Private Foundations - Request for Proposals & Letters of Intent
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**ATTENTION:** CFR WILL RUN A SKELETON STAFF DECEMBER 23-JANUARY 3RD, 2014. IF YOUR PROPOSAL REQUIRES 501(c)3 STATUS AND THE GRANTMAKER DEADLINE IS BEFORE JANUARY 10, CONTACT US IMMEDIATELY SO THAT WE MAY INITIATE THE WORKFLOW PROCESS.

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!

Included in this announcement:
- Press Releases announcing significant collaborations or foundation interest area changes
- Nursing & Public Health
- Science & Medical
- Education & Humanities
- Program Support Grant
- Fellowships for Graduate Students, Dissertation work, Postdoctoral work and Travel Grants

**PRESS RELEASES**
- Fifteen Leading Charities and Advocacy Groups Join Forces to Change the Way Metastatic Breast Cancer is Understood and to Increase Focus on Research
- Letter to the Field from The Nathan Cummings Foundation

**NURSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH**
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation - **New Connections: Increasing Diversity of RWJF Programming** aims to expand the diversity of perspectives that inform RWJF programming and introduce new researchers and scholars to the Foundation to help address research and evaluation needs.
  - **Junior Investigator**
    - Deadline: January 15, 2014, 3:00 ET
    - Amount: Up to 9 awards of $100,000 each over 24 months
    - RWJF’s program areas: Childhood Obesity, Coverage, Human Capital, Pioneer, Public Health, Quality/Equality and Vulnerable Populations. This round of **New Connections** funding will focus on research projects addressing health disparities. A brief overview of programming priorities and research topics is included on pages 3. Please click on first URL (above) and click on “Research Topics” for more detail.
  - **Midcareer Consultants**
    - Deadline: January 15, 2014, 3:00 ET
    - Amount: Up to 2 awards of $100,000 for a 12-month period
    - Address priorities related to RWJF’s program areas: Childhood Obesity, Coverage, Human Capital, Pioneer, Public Health, Quality/Equality and Vulnerable Populations. This round of **New Connections** funding will focus on
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**Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation** – Macy Faculty Scholars  
**Deadline:** February 26, 2014  
**Informational Webinar:** January 7, 2014, RSVP required  
**Amount:** Five awards $100,000 per year for two years  
The Foundation is looking for nursing and medical school faculty committed to careers in health professional education; have served for more than five years on the faculty of the sponsoring school, are innovators, and have shown promise as future leaders. One nomination by Dean, per school; visit link above for program brochure.

**SCIENCE AND MEDICAL**

**The Medical Foundation** – A division of Health Resources in Action  
**Application Deadline:** February 11, 2014  
**Amount:** 2-year projects of $400,000; 1-year pilot studies of up to $150,000  
The Klarman Family Foundation Grants Program in Eating Disorders Research has announced its 2014 Grant Cycle. The Program’s short-term goal is to support the most outstanding science and expand the pool of scientists whose research explores the basic biology of feeding, anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, and/or binge eating disorder. The long-term goal is to improve the lives of patients suffering from these conditions. Examples of funding areas include but are not limited to: molecular genetic analysis of relevant neural circuit assembly and function; genetic and epigenetic research; animal models created by genetically altering neural circuits; testing of new chemical entities that might be used in animal models as exploratory treatments; and clinical trials involving medications or other non-psychotherapeutic interventions.

**Simons Foundation** – Origins of Life Investigator Award  
**Deadline:** January 27, 2014  
**Amount:** $100,000 – 400,000 per year for five years.  
The Simons Collaboration on the Origins of Life is now accepting applications for Simons Investigator awards. The goal is to identify scientists conducting innovative research who either are or will be making the most important contributions to the origins-of-life field. Scientific productivity, creativity and risk in the design of experiments, and a commitment to collaborative origins research will be important factors in the selection process.

**Arthritis National Research Foundation** – Early Stage Career  
**Deadline:** January 15, 2014  
**Amount:** $100,000, 1 year; possibility of applying for second year continuation  
For more than three decades, the Arthritis National Research Foundation has helped support a number of researchers who are devoting their time, energy and focus to solutions and cures for Osteoarthritis, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Lupus, Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis and other autoimmune disorders. In a collaborative effort, the Arthritis National Research Foundation (ANRF) and the American Federation for Aging Research (AFAR) are seeking grant applications that focus on studying the underlying mechanisms of the aging process as it relates to arthritis. Please click on URL above to learn more about project funded thus far.

**Avon Foundation** – Research Grant Program  
**Letter of Intent Deadline:** January 31, 2014  
**Invited Full Proposals Deadline:** March 28, 2014  
**Amount:** Up to $150,000, per year for 2 years; optional 3rd year may be sought during Year 2  
Our Research Grant program funds translational research using clinical studies, human cell culture, epidemiologic and other progressive approaches to understand the causes of breast cancer, develop new tests that can track changes in healthy breast over time and develop new ways to prevent the disease. Funds also support developing new treatments for unmet needs such as treatments for metastatic, inflammatory and triple negative breast cancers.
The Harvey Prize – Technion – Israel Institute of Technology
Deadline: February 7, 2014
Amount: $75,000, two awards annually, must be nominated by Provost or Dean
The Harvey Prize is awarded annually in a variety of disciplines within the categories of Science & Technology and Human Health. Prospective candidates must be outstanding personalities in their fields and whose achievements have served as a source of inspiration to many others. The Harvey Prize is intended to recognize recent breakthroughs in science and technology. Work done in the past may be selected for the award if its significance has recently been appreciated. Winners are selected by a council of world-renowned scientists and experts in each field through a rigorous selection process. Laureates are requested to come to the Technion – Israel Institute of Technology to receive their awards. While in Israel, recipients give lectures and meet with Israeli scientists, academicians, and leaders at Technion and other universities. Material from these lectures is published in a continuing library, the Harvey Prize Papers.

Lefoulon-Delaande Institut de France
Deadline: January 24, 2014
Amount: 50,000 Euros
Grand Prize will be given each year to a scientist who has made important contributions to cardiovascular physiology, biology, or medicine. Taken in the widest sense, these fields also include developmental biology, genetics, epidemiology, physiology, as well as clinical biology, imaging techniques, therapeutics, and the Pharmacology of the cardiovascular system. Visit link above to view and/or download the application form containing eligibility specifics.

Rita Allen Foundation/American Pain Society – 2014 Award in Pain, Early Investigator
Deadline: January 17, 2014
Amount: Two grants of $50,000 for a period of up to 3 years
Proposed research projects should be directed toward the molecular biology of pain and/or basic science topics related to the development of new analgesics for the management of pain due to terminal illness. Eligible candidates will have completed their training and be able to provide persuasive evidence of distinguished achievement or extraordinary promise in basic science research in pain. Visit link above for more information.

World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) – Research Grants
Deadline: February 16, 2014
Amount: $40,000 per year for 2-years; 15-30 grants awarded each year
WADA is committed to increasing the volume of research dedicated to developing new and improved detection methods for prohibited substances and methods. WADA is also responsible for studying emerging doping threats, such as gene doping. To this end, WADA issues a call for research proposals each year. Scientists from around the world submit proposals addressing the research topics prioritized by WADA's Health, Medical and Research Committee.

AAAS – American Association for the Advancement of Science, Early Career Investigator
Letter of Application Deadline: March 1, 2014
Amount: $25,000
AAAS and Science Translational Medicine invite applications for the 2014 AAAS Martin and Rose Wachtel Cancer Research Award. This annual award, funded by an endowment established through a generous bequest from Martin L. Wachtel, will honor an early-career investigator who has performed outstanding work in the field of cancer research. Entrants must have received their Ph.D. or M.D. within the last 10 years. The award winner will be invited to deliver a public lecture on his or her research and will receive a cash award of $25,000. The award winner's Essay will be published as a Perspective in Science Translational Medicine.
**The Coca-Cola Foundation** – Water Stewardship  
Deadline: Accepts applications year-round  
Amount: Varies greatly, higher ed institutions awarded $13,000 to over one million  
The foundation supports programs designed to promote access to clean water and sanitation; watershed protection in water-stressed regions; utilization of water for production and/or multiple use systems that do more than provide clean water; and education and awareness programs designed to promote water conservation within communities and industry.

**EDUCATION AND THE HUMANITIES**

**William T. Grant Foundation** – Social Environment Research  
Deadline: January 8, 2014  
Amount: Ranges from $100,000 to $600,000  
The majority of the funding supports research relevant to youth ages 8 to 25 in the United States. They have two Current Research Interests. One focuses on understanding how youth settings work, how they affect youth development, and how they can be improved. The other focuses on understanding when, how, and under what conditions research evidence is used in policy and practice that affect youth and how its use can be improved.

**Alexia Foundation** – Photography That Promotes Social Change  
Deadline: January 13, 2014  
Amount: $20,000  
One award will be awarded to enable a professional photographer or visual journalist to produce a substantial body of work that reflects the foundation’s goals of promoting world peace and cultural understanding. Proposals are invited from photojournalists anywhere in the world. The award is for an individual photographer; collaborative applications will not be accepted.

**The Big Read** – Community Wide Reading Programs  
Deadline: January 28, 2014  
Amount: Ranges from $2,500 to $20,000  
The Big Read supports organizations across the country in developing community-wide reading programs which encourage reading and participation by diverse audiences. These programs include activities such as author readings, book discussions, art exhibits, lectures, film series, music or dance events, theatrical performances, panel discussions, and other events and activities related to the community’s chosen book or poet. Activities focus on one book or poet from The Big Read catalog. The Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts designed to revitalize the role of literature in American culture and to encourage citizens to read for pleasure and enlightenment.

**PROGRAM SUPPORT**

**Blackstone Charitable Foundation** – Veterans Grants Program  
Deadline: February 14, 2014  
Amount: Ranges from $10,000 to $50,000  
The purpose is to target organizations that focus on veterans’ employment and professional development. Through the program, Blackstone will identify organizations and programs that directly support veterans and offer them the opportunity to build successful careers after their active service. Together with the training and support programs Blackstone is developing within its portfolio companies, the Veterans Grants Program is designed to help American veterans transition to private sector employment, adapt their skills, and succeed in new work environments.

**FELLOWSHIPS**  
*CFR cannot assist with grants and fellowships that are not funneled through OGCA. If you have trouble clarifying foundation requirements from the website, please contact CFR or OGCA staff to research funder requirements.*

**Chemical Heritage Foundation** – Long-Term Fellowships, Short-Term Fellowships, Dissertation Fellowships, and Travel Grants  
Deadline: February 15, 2014
Amount: $10,000 - $45,000
Travel Grants: No deadline; $750 a week
The Beckman Center for the History of Chemistry at the Chemical Heritage Foundation, an independent research library in Philadelphia, is inviting applications for short or long term fellowships in the history of science, technology, medicine, and industry. Fellowships will be awarded to scholars to use the center's extensive collections in the history of science, technology, medicine, and industry to pursue research projects. Projects funded in the past range from the history of Arabic alchemy and agricultural improvement to nanotechnology, pharmaceutical industry, and trans fats. Research proposals detailing the importance of CHF’s wide-ranging collections for the proposed project will be considered with particular care. Please read guidelines and FAQs carefully before submitting an application.

The Drugs, Security and Democracy (DSD) – Postdoctoral Fellowship and Dissertation Fellowship
Application Deadline: January 20, 2014
Amount: Undetermined; up to 20 fellowships awarded
DSD funded research must address the primary theme of drugs in relation to security and/or democracy in Latin America or the Caribbean. These topics may include, but are not limited to, the following issues and areas of study: the relationship of drugs to crime and violence, the impact of drug policy innovations (decriminalization, etc.), and the impact of drug markets on public health and human rights. Proposals must demonstrate the potential of the research to contribute to a sound and credible knowledge base for informed advocacy and decision making for drug policy. Projects that do not have a primary focus on the theme of drugs will be eliminated from the competition. U.S. citizenship NOT required, but should be proficient in English.

Lymphatic Education & Research Network (LE&RN) – Postdoctoral Fellowship
Application Deadline: January 10, 2014, 1:00 p.m. ET
Amount: 2-year fellowship from $82,000-$95,000
Funding Period: July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2016
LE&RN, is a 501(c)(3) not-for profit organization whose 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. Examples of funding areas include but are not limited to basic, translational or clinical investigations into normal and aberrant lymphatic biology; mechanisms of normal and pathological lymphangiogenesis; imaging and understanding the mechanisms that regulate lymphatic structure and function; animal models of lymphatic system disorders; and the cross-talk between the lymphatic and the immune systems.

Boren Awards for International Study – Graduate Fellowships
Deadline: January 28, 2014, 5:00 p.m.
Amount: Up to $30,000
Boren Fellowships provide U.S. graduate students to add an important international and language component to their graduate education through specialization in area study, language study, or increased language proficiency. Boren Fellowships support study and research in areas of the world that are critical to U.S. interests, including Africa, Asia, Central & Eastern Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East. Must be a US citizen.

The Chateaubriand Fellowship – Fellowship in Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM)
Deadline: January 31, 2014
Amount: $1,400 Euros per month for 4 to 9 months plus travel and health insurance coverage
Funding Period: September 1, 2014 – April 1, 2015
Offered by the Embassy of France in the United States, the Office for Science and Technology (OST), aims to initiate or reinforce collaborations, partnerships or joint projects (PUF, MIT-France, France-Chicago, France-Berkeley, France-Stanford projects, joint or international labs, etc.) by encouraging exchange at the doctoral level.
To that end, the Chateaubriand Fellowship supports PhD students registered in an American university who wish to conduct part of their doctoral research in a French laboratory. STEM Chateaubriand Fellows are selected through a
merit-based competition and priority is given to candidates working toward a dual PhD degree (cotutelle) with their French host institution.