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I. Engineering, Science & Medical
1. American Academy of Family Physicians  
Joint Grant Awards Program (JGAP)  
Deadline: January 9, 2018  
Amount: Up to $50,000 over 2 years  
**Number of Grants/Year:** 2-5  
**Eligibility:** The principal investigator must be a Family Medicine researcher (a clinician or PhD). The principal investigator or one of the co-investigators must be a member of the AAFP. Priority is given to new researchers or those who mentor new investigators on the research team.

The following may apply:

- Individual family physicians
- Family Medicine organizations or associations
- Family Medicine residency programs
- Department of Family Medicine
- Education and health care institutions or organizations that will use the JGAP support exclusively for research projects directly involving and impacting Family Medicine

The JGAP funds research projects that have significant relevancy to Family Medicine.

2. American Gastroenterological Association (AGA)  
Research Scholar Award (RSA)  
Deadline: September 8, 2017  
Amount: $270,000 over 3 years  
**Number of Grants/Year:** 5  
**Eligibility:**

- Candidates for this award must hold an MD, PhD or equivalent degree (e.g. MB, ChB, MBBS, DO) and a full-time faculty position at a North American institution by the start date of this award.
  - MD (or equivalent): No more than seven years shall have elapsed following the completion of clinical training (GI fellowship or its equivalent) and the start date of this award.
  - PhD (or equivalent): No more than seven years shall have elapsed following the awarding of the PhD degree and the start date of this award.
  - An appropriately documented parental leave of absence will not be counted toward the above seven-year eligibility criteria. Exceptional circumstances may also be considered.
- Candidates must be an AGA member in good standing at the time of application submission. AGA membership must be maintained throughout the three-year duration of the award.
- Women, minorities and physician/scientist investigators are strongly encouraged to apply.

The objective of the Research Scholar Award (RSA) is to support young gastroenterologists working toward independent and productive research careers in digestive diseases by ensuring that a major proportion of their time is protected for research (i.e. a minimum of 75 percent effort dedicated to the proposed project). The award will support young faculty (not fellows) who have demonstrated exceptional promise and have some record of accomplishment in research.

3. Benign Essential Blepharospasm Research Foundation (BEBRF)  
Blepharospasm/Meige Research Proposals  
Deadline: August 31, 2017  
Amount: Up to $100,000 over up to 2 years  
**Number of Grants/Year:** 2-5  
**Eligibility:**

- M.D. or Ph.D. required for principal investigator
- Non-U.S. citizens, working at institutions abroad are also eligible to apply for a research grant
• Research proposals must relate specifically to benign essential blepharospasm and Meige to include new treatments, pathophysiology and genetics, photophobia and dry eye.

Funds are available for support of research directly related to blepharospasm or Meige’s Syndrome, both forms of cranial dystonia.

4. **Concern Foundation**

**Conquer Cancer Now Award**

**Deadline (LOI):** September 7, 2017  
**Amount:** $120,000 over 2 years  
**Number of Grants/Year:** 20  
**Eligibility:** Grants are awarded to independent investigators who are at the start of their scientific career (i.e., junior faculty) and are at the level of Assistant Professor (or equivalent with explanation). A letter from the applicant's Department Chair is required and should attest to: 1) the applicant's faculty status, 2) the applicant's status as an independent investigator, 3) institutional support in terms of stand-alone laboratory space and startup funds, and 4) percent protected time devoted to research as junior faculty. This letter needs to accompany the initial Letter of Intent and (if selected) also uploaded with the full proposal. Priority is given to proposals from independent investigators who have yet to obtain significant funding for their work. Concern Foundation accepts grant applications from institutions in the United States and abroad. U.S. citizenship is not a requirement.

Given to young and innovative cancer researchers focused on cancer genetics, cancer biology, and cancer immunology.

5. **The Desmoid Tumor Research Foundation**

**New Investigators**

**Deadline:** January 12, 2018  
**Amount:** Up to $30,000 for 1 year  
**Number of Grants/Year:** Up to 10  
**Eligibility:** MD, PhD, or equivalent degree, and sponsorship by an Exempt Organization as defined by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Sponsoring Institution"). Individuals with an academic rank of Instructor, Assistant Professor or Associate Professor who have not previously received funding for independent research directed at desmoid tumors are encouraged to apply.

The purpose of the RFP is to fund early stage research that will explore new approaches to advance the current scientific knowledge about desmoid tumors, resulting in the development of new treatment options and bringing us closer to a cure. Specifically, this RFP seeks applications from young investigators (at the rank of Associate Professor or below) who are new to desmoid tumor research and need seed funding to gather preliminary data to enable the applicant to apply for funding to support a more fully developed line of research in the future.

6. **Facioscapulohumeral Muscular Dystrophy (FSHD) Society**

**Research Grant**

**Deadline (LOI):** August 31, 2017  
**Amount:** Up to $125,000 over 1 year  
**Number of Grants/Year:** 8-12  
**Eligibility:** Each applicant for a graduate or postdoctoral fellowship must submit at least three references who are acquainted with the applicant's relevant experience. Please use the reference sheet included with each grant application form. Senior researchers should provide letters of collaboration or support

General areas of interest include - tissue, cell and molecular biology studies of FSHD, the development of animal models for FSHD, biomarkers and outcomes measurements and clinical trials readiness. Proposals are sought for research that helps with understanding of the genetic, pathophysiological, neuromuscular and developmental mechanisms of the disease. Further, there is interest in the development of cell, small-molecule and gene therapy, genomic engineering technologies and other therapeutic programs that may arise from that understanding.
7. Gerber Foundation

Pediatric Research Projects
Deadline (LOI): December 1, 2017
Amount: Up to $350,000 over 3 years
Number of Grants/Year: 10-15

Eligibility: Organizations recognized as tax-exempt under Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3) are eligible to apply for Foundation grants. Public governmental institutions such as universities are included in this definition. Organizations must also be determined not to be private foundations under Internal Revenue Code 509. No grants are made to individuals. With few exceptions, only organizations with principal operations in the United States and its territories are eligible for funding. Within the United States, there is no geographic limitation to the Foundation's grantmaking.

The Foundation is particularly interested in fresh approaches to solving common, everyday problems or emerging issues within our defined focus area. Projects should focus on issues faced by care providers that, when implemented, will improve the health, nutrition and/or developmental outcomes for infants and young children. The board is particularly looking for practical solutions that can be easily and rapidly implemented on a broad scale with a predictable time frame to clinical application.

Major target areas for research include:

- New diagnostic tools that may be more rapid, more specific, more sensitive, less invasive
- New treatment regimens that are improved or novel, less stressful or painful, more targeted, have less side effects, provide optimal dosing
- Symptom relief
- Preventative measures
- Assessment of deficiencies or excesses (vitamins, minerals, drugs, etc.)
- Risk assessment tools or measures for environmental hazards, trauma, etc.

8. Gilead Research Scholars

Hematology/Oncology Program
Deadline: September 8, 2017
Amount: $130,000 over 2 years
Number of Grants/Year: 2-3

Eligibility: Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Hold an MD, DO, PhD, or equivalent degree at time of award
- Be within 5 years of initial faculty appointment in association with an academic research institution in the United States or Canada at the time of application
- Have a strong career interest in hematology/oncology, with a focus on hematologic malignancies
- Have a research mentor with extensive experience in the field of hematology/oncology, with a focus on hematologic malignancies
- Be able to devote at least 50% of professional time to research (versus administrative, patient care, or teaching responsibilities)
- Be able to complete the proposed research within the 2-year award period, providing evidence (manuscript, presentation, or abstracts) for future research projects

The mission of the Gilead Sciences Research Scholars Program in Hematology/Oncology is to support innovative scientific research that will advance knowledge in the field of hematology/oncology, with a focus on hematologic malignancies, and provide support for research career development. Gilead Sciences, Inc. hopes that the research supported by these awards will enhance understanding in hematology/oncology.

9. International Team for Implantology (ITI)

Research Grant Program
Small Grant (SG)
Deadline: August 31, 2017
Amount: Up to $49,505
Number of Grants/Year: N/A
Eligibility: Grants are normally only awarded to applicants who are affiliated with an academic institution. As a general policy, research grant money is transferred to university accounts/accounts of academic institutions only. Particularly relevant projects submitted by non-affiliated applicants will, however, be considered by the ITI Research Committee.

This grant is primarily intended for research proposals submitted by newer investigators who have been working within established groups and wish to expand their scope and level of responsibility or want to establish a track record in implant dentistry. This may be by pursuing their own research interests or by building up their own research group.

Large Grant (LG)
Deadline: August 31, 2017
Amount: Up to $198,020
Number of Grants/Year: N/A
Eligibility: Grants are normally only awarded to applicants who are affiliated with an academic institution. As a general policy, research grant money is transferred to university accounts/accounts of academic institutions only. Particularly relevant projects submitted by non-affiliated applicants will, however, be considered by the ITI Research Committee.

This grant type will be awarded only to experienced researchers or research groups that have established a reputation for credibility and thoroughness in the field as demonstrated by a continuous publication record in internationally recognized, peer-reviewed journals.

10. National Blood Foundation (NBF)
Early-Career Scientific Research Grants Program
Deadline: December 1, 2017
Amount: Up to $75,000 over 2 years
Number of Grants/Year: 5-6
Eligibility:

- An applicant must be a doctor (MD or PhD), medical technologist, transfusion medicine or cellular therapies professional. All applicants will be considered regardless of age, race, gender, national origin or religion.
- The NBF accepts national and international early-career applicants.
- No candidate is eligible to receive more than one NBF grant over the course of their career.

NBF will award grants for investigator-initiated original research focused on any aspect of blood banking, transfusion medicine, cellular therapies, or patient blood management.

Research Content Areas:

- Immunology
  - Alloimmunization, immune modulation, and tolerance
  - Animal models for the study of graft-vs-host disease
  - Biology of autoimmune hemolytic anemia
- Hematology
  - Autologous and allogeneic stem cell transplants
  - Detection of residual disease following stem cell transplants
  - Effects of growth factors in vitro and in vivo
  - Biochemistry of coagulation factors
- Immunohematology
  - Blood group serology
  - Biochemistry of red cell antigens
  - Molecular genetics of the blood groups
- Infectious Diseases
  - Studies on Lyme disease, West Nile Virus, SARS and babesiosis and other emerging diseases
  - Effect of allogeneic transfusion in HIV-infected and immunocompromised patients
  - Improved detection of transfusion - transmitted diseases
• Cellular Therapies
  ○ Cell separation, cell culture or expansion studies for cell therapy applications
  ○ Development of novel cell therapies or assays to measure cell viability or function
  ○ Pilot studies in regenerative medicine
  ○ Studies on mechanisms or roles of cells in stem cell transplantation
  ○ Studies on cytokines or growth factors involved in stem cell differentiation

• Patient Blood Management
  ○ Treatment of pre-admission anemia and bleeding tendencies;
  ○ Intraoperative/postoperative blood recovery; Surgical hemostasis;
  Appropriate indications for transfusion; Changing physician behaviors;
  Blood utilization review.

11. National Multiple Sclerosis Society
Collaborative MS Research Centers
Deadline: September 6, 2017
Amount: Up to $750,000 over 5 years
Number of Grants/Year: N/A
Eligibility:

• Principal Investigator: Each proposal must have a designated principal investigator (PI), holding an M.D., Ph.D., or equivalent degree, who will assume the scientific and administrative oversight for the operation of the collaborative effort. This individual must also be a principal investigator for one of the base funding projects. The PI should be an established, highly qualified scientist with adequate administrative and leadership experience and authority appropriate to managing the collaborative program.

• Co-investigators: In addition to the principal investigator, at least 2 researchers (holding an M.D., Ph.D., or equivalent degree) with appropriate peer-reviewed base funding must be part of the program. To encourage recruitment of researchers into the field of MS, it is required that at least one of the collaborative investigators be conducting research in a non-MS research area.

• Base Funding Requirement: At the time of application, and during the course of the entire funding period, the eligible research collaborative group must be comprised of at least 3 separate, independently funded investigators (with full peer-reviewed research grants providing the base funding level). At least two of the independent investigators, and their base funding research, must be related to the goals of the National MS Society. During the term of the award, the principal investigator must inform the National MS Society at the time that the base funding level falls below the minimum requirement.

• Eligible Institutions: The awardee institution is where the principal investigator is located, and is the recipient of the funds. The awardee institution must be located in the United States and must be a non-profit research and/or clinical institution such as a university, college, hospital, or laboratory. Collaborative research among investigators within a given institution, or among investigators from different institutions will be considered, and if the latter, a subcontract may be included in the budget from the awardee institution. Subcontracts to institutions in any country are allowable. Steps to ensure coordination and communication among investigators must be specified. An institution can be the recipient of only one Collaborative Center Award from the National MS Society at any given time.

The Society welcomes applications for support of Collaborative MS Research Centers that will help stimulate collaboration and interaction in MS research among independent investigators, strengthen the ties between basic and clinical research, and stimulate recruitment of researchers from other fields into MS research. This will serve to leverage already available research support by stimulating and sustaining interdisciplinary collaborations, by developing new ideas and discoveries, and by attracting more high-caliber investigators to the MS field.
**12. National Spasmodic Dysphonia Association (NSDA)**

**New Investigator Startup Grants**
- **Deadline:** August 31, 2017
- **Amount:** Up to $50,000
- **Number of Grants/Year:** N/A
- **Eligibility:** New investigator and post-doctoral projects are eligible to apply.

The NSDA is interested in hypothesis-driven research related to new approaches aimed at increasing understanding of Spasmodic Dysphonia that focuses on the following areas:

- Endogenous and environmental risk factors for the development of Spasmodic Dysphonia
- Pathophysiology of central nervous system dysfunction in Spasmodic Dysphonia
- Animal models for Spasmodic Dysphonia
- Novel approaches to the treatment of Spasmodic Dysphonia
- Diagnostic tools for Spasmodic Dysphonia
- Controlled studies of treatment outcomes in Spasmodic Dysphonia

**13. Oxalosis & Hyperoxaluria Foundation (OHF)**

**Research Grant Program**
- **Deadline:** November 1, 2017
- **Amount:** $200,000 for up to 2 years
- **Number of Grants/Year:** N/A
- **Eligibility:**

  - Applicants must hold a MD, PhD. or equivalent by the time of the start of the funding period and have an appointment at an academic institution.
  - Compliance with local and federal statutes and regulations of the country of origin must be met.
  - Revised grant applications submitted require a 2-page introduction addressing the Reviewers’ comments from the prior review of the grant application.

The OHF seeks to support research that will ultimately lead to new diagnostics, treatments, and a cure for Primary Hyperoxaluria and related Hyperoxaluria conditions.

**14. PhRMA Foundation**

**Informatics Research Starter Grants**
- **Deadline:** September 1, 2017
- **Amount:** $100,000 over 1 year
- **Number of Grants/Year:** N/A
- **Eligibility:**

  - Applicants will be judged on the scientific merit of the proposed research and degree of financial need
  - Those holding academic rank of assistant professor (or research assistant professor) within a tenure track (or research track) appointment, i.e., not instructor, are eligible to apply for a Research Starter Grant, providing their proposed research is neither directly nor indirectly subsidized to any significant degree by an extramural support mechanism
  - This program is not intended for those in postdoctoral training. However, individuals in postdoctoral training programs scheduled to conclude by January 1, 2017, who will hold an academic appointment by that time may apply
  - Applicants must be sponsored by the department or unit in which the proposed research is to be undertaken
  - Research projects that extend or develop the proprietary value of specific drug products will not be accepted
  - All applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents

The goal of the Informatics program is to promote development and use of novel informatics in an integrative approach toward understanding normal processes of human biology and disease processes. Informatics awards support career development of
scientists engaged in research that significantly integrates state-of-the-art information technology developed with advanced biological, chemical, and pharmacological sciences in the following areas:

- Genetics
  - Molecular
  - Medical (human)
  - Pharmaco
  - Population
- Genomics
  - Functional
  - Structural
  - Toxico-
  - Pharmaco-
  - Comparative
- Systems Biology
  - Pathways and networks
  - Integrative biology
  - Modeling and simulation
- Molecular Epidemiology
  - Proteomics

Informatics Sabbatical Research
Deadline: September 1, 2017
Amount: $40,000 for up to 1 year
Number of Grants/Year: N/A
Eligibility:
Eligible applicants must:

- Hold a Ph.D., Pharm.D., M.D. or Sc.D. degree in a field of study logically or functionally related to the proposed post doctoral activities
- Hold a faculty appointment that presents eligibility for sabbatical leave from their institution
- Have institutional approval of a sabbatical plan that includes partial salary matching the PhRMA Foundation stipend
- Have an endorsement from a mentor who agrees to sponsor the applicant's visiting scientist activity
- Eligible candidates will have approval for sabbatical leave from their institution and a commitment from the research mentor who will host them at the visiting institution.
- The applicant and mentor of the program must describe how the multidisciplinary goals of the research experiential program will be accomplished, and provide assurance that key collaborating mentors endorse and are willing to support the plan
- Matching funds must be provided by the institution
- All applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents

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- Genetics Proteomics
- Molecular Systems Biology
- Medical (human) Pathways and Networks
- Pharmaco- Integrative Biology
- Population Modeling and Simulation
- Novel approaches to the analysis of Big Data

Genomics Molecular Epidemiology

- Functional
- Structural
- Toxico-
- Pharmac-
- Comparative

**Pharmaceutics Research Starter Grants**  
**Deadline:** September 1, 2017  
**Amount:** $100,000 over 1 year  
**Number of Grants/Year:** N/A  
**Eligibility:**

- Applicants must be from Ph.D. and/or MS degree granting institutions  
- Those holding the academic rank of Assistant Professor (or Research Assistant Professor) within a tenure track (or Research track) appointment, or Instructor, if eligible to apply for independent research funding by their institution, are eligible to apply for these research starter grants, providing their proposed research is neither directly nor indirectly already being subsidized to any significant degree by an extramural support mechanism. Individuals receiving only intramural funding or start-up funding from their institution are eligible to apply for Research Starter Grant awards  
- Applicants will be judged on the scientific merit of the proposed research and degree of financial need  
- Eligible candidates will not have other substantial sources of research funding  
- Research projects that intend to extend or develop the proprietary value of specific drug products will not be accepted  
- All applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

The program aims to offer financial support to individuals beginning independent research careers in pharmaceutics-including basic pharmaceutics, biopharmaceutics, pharmaceutical technology, and pharmaceutical biotechnology—at the faculty level.

**Pharmaceutics Sabbatical Fellowships**  
**Deadline:** September 1, 2017  
**Amount:** $40,000 for up to 1 year  
**Number of Grants/Year:** N/A  
**Eligibility:**

- Eligible applicants must:
  - Hold a Ph.D., Pharm.D., M.D. or Sc.D. degree in a field of study logically or functionally related to the proposed post doctoral activities  
  - Hold a faculty appointment that presents eligibility for sabbatical leave from their institution  
  - Have institutional approval of a sabbatical plan that includes partial salary matching the PhRMA Foundation stipend  
  - Have an endorsement from a mentor who agrees to sponsor the applicant’s visiting scientist activity  
  - Eligible candidates will have approval for sabbatical leave from their institution and a commitment from the research mentor who will host them at the visiting institution.  
  - The applicant and mentor of the program must describe how the multidisciplinary goals of the research experience program will be accomplished, and provide assurance that key collaborating mentors endorse and are willing to support the plan  
  - Matching funds must be provided by the institution  
  - All applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents

The program aims to provide stipend support for individuals engaged in a multidisciplinary research training program that will extend their credentials in pharmaceutics. And to enable faculty with active research programs to work outside of their institutions for a period of six months to one year to learn new skills or develop collaborations that will enhance their research and research training capabilities.

**Pharmacology/Toxicology Research Starter Grant**  
**Deadline:** September 1, 2017  
**Amount:** $100,000 over 1 year  
**Number of Grants/Year:** N/A
Eligibility:

- Those holding the academic rank of Assistant Professor (or Research Assistant Professor) within a tenure track (or Research track) appointment, or Instructor, if eligible to apply for independent research funding by their institution, are eligible to apply for these research starter grants, providing their proposed research is neither directly nor indirectly already being subsidized to any significant degree by an extramural support mechanism. Individuals receiving only intramural funding or start-up funding from their institution are eligible to apply for Research Starter Grant awards.
- Applicants may apply from any department but the successful applicant will have a proposed project that is pharmacological in nature, and share evidence that they have formal training in pharmacology/toxicology (e.g. Ph.D. or postdoctoral training in pharmacology, including pharmacology methods).
- Applicants for a Research Starter Grant should be on a tenure track appointment or the equivalent at institutions that do not have tenure tracks.

Pharmacology/toxicology awards support career development activities of scientists embarking on research that integrates information on molecular or cellular mechanisms of action with information on the effects of an agent observed in an intact organism, in experimental animal or clinical studies or both.

Highest priority will be given to applicants whose research will attempt to integrate information on a drug or chemical's mechanism of action at the molecular or cellular level with a drug's effect in a human or laboratory animal. Applicants should describe the significance of a hypothesis being tested in the context of potential influences of biochemical, physiological, behavioral, or social systems.

These awards intend to encourage multidisciplinary training to apply the perspective of molecular, cell, and systems biology to pharmacology and toxicology research. Their scope includes basic drug action studies, detection of cellular responses to drugs at the gene level that create opportunities to optimize individualized drug therapy, and the corresponding evaluation of pharmaceuticals in human and clinical populations.

15. The Research Foundation of Cerebral Palsy Alliance

Project Grant

**Deadline:** August 31, 2017  
**Amount:** Up to $180,000 over 3 years  
**Number of Grants/Year:** 15-20  
**Eligibility:** Projects must address the Research Foundation's priorities to expand cerebral palsy research:

- Aetiology, causal pathways
- Prevention
- Early identification, early intervention
- Novel interventions, novel treatments
- Cure

In the 2017 grants round, we have a special call for applications that address the following research priorities:

1. Cerebral Palsy Pain Management - Projects that propose a new paradigm for solving the significant problem of pain, for people with cerebral palsy. Preference will be given to proposals that utilize team science methodology, collaboration among researchers from diverse scientific fields, and a strong commitment to streamlined translation of basic science to clinical relevance. Priority will also be given to knowledge translation projects that result in improved clinical management of pain.
2. Prevention of cerebral palsy following prematurity in high, middle and low income countries.

Projects not addressing the above mentioned priorities will also be considered. We seek to promote discovery in prevention, cure and best management of cerebral palsy.

16. Scleroderma Foundation
New Investigator Grant
Deadline: September 15, 2017
Amount: Up to $150,000 over 3 years
Number of Grants/Year: Up to 5
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 not eligible. These new investigator grants may not be used to support thesis or dissertation research or fellowship training. Applicants must have a doctoral degree in Medicine, Osteopathy, Veterinary Medicine or one of the sciences; and must have completed a postdoctoral fellowship by the grant award date. Applicants who have been a principal investigator on grants from the Scleroderma Foundation or other national, private or government agencies other than fellowship grants are not eligible for this award.

The Scleroderma Foundation seeks applications from promising new investigators who hold faculty or equivalent positions and who wish to pursue a career in research related to scleroderma. This grant supports promising research that is likely to lead to individual research project grants.

Established Investigator Grant
Deadline: September 15, 2017
Amount: Up to $150,000 over 2 years
Number of Grants/Year: Up to 5
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.

The Scleroderma Foundation 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.

17. Stand Up to Cancer (SU2C)
Dream Team Translational Cancer Research Grant
Deadline (LOI): September 5, 2017
Amount: $10,000,000
Number of Grants/Year: N/A
Eligibility: To maximize creativity, innovation, and collaboration, the Dream Team must include laboratory and clinical researchers, senior and/or young investigators, and senior scientists who have not worked together in the past.

The SU2C Dream Team Translational Cancer Research Grant will fund a translational cancer research project that will address critical problems in patient care and deliver near-term patient benefit through investigation by a multidisciplinary, multi-institutional, collaborative Dream Team of expert investigators, according to the “Call for Ideas” issued to the scientific community.

The ideas may focus on particular organ sites, patient populations (such as pediatrics), or on innovative methods of treatment. Projects must be designed to accelerate the application of new preventive, diagnostic, or therapeutic approaches to the clinic that lead to patient involvement within 2-3 years from the beginning of the grant. Proposals for a Dream Team research project must present plans indicating how the work will be translated into the clinic. The ideas should be based on perceived opportunities for success as well as high-priority areas with a critical need for rapid progress beyond current medical care.

II. Nursing & Public Health
18. **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**

Evidence for Action (E4A): Investigator-Initiated Research to Build a Culture of Health

*Deadline (LOI): Rolling*
*Amount: N/A*

**Number of Grants/Year: 30-50**

**Eligibility:** Preference will be given to applicant organizations that are either institutes of higher education, public entities or nonprofit organizations that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code but other types of nonprofit and for-profit organizations are eligible to apply. Applicant organizations must be based in the United States or its territories.

Evidence for Action (E4A), a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, funds research that expands the evidence base needed to build a Culture of Health. Our mission is to support rigorously designed quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods research that yields convincing findings regarding the population health, well-being, and equity impacts of specific policies, programs and partnerships. We are especially interested in research examining the health impacts of programmatic or policy interventions that address factors outside the domain of health care services or public health practice.

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### III. Education, Humanities, and Social & Behavioral Sciences

19. **College Art Association (CAA)**

*Terra Foundation for American Art International Publication Grant*

*Deadline (LOI): September 15, 2017*
*Amount: Up to $15,000*

**Number of Grants/Year: Up to 10**

**Eligibility:** Grants are available to nonprofit or commercial publishers.

The Terra Foundation for American Art International Publication Grant supports book-length scholarly manuscripts in the history of American art, visual studies, and related subjects that are under contract with a publisher. For this grant program, "American art" is defined as art (circa 1500-1980) of what is now the geographic United States. Grants are made in three distinct categories:

- Grants to US publishers for manuscripts considering American art in an international context
- Grants to non-US publishers for manuscripts on topics in American art
- Grants for the translation of books on topics in American art to or from English.

20. **Spencer Foundation**

*Lyte Spencer Research Award*

*Deadline (LOI): October 12, 2017*
*Amount: $100,000-$1,000,000*

**Number of Grants/Year: 10-15**

**Eligibility:**

- Principal Investigators (PIs) and Co-PIs applying for a Lytle Spencer Research Award must have an earned doctorate in an academic discipline or professional field, or appropriate experience in an education research-related profession.
- The PI must be affiliated with a college, university, school district, non-profit research facility, or non-profit cultural institution that is willing to serve as the administering organization if the grant is awarded. The Spencer Foundation does not award grants directly to individuals.
- Proposals are accepted from the U.S. and internationally, however all proposals must be submitted in English and budgets must be proposed in U.S. Dollars.
The program's aim is to support intellectually ambitious, large-scale education research projects. A significant share of the successful proposals funded under this initiative will fall into one of three broad categories.

- **Instructional Practice** - studies that focus more or less directly on teaching and learning processes themselves, at the classroom level (or in instructional settings outside classrooms).
- **Educational Infrastructure** - studies that pay attention to the larger policy and institutional environments within which educational transactions take place. A key interest is attention to the conceptual and empirical links between elements of the infrastructure and the actual character of educational practice. Studies that aim at better understanding how different ways of defining, measuring, and rewarding teacher performance affect teachers’ professional goals, time use, and understanding of success would fall into this category.
- **Research Infrastructure** - studies that help develop research tools that can support advancing the kinds of research identified by the foundation. The development of improved measurement tools, stronger theoretical frameworks and analytical methods, and the development of new databases and the archiving of databases - none of these will make educational practice better today, but advances on these fronts are essential to that lasting improvement in education sought by the foundation.

**21. Temper of the Times Foundation, Inc.**

Applications for Environmental Marketing Expenses

Deadline: December 15, 2017

Amount: $5,000-$15,000

Number of Grants/Year: 10-15

Eligibility: Temper of the Times Foundation provides funds only to nonprofit organizations classified as 501(c)(3) public charities by the Internal Revenue Service. The Foundation does not provide grants to individuals, for-profit organizations, or government agencies.

Awards are given to support projects that will lead to measurable outcomes for wildland ecosystem conservation and restoration in the U.S. Grants may be used to fund the production of print, radio, or television ads, to pay for advertising space or airtime, or to produce or distribute pamphlets, books, videos, or press packets. Because grants are for wildland ecosystem advertising campaigns, not for general organizational support, they may not be used to cover costs associated with the production of organization newsletters, membership campaigns, or for staff salaries.

**IV. Fellowships**

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

**22. American Psychological Association**

*Abe Fellowship Program*

Deadline: September 1, 2017

Amount: N/A

Number of Grants/Year: 10-15

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.

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.

23. The Dorothy and Lewis B. Cullman Center for Scholars and Writers
Cullman Center Fellowship
Deadline: September 29, 2017
Amount: Up to $70,000
Number of Grants/Year: 15
Eligibility: Foreign nationals conversant in English are welcome to apply. Candidates who need to work primarily in The New York Public Library’s other research libraries-the Library for the Performing Arts, the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, and the Science, Industry and Business Library—are not eligible for this fellowship, nor are people seeking funding for research leading directly to a degree.

The Dorothy and Lewis B. Cullman Center for Scholars and Writers is an international fellowship program open to people whose work will benefit directly from access to the collections at the Stephen A. Schwarzman Building—including academics, independent scholars, and creative writers (novelists, playwrights, poets). The Center appoints 15 Fellows a year for a nine-month term at the Library, from September through May. In addition to working on their own projects, the Fellows engage in an ongoing exchange of ideas within the Center and in public forums throughout the Library.

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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