**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 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**

**Simons Foundation** – Bridge to Independence Award  
**Deadline:** August 28, 2015  
**Amount:** $150,000/year for 3 years  
Grants awarded through the Bridge to Independence Award program are intended to invest in the next generation of top autism investigators by identifying talented early-career scientists interested in autism research and facilitating their transition to an independent research career. This request for applications (RFA) is aimed at senior postdoctoral fellows who intend to seek tenure-track faculty positions during the 2015-16 academic year.

**Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation** – Psychosocial Grants Program  
**Deadline (LOI):** July 20, 2015  
The Psychosocial: Launch Grants: are designed for early career researchers within (7) years of receiving their terminal degree. Funding will support studies that aim to explain and/or improve psychosocial outcomes of those affected by childhood cancer. Demonstration of outstanding
mentorship and a career plan that shows commitment to pediatric cancer investigation are important components of a successful application. 

**Amount:** Up to $50,000/year for 2 years

The Psychosocial: Family Impact Grants: are designed for established investigators. Funding will support 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 whose proposals will have clinically significant impact. **Amount:** $100,000/year for 3 years

**Richard and Susan Smith Family Foundation** – Awards for Excellence in Biomedical Research

**Deadline:** September 3, 2015  
**Amount:** $100,000/year for 3 years

Its mission is to launch the careers of newly independent biomedical researchers with the ultimate goal of achieving medical breakthroughs. Applications focus on all fields of basic biomedical science and may also be submitted by investigators in physics, chemistry and engineering. Applicants, nominated by their institutions, must be full-time faculty at nonprofit academic, medical or research institutions in Massachusetts, at Brown University or at Yale University.

**Searle Scholars Program** – Grant

**Deadline:** September 30, 2015  
**Amount:** $100,000/year for 3 years

For exceptional young scientists pursuing independent research careers in biochemistry, cell biology, genetics, immunology, neuroscience, pharmacology, and related areas in chemistry, medicine, and the biological sciences. To support the independent research of outstanding early-career scientists who have recently been appointed as assistant professors on a tenure-track appointment.

**The Retirement Research Foundation** – Responsive Grants

**Deadline:** August 1, 2015  
**Amount:** $100,000

**Advocacy:** Advance policy issues of critical importance to our nation’s seniors such as economic security, health care, housing, etc. Use clearly focused and strategic efforts to address systemic problems. Forge partnerships with organizations to achieve better use of resources and to share knowledge.

**Professional Education and Training:** Increase the knowledge and skills of professionals and paraprofessionals who serve the elderly. Expand the capacity and number of professionals and paraprofessionals prepared to meet the growing demands of an aging population.

**Research:** Seek causes and solutions to significant problems facing older adults through support of applied and policy research for which federal funding is not available.
**Meso Foundation** – Research Grants  
**Deadline: August 7, 2015**  
**Amount: Up to $50,000/year for 2 years**  
Project subjects should revolve around the following: Strategies for early detection and prevention of mesothelioma; Definition of targetable differences between normal and transformed mesothelium and development of novel strategies for treatment taking advantage of these targets; Determination of clinical/molecular determinants for prognosis; Therapeutic intervention, including but not limited to:  
A. Immune Response Targeted Therapy  
B. Novel chemotherapeutic compounds  
C. Novel radiation or surgical techniques

**International Myeloma Foundation** – Brian D. Novis Research Award: Junior and Senior Grants  
**Deadline: August 3, 2015**  
**Amount: Junior - $50,000; Senior - $80,000**  
**Junior:** For researchers doing work in the field of multiple myeloma and related disorders including smoldering myeloma, MGUS (monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance) as well as immunoglobulin derived amyloidosis.  
**Senior:** These awards are targeted to established investigators with a track record in myeloma or related disorders, and are designed for projects which represent a different focus, direction, or area of research from those in which they are currently funded. In most cases, these awards will be for pilot projects to obtain sufficient funding for larger applications from NIH or similar larger funding agencies.

**American College of Gastroenterology** – 2016 Clinical Research Awards  
**Deadline: December 11, 2015**  
**Amount: $35,000**  
Through the program, grants will be awarded for original research in clinical gastroenterology. Awardees will be selected based on feasibility, scientific and clinical significance, originality, and the anticipated contribution of the research to clinical practice. Applications will also be evaluated on the availability of adequate resources, including personnel and facilities. To be eligible, at least one of the investigators must be an ACG member or trainee member at the time of submission of the grant proposal.

**American Association for the Advancement of Science** – Science & SciLifeLab Prize for Young Scientists  
**Deadline: August 1, 2015**  
**Amount: $10,000 - $30,000**  
The Prize is awarded annually to one young scientist for outstanding life science research for which he/she was awarded a doctoral degree in the previous two years. The topic of the entrant’s thesis research must be in one of the following categories: Cell and Molecular Biology, Genomics and Proteomics, Ecology and Environment, Translational Medicine. Eligible entrants must have been awarded their doctoral degree in 2013 or
2014, and the subject of their thesis should match one of the Subject Tracks below. The winners from each category will compete for the grand prize.

**The Mertz Gilmore Foundation – Climate Change Solutions**  
**Deadline (LOI): August 10, 2015**  
**Amount: not listed, but previously was awarded for $35,000 at University of Delaware for one year**  
For grants to organizations working to hasten adoption of clean energy sources, such as offshore wind, and to fight global pollution in big cities. Advocacy grants to groups working to curb climate change are also available.

**Grammy Foundation – Scientific Research Projects**  
**Deadline: October 1, 2015**  
**Amount: Up to $20,000**  
The GRAMMY Foundation Grant Program awards grants to organizations and individuals to support research on the impact of music on the human condition. Examples might include the study of the effects of music on mood, cognition and healing, as well as the medical and occupational well-being of music professionals and the creative process underlying music. Priority is given to projects with strong methodological design as well those addressing an important research question.

**Humanities & Education**

**IEEE Foundation – Technology Education Projects**  
**Deadline: August 1, 2015**  
**Amount: $5,000 - $100,000**  
Proposals are invited from IEEE Organizational Units for projects that inform the public about technical issues (such as, but not limited to: energy, healthcare, cyber security, internet governance, environmental change) for the purpose of fostering balanced factual discussion and understanding of a current public issue. Grants will be awarded to IEEE Organizational Units for projects that result in the creation of materials and activities such as presentations and/or simulations that are suitable for one or more of the following audiences: secondary school/college students, secondary school teachers, IEEE groups, local community groups, and technology policy makers.

**Nursing & Public Health**

**William T. Grant Foundation – Grants**  
**Deadline (LOI): August 4, 2015**  
**Amount: Research - $100,000 - $600,000 for 2 to 3 years; Fellows – Up to $87,500/year for 2 years**
Research: Supports theory-building and empirical research projects on reducing inequality or understanding the use of research evidence. Distinguished Fellows: Encourages mid-career researchers to submit proposals that offer experiences working within policy and practice settings. Similarly, we invite policymakers and practitioners to propose projects within research settings. All applicants identify learning goals and Fellowship plans to reach their goals. We currently support research aimed at improving the lives of youth ages 5 to 25 in the United States.

Fellowships

**The Spencer Foundation** – Fellowship  
**Deadline: September 10, 2015**  
**Amount: Up to $150,000**  
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. It is not intended to encourage researchers to abandon their existing area of expertise, but rather to build on, enrich, and extend that training with the acquisition of new methodological tools and/or perspectives about a subject to which they have been deeply committed throughout their academic career. In developing this program of additive scholarly learning, the Foundation intends to heighten the potential for midcareer productivity and contribution by operationalizing through its grant making an understanding about scholarship that we believe has merit: that reaching beyond familiar ways of thinking about education puzzles and problems has the potential to bring innovative ideas to the work and, by extension, to lines of inquiry in the field.

**Human Frontier Science Program** – Fellowships  
**Deadline: August 13, 2015**  
**Long Term Fellowship:** For applicants with a Ph.D. in a biological discipline, who will broaden their expertise by proposing a project in the life sciences which is significantly different from their previous Ph.D. or postdoctoral work. **Amount: $50,000/year for up to 3 years.**  
**Cross-Disciplinary Fellowship:** For applicants with a Ph.D. from outside the life sciences (e.g. in physics, chemistry, mathematics, engineering or computer sciences), who have had limited exposure to biology during their previous training. **Amount: $100,000/year for up to 3 years.**

**Open Society Foundation** – Fellowship  
**Deadline: August 3, 2015**  
**Amount: $80,000 - $100,000**  
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.
**Alfred P. Sloan Foundation – Sloan Research Fellowship**  
**Deadline:** September 15, 2015  
**Amount:** $50,000/year for 2 years  
To stimulate fundamental research by early-career scientists and scholars of outstanding promise, in recognition of distinguished performance and a unique potential to make substantial contributions to their field. Candidates must be nominated by a head of department. The university can nominate up to 3 people each year.

**European Molecular Biology Organization – Long Term Fellowships**  
**Deadline:** Application must be started by August 10, 2015; Application must be completed by August 14, 2015  
**Amount:** $45,000/year for 2 years  
The EMBO Long-Term Fellowships are awarded for a period of up to two years and support post-doctoral research visits to laboratories throughout Europe and the world*. International exchange is a key feature in the application process.

**American Society for Microbiology – Robert D. Watkins Graduate Research Fellowship**  
**Deadline:** May 1, 2016  
**Amount:** $21,000/year for 3 years  
The goal of the fellowship is to increase the number of underrepresented groups completing doctoral degrees in the microbiological sciences. The ASM Robert D. Watkins Graduate Research Fellowship is aimed at highly competitive graduate students who are enrolled in a Ph.D. program and who have completed their graduate course work in the microbiological sciences. The fellowship encourages students to continue and complete their research project in the microbiological sciences.

**Abe Fellowship Program – Abe Fellowship**  
**Deadline:** September 1, 2015  
**Amount:** not listed  
Research support to individuals is at the core of the Abe Fellowship Program. Applications are welcome from scholars and nonacademic research professionals. The objectives of the program are to foster high quality research in the social sciences and related disciplines, to build new collaborative networks of researchers around the four thematic foci of the program, to bring new data and new data resources to the attention of those researchers, and to obtain from them a commitment to a comparative or transnational line of inquiry.