

Private Foundations - Request for Proposals & Letters of Intent eNewsletter sent October 7, 2013

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!

SCIENCE AND MEDICAL

✦ [Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute](#) – Improving Healthcare Systems

Deadline: October 15, 2013

Amount: Up to \$1.5 million over 3 years

Grants will be awarded for research on the comparative effectiveness of alternate features of healthcare systems that are designed to optimize the quality, outcomes, and/or efficiency of care for the patients they serve.

✦ [ALS Therapy Alliance](#)

Deadline: October 15, 2013

Amount: Up to \$1 million

Grants will be awarded for research projects working toward a better understanding of and/or treatments for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.

✦ [Pancreatic Cancer Action Network](#) – AACR Pathway to Leadership Grant

Deadline: October 29, 2013

Amount: Up to \$600,000 over 5 years

The American Association for Cancer Research is partnering with the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network to support outstanding early career investigators beginning in their postdoctoral cancer research positions and continuing through their successful transition to independence. The program will provide grants to an outstanding early career investigator for research related to pancreatic cancer. Research projects must have direct applicability and relevance to pancreatic cancer; may be in any discipline of basic, clinical, translational, or epidemiological research; and may fall within at least one of the categories of the Common Scientific Outline (biology; etiology; prevention; early detection, diagnosis, and prognosis; treatment; or cancer control, survivorship, and outcomes research).

✦ [Burroughs Wellcome Fund](#) – Preterm Birth Initiative

Deadline: December 2, 2013

Amount: Up to \$600,000 over 4 years

Grants will be awarded to interdisciplinary groups of investigators researching the biological mechanisms underlying parturition and spontaneous preterm birth. Proposals must have an interdisciplinary approach, and should address the biomedical causes and mechanisms underlying preterm parturition, including but not limited to peri-implantational events, placentation, fetal determinants, fetal-maternal immune responses, biological basis for racial-ethnic disparities, mechanisms relating preterm birth to other adverse pregnancy outcomes, biology of normal labor, etc.

✦ [Leukemia & Lymphoma Society](#) – Screen to Lead Program

Deadline: December 15, 2013

Amount: Unlisted

Grants will be awarded on a project-by-project basis to support drug-discovery programs specifically directed toward medicinal chemistry and/or drug-target screening for hematological malignancies. Investigators at academic laboratories are eligible to apply, and should hold a PhD, MD, DVM, or equivalent degree.

✦ [McKnight Endowment Fund for Neuroscience](#) – McKnight Scholar Awards

Deadline: January 6, 2014

Amount: \$75,000

The McKnight Fund for Neuroscience is an independent charitable organization established by The McKnight Foundation based in Minnesota. Grants will be awarded to encourage emerging neuroscientists to focus on learning and memory disorders. Applicants must demonstrate interest in solving important problems in relevant areas of neuroscience, including the translation of basic research to clinical neuroscience. Awards are given to young scientists who are in the early stages of establishing an independent laboratory and research career. Applicants must have tenure-track status at a US-based sponsoring institution and hold an MD and/or PhD degree.

POLICY AND INTERDISCIPLINARY

✦ [U.S. Soccer Foundation](#) – Safe Places to Play Grants

Deadline: None

Amount: Up to \$200,000

Grants will be awarded to organizations interested in building or enhancing a field space for children in underserved communities. Letters of interest accepted on a rolling basis.

ARTS, EDUCATION, HUMANITIES

✦ [New Music USA Project Grants](#)

Deadline: November 4, 2013

Amount: Up to \$20,000

Grants are available for music projects that involve premieres of new music through a live performance or recording. Requests can come from individuals or organizations. Priority will be given for the creation of new musical work, new live music for dance, recording costs, and residency and community outreach activities.

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

✦ [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#) – Health Policy Fellows

Deadline: November 13, 2013

Amount: Up to \$165,000

Grants will be awarded to exceptional midcareer health professionals and behavioral and social scientists with an interest in health and healthcare policy to participate in a one-year program in Washington, DC. Applicants may have backgrounds in the disciplines of allied health, biomedical sciences, dentistry, economics or other social sciences, health services organization and administration, medicine, nursing, public health, social and behavioral health, or health law.

✦ [A Blade of Grass](#) – Fellowship for Socially Engaged Art

Deadline: December 2, 2013

Amount: \$20,000

A Blade of Grass fellowship provides support to individual artists and artists' collectives working on projects that promote art as a catalyst for social change. Eligible applicants must be at least 25 years of age and not be currently enrolled as students.

✦ [William T. Grant Foundation](#) – Distinguished Fellows Program

Deadline: January 8, 2014

Amount: Up to \$175,000

Fellowships will provide for learning projects designed to help mid-career practitioners, policy makers, and researchers better understand the creation and use of research related to youth settings.

 **Open Society Foundations – Open Society Fellowship**

Deadline: February 1, 2014

Amount: Up to \$100,000

Individuals from around the world pursuing innovative and unconventional approaches to fundamental open society challenges may apply for year-long fellowships. Project themes should cut across at least two areas of interest to the Open Society Foundations, including human rights, government transparency, access to information and to justice, and the promotion of civil society and social inclusion. Fellows may produce a variety of work products, including publications such as books, reports, or blogs; public-education projects; or the launch of new campaigns or organizations. They also may engage in activities such as hosting panel discussions, traveling to conferences, participating in policy debates, and aggressively promoting their ideas in public venues. Fellowship projects can include photography, outreach, and advocacy around documentary film and other forms of cultural production.

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