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For all grant opportunities requiring a 501(c)3 submission, we will arrange applying through the University of Massachusetts Foundation. This 501(c)3 process has strict timelines; please contact our office as early as possible to assure that the funder’s deadline can be met.

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1. Breakthrough Prize
Fundamental Physics
Deadline: May 31, 2017
Amount:

- The Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics - $3 million
- New Horizons in Physics Prize - $100,000

Number of Grants/Year:

- The Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics - 1
- New Horizons in Physics Prize - Up to 3

Eligibility:

- The Breakthrough Prize is open to all physicists
- The New Horizons in Physics Prize is targeted toward junior researchers.
- There are no age restrictions.
- Recipients of the New Horizons Prize will generally be no more than 12 years past their PhD. Exceptions will sometimes be made, especially in cases of experimental projects with long lead times.
- A person can receive a prize more than once.
- The prizes can be shared by any number of people.

The Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics is given annually for accomplishments in fundamental physics broadly defined, including advances in closely related fields with deep connections to physics. The New Horizons Prize is designated for junior researchers recognizes those individuals who have made profound contributions to human knowledge.

Mathematics
Deadline: May 31, 2017
Amount:

- The Breakthrough Prize in Mathematics - $3,000,000
- New Horizons in Mathematics Prize - $100,000

Number of Grants/Year:

- The Breakthrough Prize in Mathematics - 1
- New Horizons in Mathematics Prize - Up to 3

Eligibility:

- The Breakthrough Prize in Mathematics recognizes a single person’s contribution to the field of mathematics, with special attention to recent developments (Contribution to the field of mathematics in the last 10 years, although earlier contributions may also be taken into account).
- In exceptional circumstances, when a prize is awarded for joint work, the committee may split the prize.
- The New Horizons in Mathematics Prize is awarded to promising junior researchers who have already produced important work.
- Candidates for the New Horizons Prize should have not held a PhD for more than 10 years at the start of the calendar year in which nominations close. This requirement may be relaxed in exceptional circumstances.
- There are no age restrictions.
- A person can receive a prize more than once.

Life Sciences
Deadline: May 31, 2017
Amount: $3 million
Number of Awards/Year: Up to 5
Eligibility:
- All prizes are individual and should recognize a single person's contribution to the field of life sciences, with special attention to recent developments.
- There are no age restrictions.
- A person can receive a prize more than once.
- Self-nominations are not allowed.

Each year, up to five Breakthrough Prizes in Life Sciences are awarded to honor transformative advances towards understanding living systems and extending human life. One prize per year is for work contributing to the understanding of Parkinson's Disease & Neurodegenerative Disorders.

2. The Children's Heart Foundation
Research in Congenital Heart Disease (CHD)
Deadline: June 2, 2017
Amount: Up to $200,000 over 2 years
Number of Grants/Year: 15
Eligibility: All investigators are eligible.

The Children's hearth Foundation calls upon all investigators to submit research proposals with a particular focus on clinical cardiology, basic science as well as the advancement of surgical techniques. The Children's Heart Foundation supports new research and accelerates the pace of critical research waiting for funding in the following areas:

1. Molecular genetics / biochemistry
2. Devices/procedural research (catheterization & surgical)
3. Long-term care of CHD children as they become adults

3. Crohn's & Colitis Foundation
The Broad Medical Research Program (BMRP)
Deadline: Rolling
Amount: Up to 2 years
Number of Grants/Year: 5-20
Eligibility:

1. The applicant institution must be a non-profit, charitable institution, such as a university, hospital, or research organization. Applications are accepted from institutions worldwide.
2. The applicant who wishes to take on the Principal Investigator position must have a faculty appointment at the institution.
3. There can be only one Principal Investigator for each proposal.

Encourage research into the causes, treatments, and cures of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD). The program funds innovative pilot research so that scientist can test their initial ideas and generate preliminary data used to qualify for larger, more sustained grants from other organizations. Proposals must be clinically relevant and must benefit patients with IBD. BMRP especially supports research that can be readily translated to improve the care of human IBD in the near future. Proposals in the basic sciences should have clear relevance to findings and observations in IBD patients. The BMRP will consider funding clinical or basic IBD research projects that:

- Are innovative
- Are in the early stages of exploration
- Will improve diagnosis, therapy or prevention of IBD; and
- Will lead to longer-term funding by more traditional granting agencies

4. The Franklin Institute
Bower Award and Prize for Achievement in Science
Deadline: May 31, 2017
Amount: $250,000
Number of Grants/Year: 1
Eligibility:
This is an international competition for individuals who have made significant contributions to our understanding or the development of genome editing and/or its applications.

This award and prize must be presented to an individual, as specified by the will of Henry Bower.

Candidates must be living, and the winner must participate in The Franklin Institute Awards Week programs, to be held in April 2018 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA.

Self-nominations are accepted.

The Franklin Institute seeks nominations for the 2018 Bower Award and Prize for Achievement in Science of individuals who have made significant contributions to our understanding or the development of genome editing and/or its applications. Nominations may recognize contributions including, but not limited to, the discovery/elucidation of genome editing mechanisms such as those involving CRISPR, TALENs, or zinc finger nucleases; genome editing tool development; or genome editing for basic research or applied outcomes in a variety of systems (e.g., for crop improvement or medical therapeutics). Nominations must clearly indicate the scientific impact of the nominee's work, whether conceptual, technical, or integrative.

5. The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research
Computational Tools for PD Therapeutic Development
Deadline (LOI): May 31, 2017
Amount: Up to $150,000 for 1 year
Number of Awards/Year: N/A
Eligibility:

The Computational Science Program seeks to enable development of technologies in biomedical computing, informatics, and data science for Parkinson's disease (PD) therapeutic development. Funding through this program supports research that will develop improved computational approaches to understand the molecular underpinning of PD that would ultimately lead to biomarker detection, improving clinical outcome measures, and target identification.

The specific goals of this initiative are to facilitate development of new analytical models or technologies to enable 1) robust forecasting of pathological progression or phenocconversion for PD 2) improved clinical outcome measures for use in therapeutic trials and/or 3) understanding of disease mechanism. Proposed computational approaches should produce reliable outcomes that facilitate making of objective decisions to improve the ability to enrich subject populations in clinical trials and/or determine whether experimental treatments are modifying the course of the disease, its symptoms or its progression.

MJFF aims to support development of computational tools to facilitate production of novel biomedical measures relevant to defining PD. The following disciplines of computational methods are encouraged:

- Data processing functions to allow for enhanced analysis efficiency
- Multi-modal statistical and computational methods

6. National Ataxia Foundation (NAF)
Ataxia Research Grants
Deadline (LOI): July 17, 2017
Amount: Up to $30,000 for 1 year
Number of Grants/year: 5-10
Eligibility: Applicants for seed-money grants need to be faculty members.

Invites research applications from U.S.A. and International non-profit and for-profit institutions. Non-U.S. citizens are eligible to apply for a research grant from NAF.

7. Neurofibromatosis Therapeutic Acceleration Program (NTAP)
Open Proposals Program
Deadline: Rolling
Amount: Up to $185,100
Number of Grants/Year: 10
Eligibility: NTAP invites proposals from all investigators (regardless of their location or primary research focus) who have compelling research projects designed to accelerate the development of effective treatments for plexiform neurofibromas (pNFs).

8. Pfizer
Advancing Science Through Pfizer - Investigator Research Exchange (ASPIRE) Young Investigator Research Awards in Endocrinology
Deadline: June 2, 2017
Amount: Up to $50,000
Number of Awards/Year: 5
Eligibility: To be eligible for a young investigator award, applicants must:

1. have a professional degree (MD, PhD, PharmD or equivalent)
2. be no more than 10 years post-graduate training
   
   - Investigators must be early in their career (or early stage), preferably within 10 years of completing his/her post-graduate degree, or within 10 years of completing medical residency (or the equivalent).
   - Investigators must be qualified to carry out the proposed investigation. Assessments of investigator qualification will be made on the basis of their commitment to research in this area, a dedicated faculty assignment for at least one year and previous research and publication experience.

Young Investigator Research Awards in Endocrinology is designed to:

1. Support young investigators working in the field of endocrinology.
2. Advance the understanding of disease mechanisms or treatments through translational basic science or clinical research in order to enhance the clinical care of pediatric and young adult patients with endocrine diseases.

Pfizer invites junior investigators to apply for the 2017 Global ASPIRE Young Investigator Research Awards in Endocrinology. Funding will be provided to research proposals that seek to explore translational or clinical research in the area of endocrine disease in children and young adults to address:

- Morbidity and mortality in Adult Growth Hormone Deficiency or Acromegaly
- Impact and/or needs of the patient with Growth Disorders during the pediatric and transitional years/young adult life
- Novel strategies including Quality of Life and Patient Reported Outcomes to evaluate and treat acromegaly or Adult Growth Hormone Deficiency.
- Early diagnosis and treatment of Adult Growth Hormone Deficiency or Acromegaly

9. Prince Mahidol Award Foundation
Prince Mahidol Award
Deadline: May 31, 2017
Amount: $100,000
Number of Awards/Year: 2
Eligibility: All nominations are accepted.

Invites nominations of individuals or institutions for their outstanding performance and/or research that contributes directly to the betterment of society.
The Prince Mahidol Award, which is conferred to individual(s) or institution(s), is divided into two categories:

1. In Medicine: for outstanding performance and/or research in the field of medicine for the benefit of mankind
2. In Public Health: for outstanding contribution in the field of public health for the well-being of the nation and its people.

10. Research Foundation of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons (ASCRS)
Career Development Award (CDA)
Deadline: October 1, 2017  
Amount: $150,000 over 2 years  
Number of Grants/Year: 6

Eligibility:

• Within 5 years of first full-time faculty appointment in the United States or Canadian government, public or private not-for-profit medical institution
• United States or Canadian citizen having completed an approved colorectal surgery training program; if foreign national, then must have valid working visa at time of application for colorectal department/institution where work is proposed
• ASCRS members only
• Applicant must not currently have or have previously received a career development award from another external funding source. If the applicant receives the Career Development Award from the Research Foundation of the ASCRS and is subsequently awarded another career development award from another external funding source with overlapping funding period, the applicant must return the residual funds to the Research Foundation of the ASCRS, or decline the funding from another source. The exception is a career development award from the NIH K-series award or funding from the applicants own institution.

The goal of the CDA is to provide young surgeons with the support necessary for the initiation and development of an academic career in colorectal surgery. As opposed to the LPG awards, the CDA focuses on career development and mentorship of the individual rather than solely on the research proposal. The award is intended for the academic investigator demonstrating significant creativity in research relevant to the pathophysiology or management of diseases of the small bowel, colon, rectum, or anus.

11. Rheumatology Research Foundation  
Career Development Bridge Funding Award: R Bridge  
Deadline: June 1, 2017  
Amount: $200,000 over 2 years  
Number of Awards/Year: 2

Eligibility:

• Unless otherwise noted in the application, applicants must be ACR or ARHP members at the time of application. This membership must be maintained during the award term.
• Applicants must be citizens or non-citizen nationals of the United States or in lawful possession of a permanent resident card; or meet the criteria in the tables below. Other Individuals on temporary (J1, H1) or student visas are not eligible.
• Individuals who are personally related to the applicant cannot serve as a preceptor or mentor.
• Individuals may not hold two active grants with the Rheumatology Research Foundation unless the grants are for two distinct purposes (ex. career development award and innovative research award).
• All projects must be completed within a US-based sponsoring institution.
• The Foundation does not allow formal resubmission of grant applications. This means formal responses to the previous year’s critiques will not be accepted. Applicants may apply as many times as they’d like annually, however all grant submissions will be reviewed as new applications.
• In an effort to assist applicants in submitting complete and correct applications for peer review, all applications undergo administrative review by Foundation staff. This means an applicant may be contacted for additional information or clarification after submitting your final application. You will also be notified if for some reason your application was not submitted for final peer review. However, all applicants are ultimately responsible for the application as it was originally submitted.
• All applicants must meet citizenship/permanent resident status and other eligibility requirements as outlined in the Awards and Grants policies.
• Applicants must be ACR or ARHP members with an MD, DO, PhD or equivalent doctoral level degree from an accredited institution.
• The Foundation does not currently support PhD’s working on basic science research.
• Previous recipients of an NIH R01 or VA RCS/ORD are not eligible to apply.
• Applicants must have received a priority score, summary statement, and funding decision on their NIH R01 or VA RCS/ORD award. Applicants whose career development applications were unscored are not eligible. Bridge funds are not intended to bridge the period between review and funding.
• Previous recipients of this award are not eligible to apply.
• In addition to an excellent application, applicants must be capable of becoming independent, researchers with a clear and firm institutional commitment to their career development, including a faculty position and other supporting resources.

Supports established independent investigators to continue conducting research into novel ideas while revising their outstanding NIH or equivalent grant applications.

12. The Scleroderma Foundation

Established Investigator Grant
Deadline: September 15, 2017
Amount: Up to $150,000 over 2 years
Number of Grants/Year: N/A
Eligibility: Applications may be submitted by domestic non-profit organizations, public and private such as universities, colleges, hospitals and laboratories. Foreign organizations and institutions are eligible. Applicants must have a doctorate degree in Medicine, Osteopathy, Veterinary Medicine or one of the sciences; must have completed a postdoctoral fellowship; and have been principal investigator on grants from the Scleroderma Foundation or other national, private or government agencies in the past.

Seeks applications from promising established investigators both inside and outside the field of scleroderma research who wish to propose pilot studies to obtain preliminary data dealing with a highly innovative and/or highly relevant theme related to the disease. This grant will support pilot research that is likely to lead to more substantial unlimited research project grants from federal or non-federal sources.

13. University of Massachusetts Worcester Medical School

Faculty Diversity Scholars Program (FDSP)
Deadline: Rolling
Amount: Up to $300,000 over 3 years
Number of Awards/Year: 5
Eligibility: A scholar must be a benefited employee of UMMS or UMMHC and maintain an active UMMS faculty appointment at or above the rank of Instructor in accordance with the academic personnel policies of the appropriate school. Academic promotions and re-appointments shall also be in accordance with the academic personnel policies of the appropriate school. All candidates are required to be eligible for future promotion including board-certification where applicable.

The FDSP, administered by the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, is part of UMMS’s multifaceted approach to workforce diversity. The primary goal of the FDSP is to recruit new faculty (including the School of Medicine, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and the Graduate School of Nursing) from underrepresented groups in the health sciences and to support their successful academic career advancement. In order to address departments with minority underutilization, African American and Hispanic/Latino(a) faculty are among the underrepresented groups who specifically would benefit from this program.

II. Nursing & Public Health

14. The MAYDAY Fund
Deadline: Rolling
Amount: Up to $200,000 for up to 3 years
Number of Grants/Year: 5-30
Eligibility: Grants are made only to public charities and educational institutions officially recognized as such by the IRS. The MAYDAY Fund concentrates its activities in the United States. On occasion, grants have been made to Canadian organizations
when the project has an effect that reaches beyond Canada. Grants cannot be made to individuals.

The MAYDAY Fund’s current grant-making targets are projects to address the following needs:

- Research Bench to Bedside
- Pain Thermometer
- Knowledge & Networks
- Alternative Strategies & Therapies

15. Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI)

Engagement Award: Knowledge, Training and Development, and Dissemination Awards

Deadline (LOI): June 1, 2017

Amount: Up to $250,000 for up to 2 years

Number of Awards/Year: N/A

Eligibility: Applications may be submitted by any private or public-sector organization, including any non-profit or for-profit organization or any unit of local, state, or federal government. All US applicant organizations must be recognized by the Internal Revenue Service. Non-domestic components of organizations based in the United States and foreign organizations may apply, as long as there is demonstrable benefit to the US healthcare system, and US efforts in the area of patient-centered research can be clearly shown. Organizations may submit multiple applications for funding.

Individuals are not permitted to apply.

These awards support projects that encourage active integration of patients, caregivers, clinicians, and other healthcare stakeholders as integral members of the patient-centered outcomes research/clinical effectiveness research (PCOR/CER) enterprise.

PCORI will fund applications that fall into one or more of the following categories:

- Knowledge Awards will provide insight into the decisions patients and other stakeholders face when seeking healthcare treatments and will help us better understand where there are gaps in usable, understandable PCOR/CER information about healthcare treatments.
- Training and Development Awards will equip individuals, teams, and organizations with the skills necessary to meaningfully participate in PCOR/CER as partners throughout the research process.
- Dissemination Awards will support organizations with strong ties to end-user audiences to prepare to disseminate and implement PCOR/CER results.

III. Education, Humanities, and Social & Behavioral Sciences

17. National Center for Responsible Gambling

Research on Gambling Disorders

Seed Grant

Deadline: August 1, 2017

Amount: Up to $30,000 for 1 year

Number of Awards/Year: N/A

Domestic or international, public or private, non-profit or for-profit organizations are eligible to apply for NCRG funding. The Principal Investigator must have a PhD, MD or other terminal degree.

Support a variety of research activities such as:

- Pilot and feasibility studies
- Secondary analysis of existing data
- Small, self-contained research projects
- Development of research methodology
• Development of new research technology

**Large Grant**

**Deadline (LOI):** June 1, 2017  
**Amount:** Up to $75,000 over 2 years  
**Number of Awards/Year:**

**Eligibility:** Domestic or international, public or private, non-profit or for-profit organizations are eligible to apply for NCRG funding. The Principal Investigator (PI) must have a PhD, MD or other terminal degree.

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**18. Louisville Institute**

**First Book Grant Program for Minority Scholars**  
**Deadline:** January 15, 2018  
**Amount:** Up to $40,000  
**Number of Grants/Year:** 2-5  
**Eligibility:** Applicants must:

- Be members of a racial/ethnic minority group,  
- Have an earned doctoral degree (normally the Ph.D. or Th.D.),  
- Be a pre-tenured faculty member in a full-time, tenure-track position at an accredited institution of higher education (seminary, college, or university) in the United States or Canada,  
- Be able to negotiate a full academic year free from teaching and committee responsibilities, and  
- Be engaged in a scholarly research project leading to the publication of their first (or second) book, focusing on some aspect of Christianity in North America.

Louisville Institute’s First Book Grant Program for Minority Scholars (FBM) assists junior, non-tenured religion scholars of color to complete a major research project on an issue in North American Christianity related to the priorities of the Louisville Institute. All too often such scholars are asked to assume a heavy set of institutional responsibilities that can make it more difficult to complete the scholarly work necessary to secure tenure. FBM enables scholars to spend an entire academic year devoted to that research project while free of other professional responsibilities. Louisville Institute seeks to identify and support scholars of color whose academic work is in conversation with church leaders and shows promise to strengthen their faith communities.

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**19. Online Computer Library Center (OCLC)**

**Library Information Science Research Grant Program (LISRGP)**  
**Deadline:**  
**Amount:** Up to $25,000 for 1 year  
**Number of Grants/Year:** N/A  
**Eligibility:** Full-time academic faculty in schools of library and information science or related fields are eligible to apply. OCLC encourages international proposals and collaborative projects under this program. To aid new researchers, priority will be given when possible to proposals from junior faculty and applicants who have not previously received LISRGP funds. Proposals must be signed by the principal investigator, by the dean/director (or equivalent) of the school, and by an authorized official of the university.

The overall goal is to promote independent research, particularly work helping to integrate new technologies that offer innovative approaches, and research that contributes to a better understanding of the information environment and user expectations and behaviors. We will prioritize submissions that integrate diversity, inclusion and equity aspects into these research areas.

Our intent is to create access and minimize barriers for people from a broad range of backgrounds who will add value to our professional communities. Grant awards range up to $25,000 and support one-year research projects. Research related, but not limited, to the following areas is encouraged:

- Impact of digital technology on libraries, museums, and archives  
- Social media, learning, and information-seeking behavior
• New developments in knowledge organization (metadata, social tagging, linked data, etc.)

20. Templeton Prize
Deadline: June 1, 2017
Amount: $1,418,340
Number of Grants/Year: 1
Eligibility: Men and women of any creed, profession, or national origin may be nominated for the Templeton Prize. The distinguished roster of previous winners includes representatives of Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism, but also others as well. The Prize has been awarded to scientists, philosophers, theologians, members of the clergy, philanthropists, writers, and reformers, for work that has ranged from the creation of new religious orders and social-spiritual movements to human sciences scholarship, to research about the fundamental questions of existence, purpose and the origins of the universe.

The Templeton Prize honors a living person who has made an exceptional contribution to affirming life's spiritual dimension, whether through insight, discovery, or practical works. The Prize aims to identify "entrepreneurs of the spirit"-outstanding individuals who have devoted their talents to expanding our vision of human purpose and ultimate reality. The Prize celebrates no particular faith tradition or notion of God, but rather the quest for progress in humanity's efforts to comprehend the many and diverse manifestations of the Divine. Nominations are especially encouraged in the fields of:

• Research in the human sciences, life sciences, and physical sciences.
• Scholarship in philosophy, theology, and other areas of the humanities.
• Practice, including religious leadership, the creation of organizations that edify and inspire examples of "Spiritual Progress"; and the development of new schools of thought - most specifically in the Foundation core themes presented above.

21. U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Standard Grants
Deadline: July 14, 2017
Amount: $100,001-$1,000,000 for 2 years
Number of Grants/Year: 45-50
Eligibility: Private and public institutions are eligible.
Supports public-private partnerships carrying out projects in Canada, the United States, and Mexico. These projects must involve long-term projection, restoration, and/or enhancement of wetlands and associated uplands habitats. In Mexico, projects may also include technical training, environmental education and outreach, organizational infrastructure development, and sustainable-use studies. In the United States, projects that further the goals of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) are generally supported. These projects must involve long-term protection, restoration, and/or enhancement of wetlands and associated uplands habitats for the benefit of all wetlands-associated migratory birds.

IV. Fellowships
Please note: CFR cannot assist with fellowships that are not funneled through OGCA.

22. Social Science Research Council (SSRC) and Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership (CGP)
Abe Fellowship
The Abe Fellowship is designed to encourage international multidisciplinary research on topics of pressing global concern. The program seeks to foster the development of a new generation of researchers who are interested in policy-relevant topics of long-range importance and who are willing to become key members of a bilateral and global research network built around such topics. It strives especially to promote a new level of intellectual cooperation between the Japanese and American academic and
professional communities committed to and trained for advancing global understanding and problem solving.

Applications are welcome from scholars and nonacademic research professionals. The objectives of the program are to foster high quality research in the social sciences and related disciplines, to build new collaborative networks of researchers around the four thematic foci of the program, to bring new data and new data resources to the attention of those researchers, and to obtain from them a commitment to a comparative or transnational line of inquiry.

Successful applicants will be those individuals whose work and interests match these program goals. Abe Fellows are expected to demonstrate a long-term commitment to these goals by participating in program activities over the course of their careers. Applicants are invited to submit proposals for research in the social sciences and related disciplines relevant to any one or any combination of the four themes below. The themes are:

1) Threats to Personal, Societal, and International Security
Especially welcome topics include food, water, and energy insecurity; pandemics; climate change; disaster preparedness, prevention, and recovery; and conflict, terrorism, and cyber security.

2) Growth and Sustainable Development
Especially welcome topics include global financial stability, trade imbalances and agreements, adjustment to globalization, climate change and adaptation, and poverty and inequality.

3) Social, Scientific, and Cultural Trends and Transformations
Especially welcome topics include aging and other demographic change, benefits and dangers of reproductive genetics, gender and social exclusion, expansion of STEM education among women and under-represented populations, migration, rural depopulation and urbanization, impacts of automation on jobs, poverty and inequality, and community resilience.

4) Governance, Empowerment, and Participation
Especially welcome topics include challenges to democratic institutions, participatory governance, human rights, the changing role of NGO/NPOs, the rise of new media, and government roles in fostering innovation.

Eligibility

- This competition is open to citizens of the United States and Japan as well as to nationals of other countries who can demonstrate strong and serious long-term affiliations with research communities in Japan or the United States.
- Applicants must hold a PhD or the terminal degree in their field, or have attained an equivalent level of professional experience at the time of application.
- Previous language training is not a prerequisite for this fellowship. However, if the research project requires language ability, the applicant should provide evidence of adequate proficiency to complete the project.
- Applications from researchers in professions other than academia are encouraged with the expectation that the product of the fellowship will contribute to the wider body of knowledge on the topic specified.
- Projects proposing to address key policy issues or seeking to develop a concrete policy proposal must reflect nonpartisan positions.

Request Support from CFR!

The CFR Support Request Form is organized to reflect the order and type of information that most foundations look for in their grant applications. It can help you better frame your ideas and create a more consistent structure for your letter of intent (LOI) or funding request. Follow the link and get started today!
Tips for Grant Writing!

Please read "100 Words That Kill Your Proposal," by Bob Lohfeld. This article will help you avoid some of the most common mistakes that weaken a proposal.

Look at "Why Academics Have a Hard Time Writing Good Grant Proposals" to better understand the contrast between traditional academic writing and grant proposals.

Also check out "How to Fail at Grant Writing," an article in The Chronicle of Higher Education, written by UMass faculty successful at obtaining grants.

For more help, and a step-by-step walk through, read Texas Instruments' "Successful Grant Writing Strategies."

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