Corporate and Foundation Relations (CFR) assists on non-governmental, institutional grant opportunities at the $50,000 level and above. For all grant opportunities requiring a 501c3 submission, we will arrange applying through the University of Massachusetts Foundation. This 501c3 process has strict timelines; please contact our office as early as possible to assure that the funder deadline can be met.

Most funding opportunities below are offered annually. If time does not permit applying now, we encourage you to add them to your proposal schedule for next year. Previous editions of RFP’s and the private foundation limited-submission calendar are available at www.umass.edu/cfr. To request addition to or removal from this notice and for general questions, please contact CFR staff, cfr@admin.umass.edu. For additional assistance and referrals, contact Jeff Aron, Executive Director for Corporation & Foundation Relations, jaron@umass.edu or Elizabeth Smith, Director of Corporation & Foundation Relations, emsmith@umass.edu. Please share widely. Thank you!

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 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 detailed assistance: Texas Instruments offers an informative list of “Successful Grant Writing Strategies.”

I. Engineering, Science & Medical

Albany Medical Center Foundation
Albany Medical Center Prize in Medicine and Biomedical Research
**Deadline:** March 1, 2016
**Amount:** $500,000
**Number of Grants/Year:** 1
**Eligibility:** no self-nominations

The Albany Med Prize in Medicine and Biomedical Research is awarded to a physician, scientist or group, whose work has led to significant advances in health care and scientific research with demonstrated translational benefits for improved patient care. Its purpose is to encourage and recognize extraordinary and sustained contributions to improving health care and promoting innovative biomedical research.
**Lungevity**

*2016 Lungevity Career Development Awards*

**Deadline (LOI):** February 17, 2016  
**Amount:** Up to $100,000/year for 3 years  
**Number of Grants/Year:** 3 - 6  
**Eligibility:** Applicant must be within the first five years of their faculty appointment

Projects that will be funded in 2016 are expected to have a direct impact on the early detection of lung cancer or on the outcomes of lung cancer, or to provide a clear conceptual or experimental foundation for the future development of methods for early detection and/or individualized treatment, including through immuno-oncology.

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**Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

*Simons Center Seed Grant*

**Deadline:** February 26, 2016  
**Amount:** $150,000  
**Number of Grants/Year:** N/A  
**Eligibility:** N/A

MIT and Boston-area researchers interested in autism research are invited to apply for funding under a Simons Center Seed Grant. The project must involve a PI and a Co-PI from different labs: we seek innovative research projects that are directly relevant to autism, and that bridge at least two different labs at Boston-area institutions. MIT faculty researchers are encouraged to apply as PIs. If the PI is from a non-MIT institution, we prefer that the Co-PI be a MIT faculty researcher. The expectation is that these seed funds will enable the researchers to collect data on bold new projects, bringing the work to the point where it can be funded through standard channels after the first year.

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**Huntington Society of Canada**

*New Pathways Research Program*

**Deadline (LOI):** February 8, 2016  
**Amount:** Up to $150,000  
**Number of Grants/Year:** N/A  
**Eligibility:** Individuals holding a full-time faculty appointment in an appropriate discipline at a university, research institute, or hospital are eligible to apply for funding through the NEW PATHWAYS Research Program.

For research proposals which specifically address any of the objectives listed below:

1. Explore early mechanisms of disease in Huntington disease through unbiased analysis of genetically defined tissues or cells with a goal of uncovering or sharing the discovery of new pathways or processes affected in HD;  
2. Elucidate the normal biological functions of the huntingtin protein, with experiments involving either endogenous normal huntingtin or huntingtin protein in a full-length context;  
3. Further the understanding of the impact on HD of increasing numbers of alleles or repeats and the CAG DNA expansion process;  
4. Further the analysis of modifier genes to determine the impact on various aspects of HD.
Kenneth Rainin Foundation
Innovator Awards for IBD Research
Deadline (LOI): February 15, 2016
Amount: $100,000
Number of Grants/Year: 2 – 7
Eligibility: Applicant must be affiliated with a non-profit research institution that has 501 (c)(3)

The Foundation supports research that is potentially transformative to diagnosing, treating and curing Inflammatory Bowel Disease.

A-T Children’s Project
Research Grant Program
Deadline: March 1, 2016
Amount: $75,000/year for 2 years
Number of Grants/Year: N/A
Eligibility: N/A

The foundation is currently focusing its funding efforts on: Enabling Drug Screening for Ataxia Telangiectasia. To encourage the discovery of cellular phenotypes and target proteins that are clinically relevant to Ataxia Telangiectasia (A-T) and then to develop assays that can be used to screen for compounds that modulate those phenotypes and targets.

Anesthesia Patient Safety Foundation
Research Grants for Clinical and Education
Amount: $75,000 per year (2 year maximum)
Number of Grants/Year: 3 – 5
Eligibility: N/A

To stimulate and fund studies that will clearly improve patient safety and lead to prevention of mortality and morbidity resulting from anesthesia mishaps.

Simons Foundation
Explorer Awards
Deadline: Rolling
Amount: $70,000 (maximum)
Number of Grants/Year: N/A
Eligibility: All applicants and key collaborators must hold a Ph.D., M.D. or equivalent degree and have a faculty position or the equivalent at a college, university, medical school or other research facility. Applications may be submitted by domestic and foreign nonprofit organizations; public and private institutions, such as colleges, universities, hospitals, laboratories, units of state and local government; and eligible agencies of the federal government. There are no citizenship or country requirements.
Explorer Awards are intended to provide resources to support exploratory experiments that will strengthen hypotheses and lead to the formulation of competitive applications for subsequent larger-scale funding by SFARI or other organizations. Innovative, high-risk/high-impact proposals are encouraged. The Foundation especially encourages applications from investigators who are new to the field of autism, but who have expertise that could be brought to bear on this complex disorder.

**Camille & Henry Dreyfus Foundation, Inc.**  
Henry Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Awards Program  
**Deadline:** May 18, 2016  
**Amount:** $60,000  
**Number of Grants/Year:** N/A  
**Eligibility:** Open to undergraduate institutions that grant a bachelor’s or master’s degree in the chemical sciences, including biochemistry, materials chemistry, and chemical engineering. Nominees must hold a full-time tenure-track academic appointment.

The Henry Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Awards Program supports the research and teaching careers of talented young faculty in the chemical sciences at undergraduate institutions. Based on institutional nominations, the program provides discretionary funding to faculty at an early stage in their careers.

**American Honda Foundation**  
STEM Grants  
**Deadline:** May 1, 2016  
**Amount:** $50,000  
**Number of Grants/Year:** 35  
**Eligibility:** Institution must have 501 (c)(3) status

The American Honda Foundation engages in grant making that reflects the basic tenets, beliefs and philosophies of Honda companies, which are characterized by the following qualities: imaginative, creative, youthful, forward-thinking, scientific, humanistic and innovative. We support youth education with a specific focus on the STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) subjects in addition to the environment.

**American Psychological Foundation**  
Esther Katz Rosen Fund Grants  
**Deadline:** March 1, 2016  
**Amount:** Up to $50,000  
**Number of Grants/Year:** 2  
**Eligibility:** PI must be affiliated with a school; hold a doctoral degree or be a graduate student

Support will be provided for activities on the advancement and application of knowledge related to identified gifted and talented children and adolescents such as research, pilot projects, and research-based programs.
II. Nursing & Public Health

**Burroughs Wellcome Fund**  
Innovation in Regulatory Science  
**Deadline:** March 9, 2016  
**Amount:** $500,000 over 5 years  
**Number of Grants/Year:** 5  
**Eligibility:** candidate must hold a faculty position; Candidates must be a citizen of the US or Canada; Postdocs are not eligible

To provide support for academic researchers developing new methodologies or innovative approaches in regulatory science that will ultimately inform the regulatory decisions FDA and others make.

**Gerber Foundation**  
Pediatric Research  
**Deadline (Concept Papers):** June 1, 2016  
**Amount:** Up to $350,000  
**Number of Grants/Year:** N/A  
**Eligibility:** N/A

The foundation is accepting concept papers for health and/or nutrition-related research projects with the potential to make a significant impact on issues affecting infants and young children from birth to age three. The foundation will award grants to research projects focused on issues faced by care providers that, when implemented, will improve the health, nutrition, and/or developmental outcomes for infants and young children.

**AstraZeneca**  
Connections for Cardiovascular Health  
**Deadline:** February 25, 2016  
**Amount:** $150,000 - $180,000  
**Number of Grants/Year:** 15 - 20  
**Eligibility:** nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply

Work must address the following criteria – 1) Addresses cardiovascular health issues within the United States and its territories 2) Recognizes and works to address an unmet need related to cardiovascular health in the community 3) Responds to the urgency around addressing cardiovascular health issues, including cardiovascular disease or conditions contribution to cardiovascular disease 4) Improves the quality of participants’ and non-professional caregivers’ lives in connection with the services provided and work done.

**Cambia Health Foundation**  
2016 Sojourn Scholar Leadership Program  
**Deadline:** February 26, 2016  
**Amount:** $90,000/year for 2 years  
**Number of Grants/Year:** 10
Eligibility: Nurses – board certification by the National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses preferred and/or must be two years post Masters; the applicant’s home institution will be required to submit a letter signed by the director confirming that 50% of the applicant’s time will be dedicated to the Sojourns Scholar Leadership Program

To identify, cultivate and advance the next generation of palliative care leaders. The program seeks to support outstanding nurse and physician emerging leaders by investing in their professional development.

National League for Nursing
Nursing Education Research Grants
Deadline: February 25, 2016
Amount: $25,000
Number of Grants/Year: 3 – 5
Eligibility: PI must be a current NLN member; all projects must relate to one or more of NLN priorities

The NLN Nursing Education Research Grants Program supports high-quality studies that contribute to the development of the science of nursing education. The NLN-funded grants promote diversity of research topics and support investigators who demonstrate rigor and innovative approaches to advance the field of nursing education research.

Andersen Corporate Foundation
Health and Safety Grants
Deadline: February 15, 2016
Amount: $20,000
Number of Grants/Year: N/A
Eligibility: N/A

Supports organizations that promote safe and healthy environments, as well as organizations that seek to improve health through prevention and education programs, primarily for young people, senior citizens and people in vulnerable situations. This focus area concentrates on:
1. Prevention and outreach programs
2. Programs and services that promote mental health, wellness, and safety
3. Facilities and equipment
4. Emergency preparedness
5. Recreational programs for people with special needs.

Hospice and Palliative Nurses Foundation
Certification Research Grants
Deadline: July 1, 2016
Amount: $15,000
Number of Grants/Year: N/A
Eligibility: PI must be actively involved in some aspect of hospice practice, education or research; must hold a masters or doctoral degree; have a project that is consistent with the purpose of the research project; project must be completed within one year.
To build a better understanding of the impact of palliative nursing certification on patient outcomes.

III. Education & Humanities

**Spencer Foundation**

Small Research Grants Program  
**Deadline:** February 1, 2016  
**Amount:** Up to $50,000  
**Number of Grants/Year:** N/A

**Eligibility:** PI must hold a doctorate; PI must be affiliated with a college or university; PI may only hold one active grant from the foundation at a time

The program is intended to support education research projects. In keeping with the Spencer Foundation’s mission, this program aims to fund academic work that will contribute to the improvement of education, broadly conceived.

**Hedge Funds Care**  
Grants  
**Deadline (LOI):** February 26, 2016  
**Amount:** $25,000  
**Number of Grants/Year:** 6

**Eligibility:** does not fund lobbying activities, annual fundraising drives, projects undertaken by individuals, or multi-year grants.

Grants are awarded to charitable organizations in the following areas that address child abuse:

1. Education – to enhance awareness and understanding of abuse and neglect for children, parents, and professionals in the community.
2. Prevention – services to at-risk children and families
3. Interventions – for children who have been physically or sexually abused and support services to non-offending family members
4. Research – best practices in child welfare
5. Advocacy – to improve child welfare
6. Training – to equip paraprofessionals and professionals to provide child abuse prevention and treatment services.

**Dr. Scholl Foundation**

Grants  
**Deadline:** March 1, 2016  
**Amount:** $25,000  
**Number of Grants/Year:** 300 – 400

**Eligibility:** institution must have 501 (c)3 status; no grants to individuals

The Foundation considers applications for grants in the following areas:

1. Education
2. Social Service
3. Health care
4. Civic and Cultural
5. Environmental

**American Psychological Foundation**

Wayne F. Placek Grants
Deadline: March 1, 2016
Amount: $15,000
Number of Grants/Year: 1 – 3
Eligibility: PI must be either a doctoral-level researcher or graduate student affiliated with an educational institution of 501 (c)(3) status

The Wayne F. Placek Grant encourages research to increase the general public’s understanding of homosexuality and sexual orientation, and to alleviate the stress that lesbian women, gay men, bisexual women, bisexual men and transgender individuals experience in this and future civilizations.

**National Endowment for the Arts**

Challenge America
Deadline: April 14, 2016
Amount: $10,000 matched funding in adjunction with $10,000 from another funder
Number of Grants/Year: N/A
Eligibility: Applicant must have a three year history of programming prior to the application deadline; Applicant must have submitted acceptable Final Report packages by the due date for all National Endowment for the Arts grants previously received.

The Challenge America category offers support primarily to small and mid-sized organizations for projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations -- those whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by geography, ethnicity, economics, or disability. Age alone (e.g., youth, seniors) does not qualify a group as underserved; at least one of the underserved characteristics noted above also must be present.

**Bank of America Charitable Foundation**

Jobs: Workforce Development and Education
Deadline: February 12, 2016
Amount: $15,000
Number of Grants/Year: N/A
Eligibility: N/A

The program is focused on connecting individuals and young adults to employment and improve education and training for our workforce.

**IV. Fellowships**

The Esther A. & Joseph Klingenstein Fund, Inc.
Klingenstein-Simons Fellowship Awards in Neurosciences

Deadline: March 1, 2016
Amount: $75,000
Number of Grants/Year: 8 - 12
Eligibility: applicant must hold a MD or PhD and must be an independent investigator within 4 years of appointment

The purpose of these awards is to support, in the early stages of their careers, young investigators engaged in basic or clinical research that may lead to a better understanding of neurological and psychiatric disorders. Several areas within the neurosciences are of particular interest to the Fund:

2. Neural systems: Studies of the integrative function of the nervous system.
3. Clinical research: Studies designed to improve the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and our understanding of the causes of neurological and psychiatric disorders.

American Federation for Aging Research

Glenn/AFAR Postdoctoral Fellowship Program for Translational Research on Aging

Amount: $50,000 - $60,000
Number of Grants/Year: 10
Eligibility: Fellows must be postdoctoral; fellows may not hold any concurrent foundation, non-profit or government funding

The program was created to encourage and further the careers of postdoctoral fellows, who are uniquely capable of translating advances in basic research from the laboratory to the clinic. The award is intended to provide significant research and training support to permit these postdoctoral fellows to become established in the field of aging.

FaciScapuloHumeral Muscular Dystrophy Society

Postdoctoral Fellowship, Senior Researcher Fellowship and Research Grants

Deadline (LOI): February 29, 2016
Amount: $30,000
Number of Grants/Year: N/A
Eligibility: Candidate must be a US resident affiliated with a research institution

The FSH Society offers grants, research fellowships and postdoctoral fellowships to support research relevant to understanding the molecular genetics and cause of Facioscapulohumeral Muscular Dystrophy (FSHD).