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. Please share widely. Thank you!

Funding Opportunities Included in this Announcement:

I. Science & Medical
II. Nursing & Public Health
III. Education & Humanities
IV. 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

- **Alliance for Lupus Research** - ALR's Target Identification in Lupus (TIL) Grants
  Deadline: July 10, 2014
  Amount: $600,000/ 3 years
  The goals of the TIL grant program are to:
  1. Characterize key steps in the pathogenesis of the disease that will allow for the development of new therapeutic agents
  2. Promote basic and clinical research studies to identify and/or better characterize promising lead compounds for lupus treatment
  3. Support research that facilitates the clinical evaluation of innovative approaches to the prevention or treatment of lupus and its complications

- **American Cancer Society** - Clinical Research Professor
  Deadline: August 1, 2014
  Amount: $400,000/ 5 years
  Award is for outstanding mid-career investigators who have made seminal contributions that have changed the direction of clinical, psychosocial behavioral, health policy or epidemiologic cancer research. In general, applicants will recently have attained the rank of full professor.

- **Human Frontier Science**
  Deadline: August 28, 2014- Cross Disciplinary Fellowships
  Amount: $300,000/ 3 years
  Fellowship is for applicants with a Ph.D. from outside the life sciences (e.g. in physics, chemistry, mathematics, engineering or computer sciences), who have had limited exposure to biology during their previous training. Applicants for the CDF should propose a significant departure from their past research, for example, changing from material science or physics to cell biology, from
chemistry to molecular biology, or from computer science to neuroscience, among many other possibilities.

**Lupus Research Institute** - Novel Research Projects  
**Deadline:** August 4, 2014  
**Amount:** $300,000  
LRI will award grants in support of exceptionally creative and novel approaches to major challenges in lupus research. Projects should be designed to advance hypotheses and/or technologies that have the potential to stimulate new research directions and propel the field forward. Investigations into the fundamental mechanisms of lupus and its complications, explorations of novel targets and pathways, and applications involving new technologies and interdisciplinary approaches are particularly encouraged. Preference will be given to projects based on explorations of human lupus biology -- innovative studies that use human material to address the physiological, cellular, molecular and/or genetic basis of lupus in humans. Applications from investigators in diverse disciplines, including those who may not have worked in lupus are encouraged. Applicants should hold an advanced degree and be affiliated with institutions of higher learning in the United States.

**National Organization for Rare Disorders** - Postdoctoral Fellowship Grants  
**Deadline:** July 10, 2014  
**Amount:** $180,000/3 years  
Provide support for basic or clinical research projects that have significant potential to advance our understanding of breast cancer, lead to reductions in breast cancer incidence and/or mortality, and move us toward the goal of a world without breast cancer.

**Bright Focus Foundation** - Macular Degeneration Research Standard Award  
**Deadline:** July 31, 2014  
**Amount:** $160,000/2 years  
The standard award provides significant funding for researchers who have already generated some amount of preliminary data, but often still require significant progress before they can apply to governmental or industrial funding agencies. Preference is made for exciting pilot projects that would not, at their present stage, be competitive for large government or industry awards. Typically these awards are made to junior investigators, or to more established investigators who are proposing particularly innovative research.

**American Tinnitus Association** - Research Grants  
**Deadline:** November 1, 2014  
**Amount:** $150,000/3 years  
The American Tinnitus Association Research Grant Program financially supports scientific studies investigating tinnitus. Studies must be directly concerned with tinnitus and contribute to ATA's goal of finding a cure.

**ALS Association** - 2015 Clinical Research Training fellowship in ALS (joint sponsorship with American Brain Foundation)  
**a. Long- Term Fellowships**  
**Deadline:** 8/13/2014  
**Amount:** $150,000 3 years  
For applicants with a Ph.D. in a biological discipline, who will broaden their expertise by proposing a project in the life sciences which is significantly different from their previous Ph.D. or postdoctoral work. Research projects can range from biological functions at the molecular and cellular level up to the biological systems level, including cognitive functions. All levels of analysis are supported: studies on genes and individual molecules, intracellular networks, intercellular associations in tissues and organs, and networks underlying complex functions of entire organisms, populations, or ecosystems. Preference is given to applicants who propose an original study in biology that marks a departure from their previous Ph.D. or postdoctoral work.
- Request a password at [HFSP password registration](#).
- Obtain a reference number for the application.
- For this purpose, the candidate has to log in and must select either the Long-Term or the Cross Disciplinary Fellowship program.
- Register the two referees and the host supervisor(s) in the online application form, so that they receive an automatic email with their access information.

In award year 2013, 61 Long-Term Fellows and 9 Cross-Disciplinary Fellows were selected from 750 applicants. In award year 2012, 78 out of 829 submitted fellowship applications were ineligible. The success rate was 12% for the Long-Term Fellowships and 7% for the Cross-Disciplinary Fellowships. There are many reasons why proposals are not funded, however most commonly there is either a misalignment with the objectives of the HFSP fellowship program or a poorly written proposal. You can increase your chances of success if your proposal has a clear and concise research plan, contains sufficient detail for peer review purposes and demonstrates an obvious fit with the mandate of HFSP to support innovative, even high-risk research, which provides an opportunity for the candidate to branch out in a new research direction.

The site also has a great publication: [The Art of Grantsmanship](#), which answers lots of basic questions about how to optimize your submissions for improved funding.

**b. Research Grant**

**Deadline:** October 1, 2014  
**Amount:** $120,000/2 years

To support clinical research training for the field of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. For this fellowship, clinical research is defined as “patient-oriented research conducted with human subjects, or translational research specifically designed to develop treatments or enhance diagnosis of neurological disease. These areas of research include epidemiologic or behavioral studies, clinical trials, studies of disease mechanisms, the development of new technologies, biomarker discovery and molecular neuropathy, and health services and outcomes research.” Disease-related studies not directly involving humans or human tissue are also encouraged if the primary goal is the development of therapies, diagnostic tests, or other tools to prevent or mitigate neurological diseases.

**The Spunk Fund- Open Letter of Inquiry**

**Deadline:** Rolling Deadline  
**Amount:** $60,000

The Spunk Fund supports initiatives that contribute to the enrichment and well-being of children and adolescents, including medical and psychological research, education, cultural programs, and programs for the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect.

**Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation- 2014 CURE Innovator Award**

**Deadline:** July 11, 17, 31 2014  
**Amount:** $50,000

Award supports the exploration of a highly innovative new concept or untested theory that addresses an important problem relevant to epilepsy. The Innovator Award is not intended to support a logical progression of an already established research project but, instead, allows Principal Investigators (PIs) the opportunity to pursue innovative research ideas. This award mechanism supports high-risk studies that have the potential to reveal entirely new avenues for investigation. Research completed through an Innovator Award strives to provide sufficient preliminary data to enable the PI to test a groundbreaking, original, and/or unconventional hypothesis and has the potential, if successful, to open new areas for epilepsy research.

**Migraine Research Foundation- Seed Money Grant**

**Deadline:** August 1, 2014  
**Amount:** $50,000
MRF welcomes all proposals relevant to basic or clinical migraine research, this year they are particularly interested in projects related to two areas: childhood migraine and migraine in women.

**Hirshberg Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research - Seed Grant Program**
**Deadline:** August 15, 2014  
**Amount:** $50,000
The Hirshberg Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research Seed Grant Award Program began in 2000 with the following goals in mind: To provide start-up funding for basic scientists and clinicians who intend to test innovative ideas for improving diagnosis and to develop new treatment modalities for pancreatic cancer; To obtain preliminary data required for additional funding from other agencies for pancreatic cancer research; To impact on the understanding of pancreatic cancer cell biology, biochemistry, physiology, morphology and response to therapy; and to establish collaborations within the field for mutual projects that can be considered for further funding.

**Vasculitis Foundation - Research Program**
**Deadline:** August 4, 2014  
**Amount:** $50,000
To support pilot studies in researching:
1. Etiology/Pathogenesis (could include a broad range of studies of immunity, inflammation, or vascular biology. Relevance to human vasculitis will be taken into account by the reviewers.)
2. Epidemiology, including genetics
3. Diagnosis, including identification of disease subtypes.
4. Treatment/Management, including therapeutics to treat vasculitis or prevent complications, biomarkers, and psychosocial outcomes.
The goals of the Research Program are to improve the quality of life for patients with vasculitis and ultimately find the cause/s and cure for vasculitis

**American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition - Rhoads Research Foundation Grants**
**Deadline:** September 8, 2014  
**Amount:** $25,000/ 2 years
Grant funds exceptional scientific research projects submitted by early-career investigators of nutrition therapy, metabolic support, and related clinical nutrition topics.

**American Hearing Research Foundation – Research Grants**
**Deadline:** August 1, 2014  
**Amount:** $20,000
The foundation funds grants each year that investigate various aspects of hearing and balance disorders related to the inner ear. Priority is given to investigators early in their careers who need seed funds to generate results and data that can be used to support later application for larger grants (i.e., NIH grants) in the future.

**American Pain Society - Future Leaders in Pain Research Grants**
**Deadline:** July 11, 2014  
**Amount:** $20,000
Proposed research projects should be in one of the following five areas of inquiry:
1.) Use of analgesic medications
2.) Unwanted effects of pain treatment related to analgesic therapy
3.) Neuropathic pain
4.) Mechanisms of pain
5.) Education and non-pharmacologic interventions or approaches to improve pain management.

**The Protein Society**
Deadline: September 22, 2014  
Amount: Various Amounts  

a. **The Carl Brändén Award**: Honors an outstanding protein scientist who has also made exceptional contributions in the areas of education and/or service to the field.

b. **The Dorothy Crowfoot Hodgkin Award**: In recognition of exceptional contributions in protein science which profoundly influence our understanding of biology.

c. **The Hans Neurath Award**: Award honors individuals who have made a recent contribution of exceptional merit to basic protein research.

d. **The Stein and Moore Award**: Award is given to recognize eminent leaders in protein science who have made sustained high impact research contributions to the field.

**II. Nursing & Public Health**

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation- Public Health Services and Systems Research Projects**  
Deadline: July 23, 2014  
Amount: $350,000/ 2 years  

Studies should focus on multidisciplinary research that examines a health system's operations, financing, and delivery and quality of public health services, as well as their subsequent impact on population health. Projects may seek to:

1. Elucidate the health and economic value of public health activities
2. Understand how elements of a public health system influence the effective implementation of evidence-based public health strategies and/or strategies for collaboration between the public health and clinical healthcare delivery systems and/or...
3. Test the impact of alternative strategies for delivering evidence-based public health services and/or collaborative approaches between the public health and clinical healthcare delivery systems aimed at community health improvement.

Public health strategies include programs, policies, laws, services, and administrative practices that are implemented by a variety of contributors within public health delivery systems for the primary purpose of promoting health and/or preventing disease and injury on a population-wide basis. Research designs may include quantitative, qualitative, mixed-method, comparative effectiveness, multi-site, and/or time-series elements. Natural experiments focusing on change in organizational structures, law and policy, financing mechanisms, and/or implementation strategies within public health delivery systems are especially encouraged.

**Foundation for Physical Therapy- Research Grants**  
Deadline: August 6, 2014  
Amount: $40,000  

a. **Foundation Research Grant**  
The mission of the Foundation for Physical Therapy is to fund physical therapy research supporting evidence-based practice that enhances the quality of patient and client services and to develop the next generation of researchers. Innovative research supported by the Foundation for Physical Therapy changes the face of health care by providing a society that thrives on mobility with the information needed to develop, restore, maintain, and enhance physical functioning. Up to two grants may be awarded for research projects to evaluate the effectiveness of physical therapist interventions, within any discipline relevant to physical therapy.

b. **Geriatric Research Grant**  
One grant is to be awarded for research in methods to facilitate the translation of research into current physical therapy practice with aging adults.

c. **Magistro Family Foundation Grant**  
Up to two grants may be awarded for research in:
1. Evaluating the effectiveness of interventions most commonly delivered by physical therapists as determined by current practice patterns
2. Developing innovative physical therapist interventions and evaluating their effectiveness

Preferred consideration will be given to studies that examine not only the therapeutic effectiveness of interventions, but also their cost effectiveness.

d. Orthopaedic Research Grant
One grant will be awarded for research that examines clinical outcomes of physical therapy practice for patients with musculoskeletal conditions. The project may investigate mechanism, comparative effectiveness or optimal management of musculoskeletal conditions, including screening, differential diagnosis, prediction, and testing of theories related to treatment dosage, efficacy, and effectiveness.

Borchard Foundation Center on Law and Aging - Academic Research Grants
Deadline: October 15, 2014
Amount: $20,000
Grants support research to further scholarship about new or improved public policies, laws and/or programs that will enhance the quality of life for the elderly. Each grant recipient is required to publish an article on the subject of their research in a top-flight journal. NOTE: 2013 Academic Research Grant award to Rachel Gershon, J.D., M.P.H, and Stephanie Anthony, J.D., M.P.H., Thinking Long-Term: An Evaluation of Financing Options for Long-Term Services and Supports.

III. Education & Humanities

The Journalists and Writers Foundation - Peace Projects Grant Program
Deadline: September 30, 2014
Amount: $50,000
JWF is seeking applications for innovative projects designed to prevent and constructively respond to conflicts around the world. Grants are for projects that promote peaceful coexistence and peacebuilding. Possible project themes include inter-communal and inter-state dialogue/cooperation; peace education; pluralism and multiculturalism; youth, conflict, and peacebuilding; early warning and conflict prevention; mediation and negotiation; post-conflict reconciliation, disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration; good governance, rule of law, and transitional justice; poverty reduction, development, and peacebuilding; and gender equality and empowerment. Successfully implemented projects will receive additional funding of up to $30,000.

Grammy Foundation - Research Grants
Deadline: October 1, 2014
Award: $20,000
The research projects grant program awards funding to organizations and individuals working to research the impact of music on the human condition. Examples include the study of the effects of music on mood, cognition, and healing; the medical and occupational well-being of music professionals; and the creative process underlying music. Priority will be given to projects with strong methodological design as well those designed to address an important research question.

IV. Fellowships

The Pew Charitable Trusts – Pew Latin American Fellows in the Biomedical Sciences
Deadline: October 1, 2014
Amount: $95,000/2 years
This program provides support for young scientists from Latin America to receive postdoctoral training in the United States. The program gives these individuals an opportunity to further their scientific knowledge, promotes exchange and collaboration between investigators in the U.S. and Latin America, and advances research in Latin America.

Open Society Foundation - Individual Fellowship
Deadline: August 4, 2014
**Amount: $80,000 or 100,000**
Award supports individuals pursuing an innovative and unconventional approach to fundamental open society challenges. The program seeks to fund work that will enrich public understanding of those challenges and stimulate far-reaching conversations within the Open Society Foundations and in the world. 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.

**American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene - Gorgas Memorial Institute Research Award**
**Deadline: July 23, 2014**
**Amount: $20,000**
The award objective is to enhance and facilitate the development of scientific linkages between Panama, nations of Central America, tropical and sub-tropical South America and the Caribbean Islands, Mexico and the United States and Canada through support of short-term travel for early career research investigators from these regions for the purposes of:
1. Establishing collaborative biomedical research projects focusing on tropical diseases of health importance to people living in these areas
2. Learning new techniques and approaches applicable to the study of such diseases