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

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
Grand Challenges
Deadline: May 11, 2016
Amount: $100,000 for 18 months, then, if awarded, will have a chance to apply for Phase II which is $1,000,000 for 2 years
Number of Grants/Year: N/A
Eligibility: GCE is open to both foreign and domestic organizations, including non-profit organizations, for-profit companies, international organizations, government agencies and academic institutions
  - Develop Novel Platforms to Accelerate Contraceptive Drug Discovery
  - Design New Analytics Approaches For Malaria Elimination
  - Accelerate Development of New Therapies for Childhood Cryptosporidium Infection
Lupus Research Institute
2016 Dr. William E. Paul Distinguished Innovator Awards in Lupus and Autoimmunity
Deadline: July 8, 2016
Amount: $250,000
Number of Grants/Year: 4
Eligibility: Applicant must hold a position at an academic institution

LRI welcomes novel, hypothesis- or discovery-driven proposals in human and/or animal model based lupus research. The research proposal must aim to uncover the fundamental causes of lupus and present a compelling vision of how the discovery would lay the groundwork for a potential cure, prevention, or highly effective therapy.

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
New England Rivers and Forest Fund
Deadline: May 19, 2016
Amount: $50,000 - $200,000
Number of Grants/Year:
Eligibility: n/a
- Freshwater: support conservation programs aimed at protecting and sustaining major river, stream, and aquatic ecosystems.
- Forest and Grasslands: focuses on issues that are crucial to birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians in these areas, to ensure that these populations survive.

American Heart Association
National Innovative Research Grants
Deadline: July 26, 2016
Amount: Up to $150,000 over 2 years
Number of Grants/Year:
Eligibility: Have a faculty (or faculty equivalent) appointment. This award is not intended for postdoctoral fellows or others in research training positions; Hold an M.D., Ph.D., D.O. or equivalent doctoral degree.

Supports research broadly related to cardiovascular function and disease and stroke, or to related clinical, basic science, bioengineering or biotechnology, and public health problems, including multidisciplinary efforts.

American Gastroenterology Association
Robert & Sally Funderburg Research Award in Gastric Cancer
Deadline: August 12, 2016
Amount: $50,000/year for 2 years
Number of Grants/Year: 1
Eligibility: Candidates for this award must hold a full-time faculty position at an accredited North American institution and must be established as
an independent investigator in the field of gastric biology; AGA membership required at time of application

The overall objective of this award is to support an established investigator in the field of gastric biology whose research will enhance the fundamental understanding of gastric cancer pathobiology in order to ultimately prevent or develop a cure for the disease. Applications that do not denote a gastric biology focus and are not responsive to this announcement will not be submitted for review.

**Meso Foundation**
**Grants for Mesothelioma Funding**
**Deadline:** August 5, 2016  
**Amount:** Up to $100,000 over 2 years  
**Number of Grants/Year:**  
**Eligibility:** Eligible projects may relate to benchwork, translational or clinical research that is not presently funded and may be conducted through any not-for-profit academic, medical or research institution. We encourage all levels and degrees of scientists to apply

Grants will be awarded to qualified investigators for projects related to benchwork, translational, or clinical research that is not presently funded and/or is pending review and is conducted through any nonprofit academic, medical, or research institution

**CurePSP**
**Investigator-Initiated Research Projects**
**Deadline:** July 15, 2016  
**Amount:** $100,000 for up to 3 years  
**Number of Grants/Year:** N/A  
**Eligibility:** accepts proposals for research projects from academic and non-academic institutions

CurePSP’s mission is to increase awareness of progressive supranuclear palsy, corticobasal degeneration, and other atypical Parkinsonian disorders; fund research toward treatment, cure and prevention; educate healthcare professionals; and provide support, information and hope for affected persons and their families.

**Partners Seeking a Cure**
**Research Grant Program**
**Deadline:** June 6, 2016  
**Amount:** $30,000/year for 2 years  
**Number of Grants/Year:** 3-7  
**Eligibility:** The applicant must be at an academic institution with an interest in pursuing PSC as an indication for treatment

PSC Partners Seeking a Cure is particularly interested in funding research projects that have the potential to discover a cure for this disease, and/or identify novel therapies that may significantly delay time to liver transplantation, prevent disease recurrence following liver transplantation, and/or improve the quality of life of those with PSC.
Restless Leg Syndrome Foundation
Research Grant Program
Deadline: Rolling
Amount: $25,000 - $35,000
Number of Grants/Year: up to 8
Eligibility: All institutions within the United States, Canada, and those foreign countries where supervision of grant administration is possible are eligible

Supports basic and clinical research on restless legs syndrome (RLS).

II. Nursing & Public Health

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
Grand Challenges
Deadline: May 11, 2016
Amount: $100,000 for 18 months, then, if awarded, will have a chance to apply for Phase II which is $1,000,000 for 2 years
Number of Grants/Year: N/A
Eligibility: GCE is open to both foreign and domestic organizations, including non-profit organizations, for-profit companies, international organizations, government agencies and academic institutions.
- Assess Family Planning Needs, Preferences and Behaviors to Inform Innovations in Contraceptive Technologies and Services
- Novel Approaches to Characterizing and Tracking the Global Burden of Antimicrobial Resistance
- Explore New Solutions in Global Health Priority Areas

Oncology Nursing Society Foundation
Research Career Development Awards
Deadline: June 1, 2016
Amount: $20,000
Number of Grants/Year:
Eligibility: The applicant must be a registered nurse with an interest in oncology and with a completed PhD degree in nursing or a related discipline

To support short-term oncology research training and mentorship. Specific activities that are supported by this funding are listed in the application.

III. Education & Humanities

Russell Sage Foundation
Program on Social Inequality
Deadline (LOI): June 15, 2016
Amount: Up to $150,000 for up to 2 years
Number of Grants/Year: 4

Eligibility: All applicants (both PIs and Co-PIs) must have a Ph.D. or comparable terminal degree, or a career background that establishes their ability to conduct high-level, peer-reviewed scholarly research. RSF particularly encourages early career scholars to apply for Presidential awards. All nationalities are eligible to apply and applicants do not have to reside in the U.S. RSF does not accept applications for Project and Presidential Awards from doctoral or other graduate students, unless specified in a special RFP.

The Foundation’s program supports innovative research on whether rising economic inequality has affected social, political, and economic institutions, and the extent to which increased inequality has affected equality of opportunity, social mobility, and the intergenerational transmission of advantage. The Foundation seeks investigator-initiated research projects that will broaden our understanding of the causes and consequences of rising economic inequalities in the United States.

J.M. Kaplan Fund

Furthermore Program
Deadline: September 1, 2016
Amount: $1,500 - $15,000
Number of Grants/Year: ~50

Eligibility: Organizations in the United States which have tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (and are not private foundations within the meaning of section 107(c)(1) of the code), and state colleges and universities. Furthermore will also consider grant requests from organizations based outside the United States if they have documented equivalent 501(c)(3) status

The program supports nonfiction book publishing about art, architecture, and design; cultural history, the city, and related public issues; and conservation and preservation.

IV. Fellowships

Aspen Institute
William Randolph Hearst Endowed Fellowship for Minority Students
Deadline: July 18, 2016
Amount: Fellows will be compensated on an hourly basis; must pay for housing and travel themselves
Number of Grants/Year: 3

Eligibility: Candidates for this fellowship are highly motivated graduate or undergraduate students from underrepresented communities of color. Candidates must be enrolled at an institution of higher education for the semester which they will be applying; must also demonstrate interest in the nonprofit sector, excellence in writing and research, and financial need.

Through the program, PSI seeks to introduce a diverse group of students to issues and challenges affecting philanthropy, social enterprise, nonprofit organizations, and other actors in the social sector. In his or her internship, the Hearst Fellow undertakes research, writing, and logistical and administrative support for PSI’s leadership initiatives, public programs, and convenings.