Corporation 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 Linda Sopp, Senior Director of Foundation Relations, lsopp@admin.umass.edu or Jeff Aron, Executive Director for Corporation & Foundation Relations, jaron@umass.edu. Please share widely. Thank you!

Please read "100 Words That Kill Your Proposal", by Bob Lohfeld to assist in writing the best proposals possible.

Also, please see How to Fail at Grant Writing, The Chronicle of Higher Education, written by UMass faculty successful at obtaining grants.

Science

- BBVA Foundation – Frontiers of Knowledge in the Basic Sciences
  Nomination Deadline: June 30, 2015
  Amount: $400,000
  To recognize and encourage world-class research and artistic creation, prizing contributions of broad impact for their originality and theoretical significance. The name of the scheme is intended to encapsulate both research work that successfully enlarges the scope of our current knowledge – pushing forward the frontiers of the known world – and the meeting and overlap of different disciplinary areas such as physics, chemistry, and mathematics.

- Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation – Damon Runyon-Rachleff Innovation Award
  Deadline: July 1, 2015
  Amount: $150,000/year for 3 years
  To provide funding to extraordinary early career researchers who have an innovative new idea but lack sufficient preliminary data to obtain traditional funding. It is not designed to fund incremental advances. The research supported by the award must be novel, exceptionally creative and, if successful, have the strong potential for high impact in the cancer field.
• **Brain Research Foundation** – Scientific Innovation Awards  
  Nomination Deadline: July 1, 2015  
  Amount: $75,000/year for 2 years  
  The objective of the SIA is to support projects that may be too innovative and speculative for traditional funding sources but still have a high likelihood of producing important findings. It is expected that investigations supported by these grants will yield high impact findings and result in major grant applications and significant publications in high impact journals.

• **Scleroderma Foundation** – Established Investigator Grant  
  Deadline: September 15, 2015  
  Amount: Up to $75,000/year for 3 years  
  For 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.

• **Scleroderma Foundation** – New Investigator Grant  
  Deadline: September 15, 2015  
  Amount: Up to $50,000/year for 3 years  
  For promising new investigators who hold faculty or equivalent positions and who wish to pursue a career in research related to systemic sclerosis (SSc, scleroderma). This grant will support promising research that is likely to lead to individual research project grants. The grant is designed to facilitate the entry of promising new investigators into areas of research related to SSc.

• **Breast Cancer Alliance** – Young Investigator Grant  
  Deadline: July 24, 2015  
  Amount: $62,000/year for 2 years  
  For clinical doctors and researchers whose primary focus is on breast cancer and who are in the early stages of their career.

• **Meso Foundation** – Mesothelioma Research Grants  
  Deadline: August 7, 2015  
  Amount: Up to $50,000/year for 2 years  
  Encouraged projects include but are not limited to investigations of strategies for the early detection of new or progressive disease, definition of targetable differences between normal and transformed mesothelium, and the development of novel strategies for the treatment, therapeutic intervention, and determination of clinical/molecular determinants for prognosis.
• **American Cancer Society** – Role of Health Care and Insurance in Improving Outcomes in Cancer Prevention  
  Deadline: October 15, 2015  
  Amount: Up to $50,000/year for 4 years  
  Efforts focusing on improving access to care may also impact inequities that contribute to health disparities. New health public policy initiatives such as the new federal and state marketplaces that have expanded insurance coverage, as well as Medicaid expansion in some states, create natural experiments ripe for evaluation. Research to be funded by this RFA should focus on the changes in national, state, and/or local policy and the response to these changes by healthcare systems, insurers, payers, communities, practices, and patients.

• **Vileck Foundation** – Creative Promise in Biomedical Sciences  
  Nomination Deadline: June 15, 2015  
  Amount: $50,000  
  For young foreign-born biomedical scientists who demonstrate outstanding early achievement. Eligible work may be in basic, applied, and/or translational biomedical science.

**Humanities and Education**

• **Best Buy Foundation** – National Youth Technology Program  
  Deadline: November 1, 2015  
  Amount: $100,000-$200,000  
  Best Buy seeks nonprofit partners that create hands-on learning opportunities for underserved teens to engage them in learning, experimenting, and interacting with the latest technologies to build 21st century skills. The overall goal is to provide youth with access to new technologies and help them become interested and fluent in digital learning while developing skills to help better prepare them for future education and career success.

• **Conservation, Food and Health Foundation** – Grants  
  Deadline (LOI): July 1, 2015  
  Amount: $25,000  
  The foundation supports projects that demonstrate strong local leadership, promote professional development in the conservation, agricultural, and health sciences; develop the capacity of local organizations; and address a particular problem in the field. It prefers to support projects addressing under-funded issues and geographic areas.

• **The Center for Craft Creativity and Design** – 2015 Craft Research Fund Grants  
  Deadline: October 9, 2015  
  Amount: $15,000
The program supports innovative research on critical issues in craft theory and history, explores the inter-relationship among craft, art, design and contemporary culture, fosters new cross-disciplinary approaches to scholarship in the craft field, and advances investigation of neglected questions on craft history and criticism.

**Nursing and Public Health**

- **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** – Healthy Eating Research  
  Deadline (Concept Papers): June 24, 2015  
  Amount: Up to $190,000 for up to 18 months  
  The program supports research on environmental and policy strategies with strong potential to promote healthy eating among children to prevent childhood obesity, especially among groups at highest risk for obesity: Black, Latino, American Indian, Asian/Pacific Islander children, and children who live in lower-income communities (urban, suburban, and/or rural). Findings are expected to advance RWJF’s efforts to reverse the childhood obesity epidemic, eliminate disparities, and help all children achieve a healthy weight.

- **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** – New Connections Grants through Health Eating Program  
  Deadline (Concept Papers): July 1, 2015  
  Amount: Up to $100,000 for up to 18 months  
  The program supports research on environmental and policy strategies with strong potential to promote healthy eating among children to prevent childhood obesity, especially among groups at highest risk for obesity: Black, Latino, American Indian, Asian/Pacific Islander children, and children who live in lower-income communities (urban, suburban, and/or rural). Findings are expected to advance RWJF’s efforts to reverse the childhood obesity epidemic, eliminate disparities, and help all children achieve a healthy weight.

- **The Lalor Foundation** – Reproductive Health Programs  
  Deadline: November 1, 2015  
  Amount: $10,000 - $50,000  
  The foundation seeks to empower young women through education about healthy reproduction in order to broaden and enhance their options in life. The program focuses on young women who have inadequate access to information regarding sexual and reproductive health, including comprehensive and unbiased information on contraception and pregnancy termination.

**Fellowships**

- **Carnegie Corporation of New York** - Current and Future Challenges to U.S. Democracy and International Order  
  Deadline:
Amount: $200,000 over 1 or 2 years
Proposals should address issues including policing and race, big data and privacy, the impact of an aging population, the safety of generic drugs, and how attitudes are formed among voters.

- **James S. McDonnell Foundation** – Postdoctoral Fellowship Award in Studying Complex Systems
  Deadline: June 12, 2015
  Amount: $100,000/year for 2 or 3 years
  The program supports scholarship and research directed toward the development of theoretical and mathematical tools contributing to the science of complex, adaptive, nonlinear systems. While the program's emphasis is on the development and application of the theory and tools used in the study of complex research questions and not on particular fields of research per se, JSMF is particularly interested in the continued development of complex systems science, and in projects attempting to apply complex systems approaches to coherently articulated questions.

- **The Environment Research and Education Foundation** – Sustainable Solid Waste Management Research
  Deadline: July 15, 2015
  Amount: $15,000-$500,000
  The program supports research projects related to sustainable solid waste management practices, including waste minimization; recycling; waste conversion to energy, biofuels, chemicals, or other useful products; strategies to promote diversion to higher and better uses (e.g., organics diversion, market analysis, optimized material management, logistics, etc.); and landfilling. Desirable aspects of the above topics, in addition to or as part of hypothesis driven applied research, also include economic or cost/benefit analyses; feasibility studies for untested technologies or management strategies; life cycle analysis or inventory; and analyses of policies that relate to the above (e.g., extended producer responsibility, recycling goals, carbon legislation, bottle bills, etc).