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

Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation
Psychosocial: Family Impact Grants
Deadline: October 14, 2016, 11:59 pm ET
Amount: $300,000 over 3 years
Number of Grants/Year: 1-2
Eligibility: Applicants should be independent investigators with a full-time faculty appointment at an academic institution, or an equivalent position, and a dedication to pediatric cancer research.

ALSF is committed to addressing the psychosocial and behavioral health outcomes for children diagnosed with cancer and their families. Our Psychosocial Grants will fill a direct need for research funding by supporting studies that aim to explain and/or improve psychosocial outcomes of those affected by childhood cancer. These grants are designed to fund researchers who have novel approaches to understanding the psychosocial aspects of pediatric cancer and whose proposals will have clinically significant impact.
Pulmonary Hypertension Association
Robyn Barst Pediatric PH Research and Mentoring Awards
Deadline: June 20, 2016
Amount: $50,000
Number of Grants/Year: 3
Eligibility: U.S.-based clinicians holding an MD, DO, or equivalent degree are encouraged to apply. Applicants should be within the last year of fellowship training or junior faculty within five years of training with a strong career interest in pediatric pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH).

Grants from the Barst Fund will provide support for a one-year mentorship for young clinicians and researchers in the field of pediatric PAH. Grantees will be expected to engage with an experienced mentor who is able to provide oversight and training in pediatric PAH treatment, management, and research. In addition to the mentor component, it is expected that grantees will complete a proof of concept research project. These novel projects combined with experienced mentor collaboration are expected to significantly advance the grantee's knowledge, and ultimately the field, of pediatric PH.

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.

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.

Gilead Sciences
Research Scholars Program
Deadline: July 22, 2016
**Amount:** $65,000  
**Number of Grants/Year:** 4  
**Eligibility:** This award is intended for junior faculty who are in the early stages of their careers; specifically, the applicant may be the recipient of a career development award or other mentored research award, but not an RO1 grant or equivalent. Applicants must have a strong career interest in liver disease in hold an MD, DO, or PhD, and be within 7 years of a faculty appointment.

The Research Scholars Program is designed to support basic and clinical research in the field of liver disease. Areas of research may include, but are not limited to chronic viral hepatitis; end-stage liver disease and its complications; non-viral chronic liver diseases; basic, clinical, and translational research related to liver disease; and health economics outcomes research relating to liver disease. Awards granted under the program may not be duplicative of funding from institutional or hospital, other governmental, non-governmental, or industry sources. Applicants seeking an award for research projects that are currently receiving or may receive partial funding from other sources are required to submit appropriate evidence, including budget information related to the other sources, to demonstrate that there is no direct overlap in funding.

**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.

**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.

**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.

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).

Spencer Foundation
Midcareer Grant Program
Deadline: September 13, 2016, 4:00 pm CDT
Amount: up to $150,000
Number of Grants/Year: 1 - 5
Eligibility: Applicants must be a faculty member or a research scholar who was awarded a doctorate within the last seven to 20 years.

The Midcareer Grant program was launched in 2014 to enrich the work of academic midcareer scholars. This targeted program provides support for those who are interested in advancing their understanding of a compelling problem of education by acquiring new skills, substantive knowledge, theoretical perspectives, or methodological tools. Grants are for one year with budgets of up to $150,000.

Lush Cosmetics
Lush Prize
Deadline: July 24, 2016
Amount: $72,000
Number of Grants/Year: 5
Eligibility: For projects, organisations, institutions, or individuals focused on ending the use of animal testing or for research into non-animal tests, or promoting the use of non-animal tests.

The Lush Prize is a major initiative aiming to bring forward the day when safety testing takes place without the use of animals. It focuses pressure on toxicity testing for consumer products and ingredients, in a way which complements the many projects already addressing the use of animals in
medical testing will reward the most effective projects and individuals who have been working towards the goal of replacing animals in product or ingredient safety testing across five strategic areas: lobbying, public awareness, science, training, and young researcher awards.

II. Nursing & Public Health

**Rheumatology Research Foundation**

**Scientist Development Award**

**Deadline:** July 1, 2016  
**Amount:** Up to $225,000 for 2 - 3 years  
**Number of Grants/Year:** N/A  
**Eligibility:** Applicants must be a member of the American College of Rheumatology (ACR) or the Association of Rheumatology Health Professionals (ARHP) at the time of submission and for the duration of the award. ACR members must have earned a D.O., M.D., or M.D./Ph.D. degree or be enrolled in an ACGME-accredited clinical training program and have completed at least one year of training by the start of the award term. ARHP member must have earned a Ph.D., D.Sc., or equivalent doctoral degree and must propose patient-oriented research projects related to rheumatic disease.

**National Institute for Health Care Management Foundation**

**Healthcare Management Research Project Grants**

**Deadline (LOI):** July 20, 2016  
**Amount:** $50,000 - $62,500  
**Number of Grants/Year:** 4 - 5  
**Eligibility:** Individual researchers and all types of organizations and institutions, including both nonprofit and for-profit entities.

The NIHCM foundation invites Letters of Inquiry outlining an innovative research project with the potential to advance the existing knowledge base in the areas of healthcare financing, delivery, management, and/or policy. In its 2016-17 funding cycle, the foundation will award four to five grants totaling $250,000 for studies that have strong potential to yield insights that can have a positive impact on the U.S. healthcare system by reducing spending, improving quality of care, and/or expanding access to insurance coverage and health care services. Grant amounts will be determined on a project-by-project basis.

Grants will be awarded to individuals in the early stages of their careers or without significant prior research experience who plan to embark on a career in biomedical and/or clinical research in arthritis and rheumatic disease. The goal of the funding is to provide an opportunity for young scientists to embark on focused research and research training that allows them to be competitive for the next level of career development awards. Through this award, the foundation aims to provide a means for ensuring that there are more qualified, highly-trained investigators in the field of rheumatology.

**Tufts Health Plan Foundation**

**Foundation President’s Leadership Fund**

**Deadline:** July 16, 2016, 4:00 pm ET  
**Amount:** $100,000
Number of Grants/Year: 1
Eligibility: Tufts funds projects serving communities in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island.

The President’s Leadership Fund is designed to support community leaders in their work with multiple stakeholders toward a common community goal. This work could include current or new activities that directly or indirectly lead to age-friendly communities and address barriers to success in the most vulnerable communities. The Foundation will consider the intersection between policy and practice as well as collaborative community work in the built environment, transportation, housing, social and civic participation and inclusion, employment, communication and information, and community support and health services.

**Spencer Foundation**

Midcareer Grant Program
Deadline: September 13, 2016, 4:00 pm CDT
Amount: up to $150,000
Number of Grants/Year: 1 - 5
Eligibility: Applicants must be a faculty member or a research scholar who was awarded a doctorate within the last seven to 20 years.

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**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.

Spencer Foundation
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Number of Grants/Year: 1 - 5
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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.

James S. McDonnell Foundation
**Fellowship Awards in Studying Complex Systems**

**Deadline:** June 30, 2016, 15:59 CDT  
**Amount:** $200,000 over 2 - 3 years  
**Number of Grants/Year:** 1 - 10

**Eligibility:** Applicants must not already have a PhD nor expect to receive one before the application deadline; should have theoretical and/or experimental training in Complex Systems Science; should not have already identified a postdoctoral position and postdoctoral research mentor; and should understand that if a letter of intent to fund is received, it is unlikely that an application to remain at the same institution will be approved.

The Studying Complex Systems 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 JSMF Fellowship is intended to provide students in the final stages of completing a PhD degree more leeway in identifying and securing postdoctoral training opportunities in complex systems research. The JSMF Fellowship is designed to provide students with an opportunity to seek potential postdoctoral research opportunities on the basis of the student's interest and desire to obtain additional skills and experience that will further their pursuit of careers in complex systems science.

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**Kluge Fellowships**

**Deadline:** July 15, 2016  
**Amount:** $4,200 / month  
**Number of Grants/Year:** 1 - 12

**Eligibility:** Scholars who have received a terminal advanced degree within the past seven years in the humanities or social sciences, or in a professional field such as architecture or law are eligible. Exceptions may be made for individuals without continuous academic careers. Applicants may be US citizens or foreign nationals.

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