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. 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 or Jeff Aron, Executive Director for Corporation & Foundation Relations, jaron@umass.edu. Please share widely.

Thank you!

Please read "100 Words That Kill Your Proposal", by Bob Lohfeld to assist in writing the best proposals possible.

Also, please see How to Fail at Grant Writing, The Chronicle of Higher Education, written by UMass faculty successful at obtaining grants.

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** Alfred P. Sloan Foundation – Grants**

Deadline: Rolling  
Amount: $25,000 - $3,000,000  

- Basic Research- The Foundation believes that a carefully reasoned and systematic understanding of the forces of nature and society, when applied inventively and wisely, can lead to a better world for all. With its Basic Research program area, the Foundation expands that understanding by funding original, high-quality research in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

- STEM Higher Education- Grants in the STEM Higher Education program area promote access to the scientific enterprise, provide information about scientific and technical careers, and encourage innovation to the structure of scientific training.

- Public Understanding of Science, Technology, & Economics- This program seeks to bridge the two cultures—the humanities and the sciences—through support of books, radio, film, television, theatre, and new media to reach a wide, non-specialized audience.

- Digital Information Technology- This program seeks to better our understanding of the relationship between technology, information, and society, primarily through research on and the development of digital information technology for the conduct of scholarly research and public engagement with knowledge. Grantmaking in this program focuses on three distinct sub-areas: Data & Computational Research, Scholarly Communication, and the Universal Access to Knowledge.

- Economic Performance and the Quality of Life- The Foundation funds grants for high-quality original research that promise to broaden that understanding or use it to improve American institutions. Grants in the Economic Performance and Quality of Life program have expanded our knowledge of how particular industries function, encouraged better communication and cooperation between citizens and their local governments, and focused scholarly and public attention on the issues and challenges faced by contemporary working families.

- Select National Issues- The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation recognizes that there are select opportunities outside of science, education and economics in which it can create an important benefit to society. Its National Issues program area looks for unique opportunities where Foundation funds promise to advance a significant national interest. Grants in the Select National Issues program are funding work to increase America's biosecurity and investigate how recent advances in information technology affect the spread of knowledge and the structure of scientific endeavor.

I. Science & Medical

1. Taub Foundation – Grants Program for MDS Research  
   Deadline: March 17, 2015  
   Amount: $200,000/year for 3 years
The Taub Foundation Grants Program for Myelodysplastic Syndromes (MDS) Research was created to support high-impact, innovative translational research to understand the underlying causes of MDS and to advance its treatment and prevention. The Program specifically focuses on MDS research, exclusive of AML and MPN. Studies focusing on molecular genetics, epigenetics, splicing factors, stem cells, the microenvironment and novel therapeutic targets relevant to MDS are encouraged.

2. **March of Dimes – Prematurity Research Initiative**  
   **Deadline:** April 15, 2015  
   **Amount:** $145,000/year for 3 years  
   This program seeks to advance knowledge in the area of prematurity research, specifically requesting grant support for projects related to cause[s] (etiology) of normal labor and preterm labor. The intent is to provide new insights into preventing preterm births; in most cases the cause (and thus potential prevention) remains elusive. Emphasis is upon proposals using technology of or encompassing contemporary technologies of genetic, molecular biology and gene-environment interactions. Especially encouraged are proposals from established investigators heretofore not involved in research on causes of preterm birth research.

3. **March of Dimes – Research Program**  
   **Deadline:** April 30, 2015  
   **Amount:** $100,000/year for 3 years  
   This encompasses basic biological processes governing differentiation and development, genetics and genomics of these processes, clinical studies, reproductive health and environmental toxicology, and social and behavioral studies concerning cognitive and behavioral risks that affect outcomes of pregnancy, the perinatal period, and subsequent child development. Applications will be directed to one of three committees whose respective foci are: Cell Lineage and Differentiation; Gene Discovery and Translational Medicine; and Social and Behavioral Sciences – this involves family units and includes genes, toxicants, social determinants that adversely affect language or behavior, especially if involving premature infants or children with birth defects.

4. **Whitehall Foundation – Research Grant**  
   **Deadline:** April 15, 2015  
   **Amount:** $75,000/year for 3 years  
   The Foundation is currently interested in basic research in neurobiology. The overall goal should be to better understand behavioral output or brain mechanisms of behavior. The Foundation does not support research focused primarily on disease(s) unless it will also provide insights into normal functioning.

5. **Basser Research Center for BRCA – Global Prize**  
   **Deadline:** May 15, 2015  
   **Amount:** $200,000
To further enhance the Basser Center’s mission, the Basser Global Prize was established by Shari Basser Potter and Leonard Potter to honor a visionary scientist who has conceptually advanced BRCA1/2 related research that has led to improvements in clinical care. The prize will be considered for a broad range of basic, translational and clinical BRCA1/2 cancer researchers worldwide. Outstanding candidates will be those whose research has produced seminal advances in the field and who continue to drive BRCA1/2 related research towards the ultimate goal of mitigating the adverse impact of deleterious BRCA1/2 and related mutations.

6. **Google – Google Research Awards**  
   **Deadline:** April 15, 2015  
   **Amount:** $150,000  
   The intent of the Google Research Awards is to support cutting-edge research in Computer Science, Engineering, and related fields. We ask applicants to categorize their proposals into one of the following broad research areas of interest to Google. Please note that this topic list has been revised since the last round of the Faculty Research Awards. At this time, we are only considering proposals on the topics listed: Computational neuroscience, Geo/maps, Human-computer interaction, Information retrieval, extraction, and organization (including semantic graphs), Machine learning and data mining, Machine perception, Machine translation, Mobile, Natural language processing, Networking, Physical Interfaces and Immersive Experiences, Privacy, Security, Software engineering and programming languages, Speech, Structured data and database management, and Systems (hardware and software).

7. **American Psychological Foundation – F. J. McGuigan Early Career Investigator Research Prize on Understanding the Human Mind**  
   **Deadline:** March 1, 2016  
   **Amount:** $25,000  
   The prize supports research that aims to advance, both empirically and theoretically, a materialistic understanding of the human mind. The research may address any aspect of mental function (e.g., cognition, affect, motivation) and should utilize behavioral and/or neuroscientific methods. The prize will be awarded to the recipient’s institution for the benefit of his or her research. Faculty salaries and indirect costs (i.e., overhead) may not be requested.

8. **American Psychological Foundation – Alexander Gralnick Research Investigator Prize**  
   **Deadline:** April 15, 2016  
   **Amount:** $20,000  
   The American Psychological Foundation provides financial support for innovative research and programs that enhance the power of psychology to elevate the human condition and advance human potential both now and in generations to come. The APF Alexander Gralnick Research Investigator Prize recognizes “exceptional individuals working in the area of serious mental illness,” including but not limited to schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and paranoia (delusional disorder).

9. **Terumo BTC – Plasma Exchange Innovation Award**
Deadline (LOI): April 30, 2015  
Amount: $25,000  
This program has been designed to encourage researchers to explore new concepts, procedures and/or methodologies that fundamentally address an important problem or aspect of blood safety that needs to be addressed.

10. **Sens Research Foundation – Extramural Aging Research**  
Deadline (LOI): August 1, 2015  
SENS Research Foundation’s strategy to prevent and reverse age-related ill-health is to apply the principles of regenerative medicine to repair the damage of aging at the level where it occurs. The foundation is developing a new kind of medicine: regenerative therapies that remove, repair, replace, or render harmless the cellular and molecular damage that has accumulated in our tissues with time. By reconstructing the structured order of the living machinery of our tissues, these rejuvenation biotechnologies will restore the normal functioning of the body's cells and essential biomolecules, returning aging tissues to health and bringing back the body’s youthful vigor. SENS Research Foundation has a strong commitment to funding research that furthers its mission.

II. Nursing & Public Health

11. **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation – Accelerating Payment and Delivery System Reform Efforts**  
Deadline: April 14, 2015  
Amount: Up to $1.4M  
This Accelerating Payment and Delivery System Reform Efforts program will support an organization to serve as a technical resource and expertise center that will facilitate customized assistance for immediate challenges, identify and share solutions, and engage in re-granting to support payment reform efforts poised to make substantial change. The center is intended to serve as a payment and delivery system reform “accelerator” and to include a special emphasis on enhancing readiness among safety net providers.

12. **Society of Family Planning – Junior Investigator Award**  
Deadline: April 15, 2015  
Amount: $260,000  
Grant supports faculty-level scientists near the beginning of their investigative career by providing protected time for an intensive, supervised career development experience in the biomedical, behavioral, clinical or social sciences leading to research independence. The award is intended to support abortion-focused research.

13. **Charles H. Hood Foundation – Child Health Research Award Program**  
Deadline: March 30, 2015  
Amount: $75,000/year for 2 years
Today’s research projects encompass many disciplines that have contributed to discoveries in pediatric medicine while launching the careers of promising junior faculty. The intent of the Award is to support newly independent faculty, provide the opportunity to demonstrate creativity, and assist in the transition to other sources of research funding. Research projects must be relevant to child health.

14. **Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts – Activation Fund**  
   **Deadline:** April 16, 2015  
   **Amount:** $50,000  
   Envisioned somewhat as a venture capital fund, this funding avenue is intended to support discrete projects to achieve specific outcomes that activate: creative and innovative approaches to alleviating community health concerns; community organizations’ movement to the next level of capacity and effectiveness; which the organization can sustain; partnerships to address health issues with new strategies; and/or the Foundation’s exploration in emerging health challenges and opportunities.

III. Education & Humanities

15. **Council on Library and Information Resources – Digitizing Hidden Collections Program**  
   **Deadline:** April 30, 2015  
   **Amount:** $50,000 - $250,000  
   We are pleased to announce that a national competition in 2015 to digitize and provide access to collections of rare or unique content in cultural heritage institutions. The program will enhance the emerging global digital research environment in ways that support new kinds of scholarship for the long term. Its aim is to ensure that the full wealth of resources held by institutions of cultural heritage becomes integrated with the open Web. The Digitizing Hidden Collections program coheres around these five core values: Scholarship: The program is designed to maximize its impact on the creation and dissemination of new knowledge; Comprehensiveness: The program supports the digitization of entire (or at least quantifiably substantial proportions of) collections of significant scholarly value, and encourage making these easily discoverable alongside related materials online; Collaboration: The program promotes strategic partnerships rather than duplication of capacity and effort; Sustainability: The program promotes best practices for ensuring the long-term availability and discoverability of digital files; and Openness: The program ensures that digitized content will be made available to the public as easily and completely as possible.

16. **Cisco – Global Impact Cash Grants**  
   **Deadline:** Rolling  
   **Amount:** $75,000  
   Cisco Global Impact Cash Grants support nonprofit organizations that provide assistance to underserved populations and leverage technology solutions to improve the reach, efficiency, and impact of services. In the Education category, Cisco supports technology-based solutions and education delivery models that enable children to master knowledge in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). The Economic Empowerment category focuses on programs that encourage employment success, entrepreneurship, and long-
term self-sufficiency by providing access to skills, knowledge, and financial products and services via technology-based solutions. The target audience is greater than 65% economically underserved, relative to the average standards of the target geography.

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17. **American Cancer Society** – The Role of Health Policy and Health Insurance in Improving Access to and Performance of Cancer Prevention, Early Detection, and Treatment Services  
   **Deadline:** April 1, 2015  
   **Amount:** Up to $800,000 over 4 years  
   The purpose of this request is a call for research that evaluates the impact of the many changes now occurring in the healthcare system with a particular focus on cancer prevention, control, and treatment. Efforts focusing on improving access to care may also impact inequities that contribute to health disparities. New health public policy initiatives such as the new federal and state marketplaces that have expanded insurance coverage, as well as Medicaid expansion in some states, create natural experiments ripe for evaluation. Research to be funded by this RFA should focus on the changes in national, state, and/or local policy and the response to these changes by healthcare systems, insurers, payers, communities, practices, and patients. A clear understanding of these changes can help clinicians, health systems, public health and public policy professionals, patient and consumer advocates and providers to identify and guide needed improvements in cancer prevention and control and health care and health more broadly. Findings from this research may also inform advocacy and policy development by the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ASC CAN) in the context of meaningful health care reform by assessing outcomes related to the structure of the health system on availability, administrative simplicity, adequacy, and affordability of coverage.

18. **American Association for the Advancement of Science** – Science & SciLifeLab Prize for Young Scientists  
   **Deadline:** August 1, 2015  
   **Amount:** $30,000  
   The Prize is awarded annually to one young scientist for outstanding life science research for which he/she was awarded a doctoral degree in the previous two years. The topic of the entrant's thesis research must be in one of the following categories: Cell and Molecular Biology, Genomics and Proteomics, Ecology and Environment, Translational Medicine. Eligible entrants must have been awarded their doctoral degree in 2013 or 2014.