We're here to assist you!

The Office of Corporate and Foundation Relations (CFR) assists UMass faculty and staff with non-governmental, institutional grant opportunities. For more information on the types of assistance we provide, please visit the Services page on our website.

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. American Gastroenterological Association (AGA)
AGA-Elsevier Pilot Research Award
The award supports a recipient at any career stage performing research in gastroenterology- or hepatology-related areas.
**Deadline:** January 12, 2018
**Amount:** $25,000 over 1 year
**Number of Grants/Year:** 2
**Eligibility:**
- Candidates for this award must hold an MD, PhD, or equivalent degree (e.g., MBChB, MBBS, DO) and a full-time faculty position at an accredited North American institution.
- AGA membership is required at the time of application submission.
- Women and minorities are strongly encouraged to apply.

The objective of the pilot research award is to provide funds to early career investigators to help establish their research careers, or to support projects that represent new research directions for established investigators.

2. Angelman Syndrome Foundation (ASF)
Research Grant
**Deadline:** April 15, 2018
**Amount:** Up to $200,000 over 2 years
**Number of Grants/Year:** 5
**Eligibility:** Researchers from all countries are encouraged to apply.

Highest priority will be given to pilot projects to test new ideas about pathogenesis and therapeutics of Angelman syndrome, translational research and clinical research studies. Of particular interest to the ASF are studies related to communication, behavioral issues and identification of issues and treatments that impact the daily life of people with Angelman syndrome and their families.

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 form 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 Desmoid Tumor Research Foundation, Inc. (DTRF)
General RFP
The DTRF funds research that will advance the current scientific knowledge about desmoid tumors, moving toward the development of new treatment options and bringing us closer to a cure.

**New Investigators**

**Deadline:** January 12, 2018  
**Amount:** Up to $30,000 over 1 year  
**Number of Grants/Year:** 2-4  
**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 New Investigators Grant 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 our ultimate goal — 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. Researchers must be willing to collaborate with other scientists and institutions with similar interests.

**5. Friedrich's Ataxia Research Alliance (FARA)**

**General Research Grant**

Supports research through funding competitive grants, promoting collaboration among scientist advocating for public-private partnerships that support drug discover, drug development and clinical research and hosting open forums for leading scientists to share their insights, ideas, and challenges to advancing treatments for Friedrich's Ataxia (FA).  
**Deadline (LOI):** February 1, 2018  
**Amount:** Up to $300,000 over 2 years  
**Number of Grants/Year:** N/A  
**Eligibility:** FARA encourages applications from junior investigators and young clinicians. FARA does not explicitly award junior investigator or training grants, but encourages early-stage researchers to apply through FARA grants appropriate for the type of research proposed.

Grants are awarded to:

- Advance understanding of neuroscience / neuro systems - understanding the neurodegeneration of FA and implications for therapies
- Advance drug discovery  
  - Highest priority in this category will be given to genetic, epigenetic and protein approaches that target increasing frataxin levels
- Facilitate the drug development process and translational research so that the most promising discoveries are rapidly brought to treatment trials  
  - Highest priority in this category will be given to IND-enabling studies, biomarker discovery and validation, early phase or pilot clinical studies
- Advance clinical research - natural history, discovery and validation of clinical outcome measures and/or biomarkers, identification of early (including presymptomatic) quantifiable clinical features, patient reported outcomes, investigator-initiated clinical trials, or evidence-based clinical treatment guidelines  
  - Highest priority in this category will be given to clinical research that utilizes or expands resources of the Collaborative Clinical Research
• Reduce the morbidity and mortality caused by cardiac disease in FA

6. The McKnight Foundation

The McKnight Endowment Fund for Neuroscience
Supports innovative research designed to bring science closer to the day when diseases of the brain can be accurately diagnosed, prevented, and treated.

Deadline: January 8, 2018
Amount: $225,000 over 3 years
Number of Grants/Year: 6

Eligibility:
Applicants must have:

• An MD, PhD, or other suitable doctorate
• A record of meritorious research
• Evidence of a commitment to a career in neuroscience
• Full-time appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor, and must have served at that rank for less than four years at the application deadline. Scientists holding other titles such as Research Assistant Professor, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Assistant Professor Research Track, Visiting Professor or Instructor are not eligible, and time spent in service in those ranks does not count against the four years of service for determining eligibility
• No more than four years of experience in an independent faculty position (exceptions may be made to allow for parental leave)
• Documentation that the sponsoring institution has government approval for the applicant to work in the U.S.

These awards were established to encourage emerging neuroscientists to focus on disorders of learning and memory. Applicants for the McKnight Scholar Award must demonstrate interest in solving important problems in relevant areas of neuroscience, including the translation of basic research to clinical neuroscience.

7. Musculoskeletal Transplant Foundation (MTF) Biologics

Clinical Science Grant
Interested in expanding the scientific knowledge relating to allografts, tissue transplantation and biologic reconstruction.

Deadline: February 1, 2018
Amount: Up to $300,000 over 3 years
Number of Grants/Year: N/A

Eligibility: A Clinical Science Investigator is one who has completed all doctoral, residency, and/or fellowship training (for Ph.D.’s and M.D.’s as applicable). The applicant can be from any accredited institution or university.

MTF Biologics is interested in research which investigates clinical outcomes and/or health economics to support allograft use in clinical practice. Proposed studies should have the potential to affect or benefit clinical decision-making related to allografts. Types of studies that MTF Biologics is interested in funding include but are not limited to retrospective clinical studies, prospective clinical studies, data mining or the creation of registry data. Studies investigating health economics should consider overall cost(s) of proposed study groups. Funded clinical studies could be used as a basis for future, more robust grant submissions to other agencies.

MTF Biologics is seeking Clinical Science grant applications on the topics listed below, but other topics related to allograft science will be considered for review and funding.

1. Sports Medicine
2. Pediatric Oncology/General Oncology
3. Limb salvage (via retrospective studies)
4. Placental-derived tissues
5. Adipose-derived tissues
6. Wound Care
7. Diagnostics and treatment algorithms related to the use of allografts
8. Health Economics related to Clinical Outcomes with Allografts
Extramural Research Grant  
**Deadline:** February 1, 2018  
**Amount:** Up to $300,000 over 3 years  
**Number of Grants/Year:** N/A  
**Eligibility:** Interested applicants can apply to either the Junior Investigator track or the Established Investigator track.  
- The Junior Investigator track is a single-year granting program designed to provide support for qualified junior investigators who have not previously received a major grant from a Federal Agency or private Foundation as a Principal Investigator. The applicant can be from any accredited institution or university. These grants are valued at up to $100,000 for one year.  
- The Established Investigator track is a multi-year granting program designed to provide support for qualified experienced investigators who have previously received a major grant from a Federal Agency or a private Foundation as a Principal Investigator. The applicant can be from any accredited institution or university. These grants may be for up to 3 years and are valued at up to $100,000 per year (i.e., up to $300,000 total).  

The objective of this grant is to support translational and basic science research that will assist with moving discoveries to the clinic. Proposed studies should focus on novel research in the fields of allograft transplantation, and/or allograft science, novel uses of allografts, allograft-derived materials or biologic and/or musculoskeletal reconstruction. Studies can be in the fields of orthopaedics, spine, wound care, adipose, the use of placental tissues or novel areas for use of allografts.

8. National Multiple Sclerosis Society  
**Pilot Research Grants**  
**Deadline (LOI):** January 8, 2018  
**Amount:** Up to $40,000 over 1 year  
**Number of Grants/Year:** N/A  
**Eligibility:** Investigators at established research institutions may apply to this program. It is expected that the person indicated as the principal investigator in an application for a grant is the one who is personally and actively responsible for the conduct of the research and who is considered eligible by his or her institution to apply for a research grant. The principal investigator need not be a United States citizen. Applicants are not eligible to apply if they have an existing National MS Society pilot research award that expires later than the application deadline. Applications for Pilot Research Projects under the direction of, or that request stipends for, postdoctoral fellows or for graduate students will not be accepted. Pilot awards must not be used to support dissertation work for a graduate student. Postdoctoral fellows are encouraged to apply for one of the Society's research training programs.

The Society funds high-risk pilot grants to quickly test novel ideas. Funding is provided to test innovative, cutting-edge ideas or untested methods, and to gather sufficient preliminary data to apply for longer-term funding. Applications for studies related to multiple sclerosis (MS) that may serve to advance the Society's mission of stopping MS progression, restoring function and improving quality of life, and preventing MS are welcome. The Society supports fundamental as well as applied studies, non-clinical or clinical in nature, including projects in patient management, care and rehabilitation.

9. The National Pancreas Foundation (NPF)  
**Research Grant**  
**Deadline:** January 31, 2018  
**Amount:** Up to $50,000 over 1 year  
**Number of Grants/Year:** 4-6  
**Eligibility:** Applicants must be employed by an institution engaged in health related research. The applicant further must agree to be supervised by the institution at all times while conducting research supported by the NPF. In cases of a change in institutions while applying for, or utilizing funds from the NPF, applicants must notify the NPF, and will be subject to review based upon the change in circumstances. The research must be in the field of pancreatic diseases. Studies intended to advance knowledge in the areas of pancreatic carcinoma, and all forms of pancreatitis would be the closest to the areas of interest of the NPF. Studies more closely related to diabetes
will not be accepted. If the proposed research is part of a multicenter study or another larger ongoing study, please specify how NPF funds will contribute to the study and why the study could not be completed without NPF funds.

The proposed research must have a direct relevance to the diagnosis and/or treatment of peptic ulcer disease, pancreatic cancer, or other pancreatic diseases.

10. Parkinson's Foundation
Parkinson Study Group (PSG) Mentored Clinical Research Award Program
Deadline: January 12, 2018
Amount: $50,000 over 1 year
Number of Grants/Year: N/A
Eligibility:
- Applicants for the Mentored Clinical Research Award should be clinicians and scientists who are within five years of having completed formal training.
- Fellows may apply. If during formal training unusual circumstances occur delaying completion, "time out" periods will be allowed. Please explain these in the application cover letter.
- Applicants must name a mentor with extensive research experience.
- Either the applicant or the mentor must be a member of the Parkinson Study Group. The applicant may have co-mentors.

The grant supports new investigators for a one-year project in patient-oriented research in Parkinson's or other parkinsonian disorders (PD) under the mentorship of an experienced investigator. Funding an investigator with the potential to become an independent researcher is the award goal.

Clinical Research Award
Deadline (LOI): January 22, 2018
Amount: $400,000 over 2 years
Number of Grants/Year: 2-3
Eligibility: This Award is open to all clinician-scientists who are licensed to care for patients regardless of nationality or location. Physicians must have completed a residency in neurology or be able to justify the relevance of their training pathway is of benefit to people with PD. Allied health professionals must hold an advanced research degree, typically a PhD. All applicants must demonstrate a significant research focus on PD.

The Parkinson's Foundation is sponsoring a research award intended to facilitate the development of clinical scientists. The award supports the research expenses of a clinician scientist whose clinically oriented research involves people living with Parkinson's disease. Clinician scientists of all stages may apply but preference will be given to the support of junior investigators.

11. Whitehall Foundation
Bioscience Research Grants
Deadline (LOI): January 15, 2018
Amount: Up to $225,000 over 3 years
Number of Grants/Year: ~60
Eligibility:
The applicant must meet all three of the following eligibility requirements in order to participate in the application process:

- Appropriate title - must be an Assistant Professor (or higher). If the institution does not use this title, a letter from the department chair confirming the applicant’s eligibility is required.
- Status - must hold Principal Investigator status.
- Independent - must be considered an "independent investigator" with his/her own dedicated lab space or with lab space independent of another investigator.

Research grants are available to established scientists of all ages working at accredited institutions in the United States. Applications will be judged on the scientific merit and the innovative aspects of the proposals as well as on the competence of the applicant.
Research grants will not be awarded to investigators who have already received, or expect to receive, substantial support from other sources, even if it is for an unrelated purpose.

II. Nursing & Public Health

12. Massage Therapy Foundation

Research Grant
Research Grants are awarded to those conducting studies that seek to advance our understanding of specific therapeutic applications of massage, public perceptions of an attitudes toward massage therapy, and the role of massage therapy in health care delivery.

Deadline: March 1, 2018
Amount: Up to $30,000 over 1 year
Number of Grants/Year: 1
Eligibility: The research grant is available to investigators who have experience in the relevant field of research, and are presently associated with or have secured the cooperation of a university, independent research organization, or other institution qualified and willing to function as a sponsoring organization for the purpose of this project.

The grant supports high quality, independent research that contributes to the basic science of massage therapy application, including applied research investigating massage therapy as a health/mental health treatment and/or prevention modality.

13. Paralyzed Veterans of America Education Foundation

Funding for Projects that Improve Lives
Deadline: January 10, 2018
Amount: Up to $50,000 over 1 year
Number of Grants/Year: N/A
Eligibility: Eligible applicants should be members of academic institutions, health care providers and organizations, or consumer advocates and organizations. Grantee institutions must be located in the United States or Canada. However, project directors and fellows are not required to be U.S. or Canadian citizens.

The Education Foundation is focused on funding educational projects that benefit and serve individuals with spinal cord injury and disease (SCI/D), their families and caregivers. The Education Foundation has six topic categories for funding consideration which are: Consumer, Caregiver, and Community Education; Professional Development and Education; Research Utilization and Dissemination; Assistive Technology; Consumer Guides; and Conferences and Symposia. These projects should be designed to improve the quality of life for individuals with SCI/D, educate consumers about the consequences of and complications associated with SCI/D, improve the knowledge and skills of SCI/D health care professionals and to prevent the occurrence and complications of new SCI/D.

III. Education, Humanities, and Social & Behavioral Sciences

14. American Psychological Foundation

John and Polly Sparks Early Career Grant for Psychologists Investigating Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED)
For research in the area of early intervention and treatment for serious emotional disturbance in children.
Deadline: March 15, 2018
Amount: Three grants of up to $20,000 and one grant of up to $18,000
Number of Grants/Year: 4
Eligibility: Applicants must be an early career psychologist (no more than 10 years post-doctoral with a degree from an accredited university).
Supports early career psychologists conducting research in the area of early intervention and treatment for SED in children. The grant is intended to produce scientifically-based research and programs that could provide models for broad-based applications across the country.

15. Center for Retirement Research at Boston College

Steven H. Sandell Grant Program
Deadline: January 31, 2018
Amount: $45,000 over 1 year

Priority areas include:
- Social security
- Macroeconomic analysis of social security
- Wealth and retirement income
- Program interactions
- International research
- Demographic research

16. Impact Fund

The Impact Fund awards grants to legal services nonprofits, private attorneys, and/or small law firms who seek to advance justice in the areas of civil and human rights, environmental justice, and/or poverty law.

Deadline (LOI): January 9, 2018
Amount: Up to $25,000

Social Justice
The impact fund provides grants and legal support to assist in human and civil rights cases. We have helped to change dozens of laws and win cases to improve the rights of thousands.

Environmental Justice
The impact fund provides grants to support impact litigation for environmental justice, with a focus on marginalized communities. These are often cases no one else will support.

Economic Justice
The impact fund provides financial and other forms of support to cases fighting for economic justice. From workers’ rights to consumer protection for vulnerable populations, impact litigation is a powerful tool to hold corporations accountable.

17. The James McKeen Cattell Fund
Deadline: January 15, 2018
Amount: Up to $40,000  
Number of Grants/Year: 3-4  
Eligibility:

1. James McKeen Cattell Fund awards are available to psychologists who are faculty members at colleges and universities in the United States and Canada, and are eligible, according to the regulations of their own institutions, for a sabbatical leave or its equivalent.

2. Candidates are eligible for a Cattell Award if they are currently tenured or will have formal University or College confirmation that they will be tenured by our January 15 submission deadline.

3. Candidates are eligible for a Cattell Award if they have not had a leave with pay for the 5 years preceding the requested sabbatical leave (medical or pregnancy leaves are considered exceptions). For the purposes of this award we consider a leave with pay as any funded leave that allows a faculty member to spend all of their time on research without administrative or teaching responsibilities.

4. Prior recipients of a Cattell Fund Award are not eligible.

5. To be eligible for this year's awards, candidates must begin their sabbatical after July 1, 2017, and must not be on sabbatical at any time during the Academic Year 2016-2017. We fund sabbaticals on an academic year schedule (July-July) and do not fund calendar year sabbaticals (January-January).

6. Recipients are requested to submit to the Secretary/Treasurer a brief report of their activities as soon as possible after the end of their sabbaticals.

Provides funds to supplement the regular sabbatical allowance provided by the recipients' home institutions.

18. Kress Foundation  
Conservation Grants Program  
Support for the professional practice of art conservation, including conservation research, scholarly publications, international conferences and symposia.  
Deadline: January 15, 2018  
Amount: $15,000-$20,000  
Number of Grants/Year: 2-3  
Eligibility: Grants are awarded to non-profit institutions with 501(c) 3 status, based in the United States, including supporting foundations of European institutions.

The Conservation program supports the professional practice of art conservation, especially as it relates to European art of the pre-modern era. Grants are awarded to projects that create and disseminate specialized knowledge, including archival projects, development and dissemination of scholarly databases, documentation projects, exhibitions and publications focusing on art conservation, scholarly publications, and technical and scientific studies. Grants are also awarded for activities that permit conservators and conservation scientists to share their expertise with both professional colleagues and a broad audience through international exchanges, professional meetings, conferences, symposia, consultations, the presentation of research, exhibitions that include a prominent focus on materials and techniques, and other professional events. Support of conservation treatments is generally limited to works from the distributed Kress Collection.

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

19. The Atlantic Philanthropies and the John A. Hartford Foundation  
Health and Aging Policy Fellowship Program  
The goal of the Health and Aging Policy Fellows Program is to provide professionals in health and aging with the experience and skills necessary to help lead the effort to ensure that policies provide the best possible quality of life for all across all dimensions of society, and in doing so, shape a healthy and productive future for older Americans.  
Deadline: April 15, 2018
Amount:

- Residential Fellowships - Up to $100,000 (based on individual’s current base salary)
- Non-Residential Fellowships - Up to $15,000

Number of Grants/Year: 10-15
Eligibility: Applicants at all career stages are eligible to apply. The program has a broad interdisciplinary focus and past fellows have included physicians, nurses, social workers, psychologists, dieticians, healthcare administrators, epidemiologists, economists, and lawyers from academic and practice settings. Applicants must have a strong commitment to health and aging issues and should specify how the program would meet their particular career goals. Candidates from underrepresented groups are strongly encouraged to apply. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. or its territories who have career plans that anticipate continued work in the U.S. after the fellowship period.

The Health and Aging Policy Fellows Program offers two different tracks for individual placement:

1. A residential track that includes a nine-to-12-month placement in Washington, D.C. or at a state agency (as a legislative assistant in Congress, a professional staff member in an executive branch agency or in a policy organization)
2. A non-residential track that includes a health policy project and brief placement(s) throughout the year at relevant sites. The project may be focused at a global, federal, state or community level.

20. Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation

Kauffman Junior Faculty Fellowship in Entrepreneurship Research
Deadline: January 16, 2018
Amount: $35,000 over 3 years
Number of Grants/Year: 7
Eligibility:
Eligible candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Tenured or tenure-track junior faculty members at accredited U.S. institutions of higher education
- Received a PhD or equivalent doctoral degree between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2016
- Currently researching issues of theoretical and practical importance to the domain of entrepreneurship.

The Kauffman Junior Faculty Fellowship in Entrepreneurship Research is intended to support the research activities of eligible junior faculty members who are actively pursuing research in the field of entrepreneurship. Research can be conducted on any topic of importance to entrepreneurship. The Kauffman Foundation is particularly interested in questions related to regional dynamics, local ecosystems, demographic dimensions of entrepreneurship, market gaps, economic growth, entrepreneurship policy, declining business dynamism, networks, design of policy interventions and programmatic research (research that investigates entrepreneurship programs such as accelerators, training programs, etc). The Kauffman Foundation encourages insights across disciplines and fields, including but not limited to anthropology, biology, computer science, finance, geography, economics, law, management, mathematics, psychology, public administration and policy, and sociology.

21. STAMPS (School of Art & Design)

Roman J. Witt Residency Program
Deadline (Proposals): January 14, 2018
Amount: Up to $20,000 for up to 3 months
Number of Grants/Year: 1
Eligibility: The Witt Residency is open to both established and emerging artists/designers. The Witt residency provides students an alternative learning opportunity to engage with practicing artists who can make use of resources across campus, therefore the ideal candidate must value collaboration, have good social and
communication skills and be interested in generating creative partnerships across disciplines. It is the goal of the Witt Residency to foster an atmosphere of inventive creative activity that extends throughout the University community.

The mission of the Roman J. Witt Residency Program is to support the production of new work with assistance from the Stamps School of Art & Design community. The program awards one residency per academic year for a visiting artist/designer to work at the school to develop a new work in collaboration with students and faculty. For the Stamps School community to witness and partake in the creation of a defined work from idea to realization is the centerpiece of the residency. This visibility of the artist’s process is intended as an exemplary teaching tool for the school as a whole. The residency is expected to culminate in the realization of the proposed work, as well as a presentation that summarizes the process and work accomplished.

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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