Private Foundations - Request for Proposals & Letters of Intent
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**Corporate and Foundation Relations (CFR)** can assist you in applying for non-governmental, institutional grant opportunities at the $25,000 level or greater. For all grant opportunities when funders require submitting as a 501c3 organization, we can arrange applying through the University of Massachusetts Foundation. This 501c3 process requires that all the finalized application materials (draft of the narrative is sufficient) be given to our CFR office four business days prior to the Office of Grants and Contracts Administration deadline.

Most of the funding opportunities below are offered annually. If time does not permit applying now, we recommend putting them on your proposal schedule for next year. To request addition to or removal from this notice and for general questions, please contact Dot Morua-Fernandes, dot@admin.umass.edu. For additional assistance and referrals, contact Linda Sopp, lsopp@admin.umass.edu. Please share widely. Thank you!

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Featured in this email newsletter are funding opportunities for the following disciplines:

- Science and Medical
- Nursing
- Public Policy
- Arts, Education & Humanities
- Fellowships

**SCIENCE AND MEDICAL**

- **American Federation for Aging Research** – Julie Martin Mid-Career Award in Aging Research
  - **Deadline:** December 16, 2013
  - **Amount:** $500,000 over 4 years
  - Awards will be provided to outstanding mid-career scientists in the United States who propose new directions in biological gerontology research. The applicant must be an associate professor who was promoted to that position (with or without tenure) after December 1, 2010.

- **Gerber Foundation** – Pediatric Research Awards
  - **Deadline:** December 2, 2013
  - **Amount:** Up to $300,000 over 3 years
  - Grants will support research on pediatric health, pediatric nutrition, and the effects of environmental hazards on children under the age of three.

- **Dairy Research Institute** – Basic Science call for Pre-Proposals
  - **Deadline:** December 31, 2013
  - **Amount:** Up to $150,000 over one or two years
  - The Dairy Research Institute sets aside a portion of its research budget to fund early-phase, basic science research on the impact of dairy foods or dairy ingredients on nutrition and health. This may include research on novel health benefits of consuming dairy products, or research on novel mechanisms to reinforce known health benefits of dairy products as well as proof-of-concept and pilot clinical studies. Basic science projects are expected to be smaller in scope and shorter in duration than more applied research projects, with a maximum total budget of $150,000 and no more than two-years in duration.

- **Prostate Cancer Foundation** – 2014 Young Investigators Awards
  - **Deadline:** November 13, 2013
  - **Amount:** $75,000 per year for 3 years
Awards are available to support early career researchers pursuing mentored prostate cancer research programs. Applicants should be within six years of completing a professional degree or clinical training such as an M.D., Ph.D., M.D.-Ph.D., M.P.H., or equivalent. The applicant may hold the title of senior postdoctoral fellow, instructor, research associate, assistant professor, or equivalent.

**Oak Foundation** - Various programs, global interests

*Deadline: Accepts LOI's all year*
*Amount: $25,000-$7,000,000; 10-20 awards a year*

Oak Foundation commits its resources to address issues of global social and environmental concern, particularly those that have a major impact on the lives of the disadvantaged. While each program has its own areas of focus, as a whole, we adhere to six funding principles. These include funding initiatives that target root causes of problems; are replicable either within a sector or across geographical locations; include plans for long-term sustainability; have secured co-funding; strive to collaborate with like-minded organizations; and that value the participation of people (including children) and communities.

**NURSING**

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** – Nurse Faculty Scholars

*Optional applicant webinars: December 10 & 18, 2013 For complete details and to register please visit this webpage: Nurse Faculty Scholars*

*Application Deadline: February 12, 2014 (3 p.m.)*
*Amount: Up to 12 awards of up to $350,000 each over three years*

The goal of the program is to develop the next generation of national leaders in academic nursing through career development awards for outstanding junior nursing faculty. The program aims to strengthen the academic productivity and overall excellence of nursing schools by providing mentorship, leadership training, and salary and research support to junior faculty.

**PUBLIC POLICY**

**Commonwealth Fund**: Research Grants for health policy and innovation

*Deadline: Accepts LOI's all year*
*Amount: $100,000-500,000, single and multi-year grants; gives 2-3 dozen awards annually*

The mission of The Commonwealth Fund is to promote a high-performing health care system that achieves better access, improved quality, and greater efficiency, particularly for society's most vulnerable, including low-income people, the uninsured, minority Americans, young children, and elderly adults. The Fund carries out this mandate by supporting independent research on health care issues and making grants to improve health care practice and policy. An international program in health policy is designed to stimulate innovative policies and practices in the United States and other industrialized countries.

**ARTS, EDUCATION, HUMANITIES**

**Arthur Vining Davis Foundations** - Secondary Education

*Deadline: None*
*Amount: Up to $200,000*

Grants will be awarded to support innovative professional development programs that strengthen teachers, and their teaching, in grades 9-12. Eligible institutions include, but are not limited to, public and private colleges and universities, graduate schools of education and freestanding educational institutes. Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.

**Southern Exposure: Performing Arts of Latin America**

*Deadline: February 28, 2014*
Administered by the Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation, the Southern Exposure initiative will award matching grants to support projects in which arts presenters work collaboratively to bring exemplary performing artists from Latin America to audiences in the US that have little access to the artists' work. The initiative supports the presentation of dance, music, and theater artists and ensembles and encourages arts presenters to reach new audiences.

**Terra Foundation** – Programs: Exhibition, Academic, Public & Publication

Deadline: LOI’s accepted all year, deadlines vary by program

Amount: Varies widely - $9,000 - $600,000

The Terra Foundation supports exhibitions that enlarge the understanding and appreciation of American art made between 1500 and 1980. The Terra Foundation supports worldwide study and presentation of historical art of the United States through its grants, initiatives, partnerships, art collection, and other resources. The foundation has made it a priority to create an international dialogue that is lively and relevant: it encourages new perspectives that interpret American art in dynamic ways and makes opportunities for engagement that resonate with individuals around the globe.

**FELLOWSHIPS** *CFR cannot assist with grants and fellowships given directly to individuals. Please apply directly.*

**Jack Kent Cooke Foundation** – Graduate Arts Award

Deadline: November 26, 2013

Amount: Up to $50,000

Grants will be awarded to college undergraduates and recent graduates with exceptional artistic or creative promise who plan to pursue a career as a practicing artist in their field. Recipients will receive funding to pursue up to three years of study at an accredited graduate institution in the US or abroad. Eligible fields of study include fine arts, performance or studio art, music (including vocal, instrumental, composition, or conducting), dance, drama and theater arts, creative writing, and television and film.

**The Lymphatic Education & Research Network (LE&RN) - Additional Support Awards Program**

Deadline: January 10, 2014, 1:00 p.m. EST

Amount: $20,000 over 2 years

LE&RN is pleased to announce that it is offering additional support to outstanding NIH-funded F32 postdoctoral fellows who are currently working in a field relevant to the lymphatic system. LE&RN’s mission is to fight lymphatic disease and lymphedema through education, research and advocacy. LE&RN seeks to accelerate the prevention, treatment and cure of the disease while bringing patients and medical professionals together to address the unmet needs surrounding lymphatic disorders. The goal of the Additional Support Awards Program is to help foster career interest in the field of lymphatic research by offering additional funds for F32 postdoctoral research projects.

**Klingenstein Fund, Esther A. & Joseph** - Klingenstein Fellowship Awards in the Neurosciences

Deadline: January 10, 2014

Amount: $150,000 over three years

The purpose of these awards is to support, in the early stages of their careers, young investigators engaged in basic or clinical research that may lead to a better understanding of neurological and psychiatric disorders. Several areas within the neurosciences are of particular interest to the Fund:

- Cellular and molecular neuroscience—Studies of the mechanisms of neuronal excitability and development, and of the genetic basis of behavior.
- Neural systems—Studies of the integrative function of the nervous system.
- Clinical research—Studies designed to improve the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and our understanding of the causes of neurological and psychiatric disorders.