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 for different grant amounts, please visit the About Us 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.

To request an addition to or removal from this notice and for general questions, please contact CFR staff at cfr@admin.umass.edu. For additional assistance and referrals, contact Jeff Aron, Executive Director of Corporate & Foundation Relations, at jaron@umass.edu or Liz Smith, Director of Corporate & Foundation Relations, at emsmith@umass.edu. Please share widely.
Try Our New CFR Support Request Form!

Our office recently launched the CFR Support Request Form. We organized the form 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!

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I. Engineering, Science & Medical

1. Alliance for Lupus Research
   Target Identification in Lupus Grants
   Deadline (LOI): December 4, 2015
   Amount: $200,000/year for up to 3 years
   Number of Awards/Year: 9
   Eligibility: Individuals with doctoral degrees are eligible to apply. Scientific independence, as evidenced by direction of a research program, a publication record, or other experience establishes scientific leadership is necessary to apply.

   The goals of the TIL grant program are to:

   1. Characterize key steps in the pathogenesis of the disease that will allow for the development of new therapeutic agents
   2. Promote basic and clinical research studies to identify and/or better characterize promising lead compounds for lupus treatment
   3. Support research that facilitates the clinical evaluation of innovative approaches to the prevention or treatment of lupus and its complications

2. Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation
   Basic Medical Research Award
   Deadline: February 1, 2016
   Amount: $250,000
   Number of Awards/Year: 2-3
   Eligibility: Must be nominated

   Honors the scientist or scientists who have made the fundamental investigations that open new areas in biomedical science.

3. Ruth K. Broad Biomedical Research Foundation
   Extramural Alzheimer's Grant
   Deadline: February 1, 2016
Amount: $180,000 over 2 years  
Number of Awards/Year: 1-2  
Eligibility: Applicants must be young or established non-Duke investigators proposing new or novel research.

The Foundation funds research grants in the neurosciences with a specific focus on investigation that may advance the knowledge or treatment of Alzheimer's disease. Pilot studies that can lead to more conventional funding are preferred, to focus on the Foundation's support on new rather than existing research.

4. American Federation of Aging Research  
New Investigator Award in Alzheimer’s Disease  
Deadline (LOI): December 15, 2015  
Amount: $100,000 over 1 or 2 years  
Number of Awards/Year: 3  
Eligibility: Independent investigator with no more than 10 years of postdoctoral research training. Applicants cannot have already received major extramural funding for their research. Senior faculty and postdoctoral fellows in a laboratory are not eligible. Applicants also must not be conducting research at a for-profit institution.

The major goal of this partnership program is to support important research in areas in which more scientific investigation is needed to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of Alzheimer's disease. The program also serves to encourage junior investigators in the United States and Israel to pursue research and academic careers in the neurosciences, and Alzheimer's disease in particular.

5. Arthritis National Research Foundation  
Arthritis and Aging Research Grant  
Deadline: January 15, 2016  
Amount: $100,000  
Number of Awards/Year: 1  
Eligibility: Priority will be given to meritorious applications from newer applicants in early stage career development.

In support of clinical and basic studies focused on the underlying mechanisms of the aging process as it relates to arthritis. All projects must clearly demonstrate this relationship and be an integral aspect of the proposed study.

6. V. Kann Rasmussen Foundation  
Environmental Projects  
Deadline: January 12, 2016  
Amount: Up to $100,000  
Number of Awards/Year: 3-5  
Eligibility: Typical grantees are small or midsize organizations with demonstrated leadership in developing strategy, communicating vision, and effective project performance.

The Foundation considers projects or tools that promote ecosystem resilience and restoration of relevance to large-scale geographic areas, including many countries and continents; natural greenhouse gas sequestration and storage with the potential for large-scale impact; agro-biodiversity; and economic models of living within global limits as well as
the practical implementation of change to a stable global ecosystem and sustainable consumption, production, and land use.

7. **AAAAI Foundation**  
Allergic Respiratory Disease Award Program  
**Deadline:** December 16, 2015  
**Amount:** $75,000  
**Number of Awards/Year:** N/A  
**Eligibility:** Applicant must hold a doctoral degree, have a primary faculty appointment in an allergy/immunology division of an academic institution, be undertaking a project related to allergic respiratory disease, and have completed a training fellowship.

To encourage and advance research on our understanding of allergic respiratory disease.

8. **International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer**  
IASLC Lung Cancer Young Investigator Award  
**Deadline:** January 8, 2016  
**Amount:** $40,000  
**Number of Awards/Year:** 3  
**Eligibility:** Applicant must be within 3 years of the initial faculty appointment. Applicant must be a member of IASLC.

To reward scientific excellence and to encourage innovative research in lung cancer prevention and translational research.

9. **The Glaucoma Foundation**  
Grant  
**Deadline:** January 1, 2016  
**Amount:** $40,000  
**Number of Awards/Year:** 4-6  
**Eligibility:** Applicants must have full time faculty position or equivalent. Excluding renewal grants, Principal Investigators are required to wait a minimum of two years from the funded cycle before submitting a new research application for consideration.

The Glaucoma Foundation offers grants to researchers striving to improve the lives of glaucoma patients through novel innovations and scientific advances. The area of current focus for TGF’s Grant Research program is exfoliation syndrome and exfoliation glaucoma.

10. **University of California at San Francisco**  
Visiting Professor Program: Training for Scientists Conducting Research to Reduce HIV/STI Disparities  
**Deadline:** January 20, 2016  
**Amount:** $20,000  
**Number of Awards/Year:** 6-8  
**Eligibility:** Applicant must be an Assistant Professor.

The VP Program is designed for scientists in tenure-track positions or investigators in research institutes who have not yet obtained RO1 funding from the NIH or equivalent funding from another agency. We seek scientists conducting theory-driven, culturally
specific social and behavioral HIV prevention research with diverse, underserved (e.g., racial and ethnic minority) communities.

11. **American Psychological Foundation**  
**John and Polly Sparks Early Career Grants for Psychologists Investigating Serious Emotional Disturbance**  
**Deadline:** March 15, 2016  
**Amount:** Up to $17,000  
**Number of Awards/Year:** N/A  
**Eligibility:** Must be a psychologist with an EdD, PsyD, or PhD from an accredited university. Also must be no more than ten years postdoctoral.

The John and Polly Sparks Early Career Grant supports early career psychologists conducting research in the area of early intervention and treatment for serious emotional disturbance in children. The Foundation partnered with APF to empower early career psychologists to produce scientifically-based research and programs that could provide models for broad-based applications across the country.

II. Nursing & Public Health

12. **Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute**  
**Eugene Washington PCORI Engagement Awards**  
**Deadline (LOI):** February 1, 2016  
**Amount:** $250,000 over 2 years  
**Number of Awards/Year:**  
**Eligibility:** Organizations may submit multiple applications for funding. Individuals are not permitted to apply.

Projects that encourage active integration of patients, caregivers, clinicians, and other healthcare stakeholders as members of the patient-centered outcomes research/clinical effectiveness research enterprise.

13. **Kresge Foundation**  
**Fresh, Local & Equitable: Food as a Creative Platform for Neighborhood Revitalization Grants**  
**Deadline:** December 14, 2015  
**Amount:** $75,000  
**Number of Awards/Year:** 20  
**Eligibility:** Organizations and collaborations that lead food-oriented development initiatives in economically distressed urban neighborhoods are eligible.

For food-oriented initiatives that contribute to economic revitalization, cultural expression and health in low-income communities. Planning grants may support project management, partnership development, community engagement, strategic communications, evaluation, policy development and other activities directly related to successful outcomes.

14. **National League for Nursing**  
**Nursing Education Research Grants**
**Deadline:** February 25, 2016  
**Amount:** $25,000  
**Number of Awards/Year:** 3-5  
**Eligibility:** Principal Investigator must be a current NLN member. All studies must relate to one or more of the NLN Priorities for Research in Nursing Education.

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.

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### III. Fellowships

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

#### 15. Open Society Foundations

**Deadline (LOI):** January 4, 2016  
**Amount:** $80,000 - $100,000  
**Number of Awards/Year:** ~13  
**Eligibility:** Applicants should possess a deep understanding of their chosen subject and a track record of professional accomplishments. Ideal fellows are specialists who can see beyond the parochialisms of their fields and possesses the tenacity to complete a project of exceptional merit. Individual applicants only. The fellowship does not fund enrollment for degree or non-degree study at academic institutions.

A fellowship project might identify a problem that has not previously been recognized, develop new policy ideas to address familiar problems, or offer a new advocacy strategy. Project themes should cut across at least two areas of interest to the Open Society Foundations. Among these are human rights, government transparency, access to information and to justice, and the promotion of civil society and social inclusion.

#### 16. Klingenstein Third Generation Foundation

**Deadline (LOI):** December 11, 2015  
**Amount:** $30,000/year for 2 years  
**Number of Awards/Year:** 1-3  
**Eligibility:** As a general rule, nominated candidates should be at the junior faculty level or on a trajectory for attaining faculty status.

- Access to Care: To directly improve access, quality and outcomes in mental healthcare for children and their families.
- Child and Adolescent ADHD
- Child and Adolescent Depression

#### 17. Center for Retirement Research at Boston College

**Dissertation Fellowship Program**  
**Deadline:** January 31, 2016  
**Amount:** $28,000
Number of Awards/Year: 3-5
Eligibility: Applicants must be doctoral candidates enrolled in an accredited program at a U.S. university.

Priority areas include: Social Security, macroeconomic analyses of Social Security, wealth and retirement income, program interactions, international research, and demographic research.

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.

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.