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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.

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I. Engineering, Science & Medical

1. 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 and hold an MD, DO, or PhD, and be within seven (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.

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

3. Simons Foundation Autism Research Initiative
   Bridge to Independence Awards
   Deadline (LOI): August 1, 2016
   Amount: $450,000 ($150,000/year for 3 years)
   Number of Grants/Year: N/A
   Eligibility: Applicants must hold a PhD, MD, or equivalent degree; have fewer than eight (8) years of postdoctoral or otherwise mentored training since receiving their PhD/MD; be in
non-independent, mentored, training positions, as recognized by their institution; be actively seeking a tenure-track position at a US institution of higher education during 2016-17 academic year; not be recipients of a K99/R00 award; and not have accepted a formal offer for a tenure-track faculty position. There are no citizenship requirements.

The Simons Foundation Autism Research Initiative (SFARI) seeks to improve the understanding, diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders by funding innovative research of the highest quality and relevance. 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. SFARI is seeking senior postdoctoral fellows who intend to seek tenure-track faculty positions during the 2016-17 academic year. Successful applicants will be notified that they are finalists and will have one year to submit an approval application, which includes confirmation of a tenure-track professorship at a US academic institution, review of the institution's research environment and resources, and institutional sign-off.

4. Meso Foundation
Grants for Mesothelioma Funding
Deadline: August 5, 2016
Amount: Up to $100,000 over 2 years
Number of Grants/Year: N/A
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. All levels and degrees of scientists may apply.

Encouraged projects include, but are not limited to:

1. Strategies for early detection and prevention of mesothelioma;
2. Definition of targetable differences between normal and transformed mesothelium and development of novel strategies for treatment taking advantage of these targets;
3. Determination of clinical/molecular determinants for prognosis; and
4. Therapeutic intervention, including but not limited to:
   - Immune Response Targeted Therapy
   - Novel chemotherapeutic compounds
   - Novel radiation or surgical techniques

5. American Gastroenterology Association
Robert & Sally Funderburg Research Award in Gastric Cancer
Deadline: August 12, 2016
Amount: $100,000 ($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.

6. National Ataxia Foundation
Pioneer SCA Translational Research Award
Deadline (LOI): August 15, 2016
Amount: $100,000
Number of Grants/Year: N/A
Eligibility: Applications will be accepted from for-profit organizations, non-profit organizations, public or private institutions, and institutions both inside and outside the US.

This NAF grant focuses on research investigations that will facilitate the development of treatments for the spinocerebellar ataxias. Funding will be for one year. Indirect costs are not allowed to be paid from this grant.

7. Scleroderma Foundation
Established Investigator Grant
Deadline: September 15, 2016
Amount: $150,000 over 2 years
Number of Grants/Year: N/A
Eligibility: Applicants must have a doctorate degree in medicine, osteopathy, veterinary medicine, or one of the sciences; must have completed a postdoctoral fellowship; and have been principal investigator on grants from the Scleroderma Foundation or other national, private, or government agencies.

The Scleroderma Foundation seeks applications from 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.

8. 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.

9. Restless Leg Syndrome Foundation
Research Grant Program
Deadline: Rolling
Amount: $25,000 - $35,000
Number of Awards/Year: Up to 8
Eligibility: All institutions within the U.S., Canada, and other countries where supervision of grant administration is possible are eligible.

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

10. Vasculitis Foundation
Pilot Study Grants
Deadline: August 8, 2016
Amount: Up to $100,000 over 2 years
Number of Grants/Year: 1
Eligibility: The Vasculitis Foundation Research Program funds research worldwide.

The goal of the Vasculitis Foundation Research Program is to improve the quality of life for patients with vasculitis and ultimately to find the cause(s) and cure for vasculitis. The program provides one- or two-year seed grants to support pilot studies in researching:

- Etiology/pathogenesis (could include a broad range of studies of immunity, inflammation, or vascular biology. Relevance to human vasculitis will be taken into account);
- Epidemiology, including genetics;
- Diagnosis, including identification of disease subtypes;
- Treatment/management, including therapeutics to treat vasculitis or prevent complications, bio markers, and psychosocial outcomes.

The Foundation's hope is that the results of the research supported by the Program will lead to, and provide the basis for, much larger multi-year studies that would be funded by larger agencies such as The US National Institutes of Health (NIH).

11. 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. The Lush Prize 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

12. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF)
Optimizing Cost-of-Care Conversations Between Clinicians and Vulnerable Patients
Deadline: July 27, 2016, 3:00 pm ET
Amount: Up to $250,000
Number of Grants/Year: 4-6
Eligibility: US-based researchers, practitioners, and public and private policymakers working with researchers are eligible to submit proposals through their organizations. Projects may be generated from disciplines including health services research, economics, sociology, program evaluation, political science, public policy, public health, public administration, law business administration, and related fields. Preference will be given to applicants that are either public entities or nonprofit organizations that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and are not private foundations or Type III supporting organizations.

This solicitation aims to fund studies that will test specific messages, best practices, and other principles to be incorporated in resources for improving the frequency and quality of cost-of-care conversations between clinicians and vulnerable patients (for the purpose of this funding opportunity, vulnerable populations include people with incomes less than 400% of the federal poverty level, who are newly insured, who belong to racial and ethnic minorities, or for whom English is a second language).

Funded studies will focus on testing a diverse range of approaches with diverse populations, which will ultimately help inform the development of tools, guides, and resources to improve patient and clinician communication about costs and high-value care. RWJF is particularly interested in prioritizing studies that incorporate rapid testing, message research, and high levels of consumer involvement, as opposed to an exclusive focus on extended scientific research and academic publication. The prioritization of rapid testing is a direct response to the imminent need for solutions for this problem. Funded studies will especially focus on preserving and enhancing trust between clinicians and vulnerable patients, given that RWJF sees this as a central factor to improving cost-of-care communication. Finally, RWJF seeks to fund a range of projects across different types of vulnerable patients, types of care settings, and-to the extent possible-geographic areas.

13. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF)
Integrating Cost-of-Care Conversation Resources into the Clinical Workflow
Deadline: July 27, 2016, 3:00 pm ET
Amount: Up to $250,000
Number of Grants/Year: 3-5
Eligibility: US-based researchers, practitioners, and public and private policymakers working with researchers are eligible to submit proposals through their organizations. Projects may be generated from disciplines including health services research, economics, sociology, program evaluation, political science, public policy, public health, public administration, law business administration, and related fields. Preference will be given to applicants that are either public entities or nonprofit organizations that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and are not private foundations or Type III supporting organizations.

This solicitation seeks to establish best practices for how tools/resources that support cost-of-care conversations (e.g., cost estimator tools, conversation guides, financial questions) can be better embedded into the clinical workflow and patient/caregiver "life flow." Funded studies will thus explore these best practices for workflow integration, to ultimately help inform the development and refinement of tools, guides, and resources for improving patient and clinician communication around costs and high-value care. Ultimately, RWJF seeks to understand what best practices are needed, how health systems may need to act to respond to such needs, and the adaptive challenges they might face when doing so.
III. Education, Humanities, and Social & Behavioral Sciences

14. American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
   Focus Grants
   Deadline (LOI): August 1, 2016
   Amount: Up to $1.5 million ($500,000/yr for 3 years)
   Number of Grants/Year: 1
   Eligibility: Available to individuals affiliated with not-for-profit institutions or organizations in the US and abroad. Applicants may be the principal investigator on only one grant at a time, and may not simultaneously be the PI on any other type of AFSP research grant.

   The AFSP's Focus Grants Program supports targeted, innovative, and potentially high-impact studies that seek to inform and transform suicide prevention efforts. Grants will be given in three areas:

   - "Short-Term Risk" - open to innovative, potentially high-yield proposals that focus on short-term risk for suicide.
   - "Reaching 20% by 2025" - reducing the US suicide rate 20% by 2025 by targeting areas known to contribute to suicide burden.
   - Investigator-initiated Focus Grant - supports an innovative, impactful study in an area of suicide research that will achieve significant goals.

   AFSP encourages collaborative projects with investigators experienced in suicide research. Matching funds or partnering with a large healthcare system is encouraged.

15. J.M. Kaplan Fund
   Furthermore Program
   Deadline: September 1, 2016
   Amount: $1,500 - $15,000
   Number of Awards/Year: ~50
   Eligibility: Organizations in the US that 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, Kaplan will also consider grant requests from organizations based outside the US 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.

16. Spencer Foundation
   Midcareer Grant Program
   Deadline: September 13, 2016, 4:00 p.m. ET
   Amount: up to $150,000
   Number of Grants/Year: Up to 5
   Eligibility: Applicants must be a faculty member or an education research scholar awarded a doctorate within the last seven to 20 years.

   The Spencer Foundation is seeking applications from academic midcareer education scholars for its Midcareer Grant Program. 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.

The program 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.

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**IV. Fellowships**

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

**17. American Association for Cancer Research (AACR)**

AACR-Genentech BioOncology Fellowship for Cancer Research on the HER Family Pathway

**Deadline:** July 19, 2016, at noon Eastern Time  
**Amount:** $100,000 over 2 years  
**Number of Grants/Year:** 1

**Eligibility:** At the start of the grant term (Oct. 1, 2016), applicants must hold a full-time research position with the title of postdoctoral fellow, clinical research fellow, or the equivalent; have completed his or her most recent doctoral degree within the past five years; and work under the auspices of a mentor at an academic, medical, or research institution anywhere in the world. If eligibility is based on a future position, the position must be confirmed at the time of application, and can NOT be contingent upon receiving this grant. Applicants must have a doctoral degree (PhD, MD, DO, DC, ND, DDS, DVM, ScD, DNS, PharmD, or equivalent) in a related field and not be a candidate for a further doctoral or professional degree. AACR membership is required.

The AACR-Genentech BioOncology Fellowship for Cancer Research on the HER Family Pathway represents a joint effort to encourage and support a postdoctoral or clinical research fellow to conduct cancer research on the HER Family Pathway and establish a successful career path in this field. The research proposed for funding may be basic, translational, or clinical in nature, and must have direct applicability to the HER Family Pathway in cancer.

**18. The Camille & Henry Dreyfus Foundation**

Postdoctoral Program in Environmental Chemistry

**Deadline:** August 1, 2016  
**Amount:** $120,000 over 2 years  
**Number of Grants/Year:** N/A

**Eligibility:** Applications are accepted from principal investigators in the US who have well-established research efforts in environmental science or engineering. These research activities need not be located in traditional departments in the chemical sciences, and collaboration across departments and institutions is encouraged. The postdoctoral fellow is usually not already identified nor in the principal investigator's lab at the time of application.

Fellowship applications most likely to be of interest will describe innovative fundamental research in the chemical sciences or engineering related to the environment. Examples include but are not limited to the chemistry associated with: the climate, the atmosphere, aquatic or marine settings, toxicology, soil, or groundwater. Also of interest are chemistry-related energy research (renewable sources, sequestration, etc.), and new or green
approaches to chemical synthesis and processing, both with a clearly stated relation to the environment.

19. **New York Public Library**

*Dorothy and Lewis B. Cullman Center for Scholars and Writers*

**Deadline:** September 30, 2016, 5:00 pm EST  
**Amount:** Up to $70,000  
**Number of Grants/Year:** Up to 15  
**Eligibility:** Academics, creative writers, and independent scholars are all eligible.

The Dorothy and Lewis B. Cullman Center for Scholars and Writers offers fellowships to people whose work will benefit directly from access to the research collections at the Stephen A. Schwarzman Building at Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street (formerly the Humanities and Social Sciences Library). Renowned for the extraordinary comprehensiveness of its collections, the Library is one of the world's preeminent resources for study in anthropology, art, geography, history, languages and literature, philosophy, politics, popular culture, psychology, religion, sociology, and sports. The Center looks for top-quality writing from academics as well as from creative writers and independent scholars. It aims to promote dynamic communication about literature and scholarship at the very highest level - within the Center, in public forums throughout the Library, and in the Fellows' published work. Fellows receive a stipend, an office, a computer, and full access to the Library's physical and electronic resources. Fellows work at the Center for the duration of the fellowship term, which runs from September through May. Each Fellow gives a talk over lunch on current work-in-progress to the other Fellows and to a wide range of invited guests, and may be asked to take part in other programs at The New York Public Library.

20. **Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study**

*Residential Fellowships*

**Deadline:** October 15, 2016, 11:59 pm EDT  
**Amount:** $60,000  
**Number of Grants/Year:** Unknown  
**Eligibility:** Members of traditionally under-represented groups are encouraged to apply. There also are no citizenship requirements for fellowships; non-US nationals are welcome to apply.

The Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study (NDIAS) is dedicated to fostering and supporting integrative scholarship addressing ultimate questions at the intersection of the arts, engineering, humanities, law, and formal, natural, and social sciences, especially those that transcend disciplinary boundaries. The institute encourages scholars to include questions of values in their analyses, to integrate diverse disciplines, and to ask how their findings advance civilization. It offers its fellows the opportunity to engage not only in analysis but also in evaluating what should be done, to analyze the world in substantive and collaborative ways, and to think through the implications of present behavior for the future of the world. The NDIAS seeks applicants with excellent records of scholarly, artistic, or research accomplishment in their field(s); projects that touch on normative, integrative, or ultimate questions, especially as they engage the Catholic intellectual tradition; projects characterized by clarity of thought, coherence, and impact; the ability to interact with other fellows and to engage in collegial discussions of research presentations; and a willingness to contribute to a cooperative community of scholars.

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**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.

Look at "Why Academics Have a Hard Time Writing Good Grant Proposals" to better 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 help, and a step-by-step walk through, read Texas Instruments' "Successful Grant Writing Strategies."