited-submission calendar are available at [www.umass.edu/cfr](http://www.umass.edu/cfr). To request addition to or removal from this notice and for general questions, please contact CFR staff, cfr@admin.umass.edu. For additional assistance and referrals, contact Linda Sopp, Senior Director of Foundation Relations, lsopp@admin.umass.edu. Please share widely. Thank you!

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Funding Opportunities Included in this Announcement:

I. Science & Medical

II. Education & Humanities

III. Fellowships for Graduate Students, Dissertation work, Postdoctoral work and Travel Grants

The “**ART OF GRANTSMANSHIP**” guideline is extremely well written - A valuable resource for prospective applicants to private foundations and institutes and associations.

I. Science & Medical

   - **Uniting Against Lung Cancer** - Legacy Program
     
     **Deadline:** August 13, 2014
     **Amount:** $100,000/ 2 years
     
     The program prioritizes novel ideas with the potential to make a significant impact on current treatment of lung cancer and patient survival, and places a high priority on funding research that demonstrates a clear path to improving patient care. Cross-disciplinary collaborations are strongly encouraged.

     Areas of interest include but are not limited to developing novel therapies with the potential to cure lung cancers, genetic subsets of lung cancer/personalized medicine, primary and secondary drug sensitivity/resistance, lung cancer in never-smokers, improving outcomes in early-stage disease, and small-cell lung cancer.

   - **Autism Speaks** – Suzanne and Bob Wright Trailblazer Award
     
     **Deadline:** Rolling Deadline
     **Amount:** $100,000
     
     The proposed Trailblazer project:
     1. Must explore a highly novel idea or research technique that potentially could have high impact, i.e., have the capacity to change the way we diagnose, subtype, prevent, and/or treat ASD or the way we conduct relevant research on ASD
     2. Is not required to have preliminary data, but must have a sound rationale supporting the need for such a project

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3. Should be considered risky as to not likely be supported though other AS grants programs, including pilot studies.
4. May come from newer or established investigators with demonstrated expertise and experience in autism and/or from investigators in non-autism areas of research that will be applied directly to autism research. Applicants must have a demonstrated track record of research experience relevant to the proposed project.

**Global Polio Eradication Initiative** - Collaborative Research Project

**Deadline:** August 29, 2014  
**Amount:** $100,000  
The current PRC priority is to generate data supporting first two objectives of the Polio Eradication & Endgame Strategic Plan 2013 - 2018:

1. Detection and interruption of all poliovirus transmission  
   - Assess the feasibility and impact of IPV use in campaigns in infected and endemic areas  
   - Enhance monitoring of quality of polio vaccination campaigns in security compromised areas  
   - Evaluate innovative methods for enhancing AFP/environmental surveillance in high risk areas for poliovirus importation  
   - Assess innovative methods to increase community acceptance of polio vaccination
2. Strengthening of immunization systems and withdrawal of oral polio vaccine  
   - Explore communication strategies for IPV introduction into routine immunization  
   - Develop affordable IPV options (i.e. intradermal IPV administration techniques, adjuvants, new noninfectious IPV strains)

**Foundation for Women’s Cancer** - Research Grants

**Deadline:** July 23, 2014  
**Amount:** $100,000  
Those selected to receive these stimulus grants opt for careers as physician-scientists (94%), publish research results in peer-reviewed publications, and are able to leverage the initial foundation grant support to attract other funding, including NIH RO1 grant. Non-physician PhD’s are eligible to apply for grants provided they have a co-sponsor who is a board certified gynecologic oncologist.

LOI does not need to specify which named grant application is for; for post-doctoral, faculty, Assistant Professor

**Amyloidosis Foundation**

**Deadline:** August 31, 2014  

a. **Senior Research Grant Program**  
   **Amount:** $100,000  
The ARF’s original mission was to support research for all types of amyloidosis and the ASN’s original mission was to increase awareness of the disease and support patients with information. The new organization maintains both missions with the intent of expanding our services to both patients and the medical and scientific community.

The grant program supports two research areas, basic scientific research and translational research. Applicants will have completed their doctoral studies or clinical fellowship more than
ten (10) years prior to application to this program. Although a mentor is not a requirement, the involvement of one will be considered in the feasibility review of the proposal.

b. Junior Research Program  
**Amount:** $50,000  
The grant program supports two research areas, basic scientific research and translational research. Applicants will have completed their doctoral studies or clinical fellowship within ten (10) years prior to application to this program. Although a mentor is not a requirement, the involvement of one will be considered in the feasibility review of the proposal.

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**Desmoid Tumor Research Foundation, Inc.**  
**Deadline:** September 15, 2014  
a. **General Research Grants**  
**Amount:** $65,000  
Researchers must be willing to collaborate with other scientists and institutions with similar interests. Research proposals with additional sources of funding support are particularly desirable.

b. **New Investigators Research Grants**  
**Amount:** $30,000  
For young investigators (at the rank of Associate Professor or below) who are new to desmoid tumor research, and need seed funding to gather preliminary data to enable the applicant to apply for funding to support a more fully developed line of research in the future.

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**Avon Foundation – Avon Breast Health Outreach Program**  
**Deadline:** August 23, 2014  
**Amount:** $60,000  
To conduct outreach, provide education on breast health and breast cancer screening, link medically underserved women to health care providers and clinical screening services, and work to ensure that they obtain any necessary follow-up care. Small community-based organizations are encouraged to apply. One application per organization.

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**American Association for Cancer Research** - **Team Science Award**  
**Deadline:** September 3, 2014  
**Amount:** $50,000  
Acknowledge and catalyze the growing importance of interdisciplinary teams to the understanding of cancer and/or the translation of research discoveries into clinical cancer applications. Proactive interaction between academic and industry researchers is particularly crucial to continue progress and accelerate drug development. Award will recognize an outstanding interdisciplinary research team for its innovative and meritorious science that has advanced or likely will advance our fundamental knowledge of cancer or a team that has applied existing knowledge to advance the detection, diagnosis, prevention, or treatment of cancer.

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**Epilepsy Foundation of America**  
a. **Research Grants**  
**Deadline:** August 22, 2014  
**Award:** $50,000
To stimulate epilepsy research by providing funding for investigators in the early stages of their careers. Seed grants are awarded to clinical investigators or basic scientists for support of biological or behavioral research which will advance the understanding, treatment, and prevention of epilepsy.

b. Targeted Research Initiative for Research regarding Cannabidol and Epilepsy
   **Deadline: August 1, 2014**
   **Award: $50,000**

Projects should address at least one of the following numbered items and priority will be given to those that address at least one of the bulleted topics.
1. Fundamental knowledge of mechanism of action of Cannabidiol.
2. Fundamental knowledge of the consistency of products.
3. Cannabidiol therapeutics
   - Special interactions among AEDs and Cannabidiol
   - Interactions of AEDs with epilepsy-associated, interictal dysfunctions of mood, anxiety and thought in those
4. Data base study

c. Postdoctoral Research Fellowship
   **Deadline: August 22, 2014**
   **Award: $45,000**

Award supports academic physicians and scientists committed to research related to epilepsy. Applications are considered equally from individuals interested in acquiring experience either in basic laboratory research or in the conduct of human clinical studies.

[International Pediatric Research Foundation](#)

a. International Collaborative Award
   **Deadline: August 1, 2014**
   **Amount: $25,000**

Collaborative interdisciplinary research has allowed for an expanded viewpoint in biomedical research. With increased globalization, colleagues across the continents can interact to address a research problem thereby improving the research quality and adding diverse perspectives. The International Pediatric Research Foundation (IPRF) will therefore solicit applications for an International Collaborative Research Program to foster research efforts between two or more institutions from different continents that allow for synergy and complement of the research effort.

b. IPRF Early Investigators’ Exchange Program
   **Deadline: September 1, 2014**
   **Award: $20,000**

To promote basic, clinical, and translational research directed to the prevention, causes, and treatment of pediatric diseases. The program promotes pediatric research through short-term, international research exchanges (<12 months) for investigators in the early phase of their career. The program encourages research groups to share methodology and content expertise and promote international collaboration.
**Genzyme Corporation** - Grants Focusing on Therapeutic Areas  
Deadline: Rolling Deadline  
Amount: Various Amounts  
For any Community and Patient Programs; rolling; Target efforts in its areas of disease and therapeutic focus:  
1. Multiple Sclerosis  
2. Rare Genetic Diseases  
3. Cardiovascular Disease  
4. Thyroid Cancer  

In addition to these disease areas, Genzyme may also support unaccredited education programs targeted toward scientists and researchers in the areas of diabetes, renal, immune-mediated diseases, neurobiology, cystic fibrosis, gene therapies, and biomaterials.

**II. Education & Humanities**  
**Social Science Research Council** - Abe Fellowship Program  
Deadline: September 1, 2014  
Amount: Various Amounts  
The Abe Fellowship is designed to encourage international multidisciplinary research on topics of pressing global concern. The program seeks to foster the development of a new generation of researchers who are interested in policy-relevant topics of long-range importance and who are willing to become key members of a bilateral and global research network built around such topics. It strives especially to promote a new level of intellectual cooperation between the Japanese and American academic and professional communities committed to and trained for advancing global understanding and problem solving. Applications are welcome from scholars and nonacademic research professionals.

**III. Fellowships for Graduate Students, Dissertation work, Postdoctoral work and Travel Grant**  
**Myotonic Dystrophy Foundation** - Fund-A-Fellow program; Postdoctoral  
Deadline: September 5, 2014  
Award: $50,000/2 years  
To support research on both myotonic dystrophy basic science and molecular biology, care and policy considerations. MDF is actively soliciting fellowship proposals for basic, clinical, or applied research related to myotonic dystrophy in:  
1. Pathogenesis of myotonic dystrophy  
2. DM progression related to the development of therapeutic trials  
3. Molecular basis of phenotypes (Type 1, 2, congenital)  
4. Identification and validation of drug treatment endpoints  
5. Best practices and clinical management, including nursing, social work, and psychology  
6. Standards of care and care integration  
7. Epidemiology, economics and support services  
8. Therapeutic and diagnostic development