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

Wellcome Trust – Collaborative Awards in Medical Humanities
Deadline (LOI): July 17, 2015
Amount: £1 million ($1,500,000) - £2 million ($3,000,000)
Collaborative Awards provide flexible support to excellent research groups with outstanding records. Proposals must address important, complex health-related questions in the humanities and social sciences that need a collaborative team effort. Funding can be used to coordinate and integrate activities, build networks, and carry out large-scale potentially interdisciplinary research.

Lymphoma Research Foundation – Grants
Deadline: September 2, 2015
**Follicular Lymphoma Pathways Grant** - An up to three-year grant to investigate the pathogenesis, epidemiology, diagnosis, or therapy of follicular lymphoma. Applications to this initiative must include the study of primary FL patient sample and incorporate collaborative interactions between investigators in different disciplines and/or different institutions. Eligible principal investigators must have a title of assistant, associate, or full professor or its equivalent. **Total award: Up to $450,000**

**Clinical Investigator Career Development Award** - A three-year grant providing salary support, professional development, and research expenses to clinical researchers within five years of the completion of their postdoctoral training. Grantees must spend at least 35 percent of their time in independent clinical research and select an institutional mentor. **Total award: $225,000**

**Postdoctoral Fellowship Grants** - A two-year grant providing salary support, professional development, and research expenses to investigators who have completed two years of their fellowship or postdoctoral study and no more than two years of their first faculty position. Open to MDs and PhDs spending at least 80 percent of their time in research. **Total award: $105,000**

**Howard Hughes Medical Institute – Faculty Scholars Program**
Deadline: July 28, 2015
**Amount: $100,000 - $400,000/year for 5 years**

The program partners will augment and secure the pipeline of scientific talent. The Faculty Scholars program seeks to:
- Provide financial support to faculty at an early career stage
- Select awardees based on their vision and potential for unique contributions
- Offer mentoring and career development

Scholars will apply molecular, genetic, computational and theoretical approaches to fundamental problems in diverse areas of biology.

**Pfizer – Facilitation of the Diagnosis of Rheumatoid Arthritis**
Deadline: July 15, 2015
**Amount: $350,000**

It is Pfizer’s intent to support projects with an educational element that will facilitate the timely diagnosis and management of rheumatoid arthritis (RA) in patients with limitations on their access to healthcare be that due to geography or financial constraints.

**Gilead Sciences – Research Scholars Program in Cardiovascular Disease**
Deadline: July 10, 2015
**Amount: $65,000/year for 2 years**

To support basic and clinical research in the field of cardiovascular disease.

**Free to Breathe – Accelerate Clinical Trials Grant**
Deadline: July 17, 2015
**Amount: $50,000/year for 2 years**
The goal is to fund pilot research projects that will investigate novel strategies to improve accrual of lung cancer patients to therapeutic cancer clinical trials by at least 50% within a defined healthcare facility, system or community. Proposals must have a clear vision about how the pilot project, if successful, can be expanded to other institutions for validation of the intervention or strategy. The intent of Free to Breathe is to fund projects that will be reproducible and implementable to a wider community.

**Wiley Foundation – Wiley Prize in Biomedical Sciences**  
Deadline: September 30, 2015  
Amount: $35,000  
To recognize a specific contribution or series of contributions that demonstrate significant leadership in the development of research concepts or their clinical application. Particular emphasis is placed on research that champions novel approaches and challenges accepted thinking in the biomedical sciences.

**National Ataxia Foundation – Research Grants**  
Deadline (LOI): July 15, 2015  
Amount: $30,000  
For new and innovative studies that are relevant to the cause, pathogenesis or treatment of the hereditary or sporadic ataxias. Research grants are offered primarily as “seed monies” to assist investigators in the early or pilot phase of their studies and as additional support for ongoing investigations on demonstration of need.

**Humanities and Education**

**William T. Grant Foundation – Inequality Research Studies**  
Deadline (LOI): August 4, 2015  
Amount: $100,000 - $600,000  
Studies may examine approaches that improve outcomes for all youth but can reduce gaps if applied to those who need them most, as well as programs, policies, and practices aimed at elevating the most disadvantaged young people. The foundation also is interested in studies that improve the measurement of inequality in ways that will enhance the work of researchers, practitioners, and policy makers.

**Tufts Health Plan Foundation – Community Grants for Policy and Advocacy**  
Deadline (LOI): July 20, 2015  
Amount: $50,000-$100,000/year for 1-2 years  
For policy and advocacy activities that help communities achieve age-friendly status. Key aspects of the work should include community/civic engagement of diverse stakeholders to mobilize and create change; participation among key stakeholders, including the voice of older adults, to support planning, policy, and advocacy initiatives; and expanded access to programs and services as well as system change/improvement.
Nursing and Public Health

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation — New Leadership Programs to Build a Culture of Health

Deadline: July 29, 2015
Amount: $750,000

Program Areas:

1. RWJF Diversity in Health Policy Research will support a large cadre of doctoral students from diverse backgrounds whose research, connections, and leadership will contribute to a Culture of Health.

2. RWJF Interdisciplinary Research Leaders will support a network of researchers whose leadership and community-relevant, policy-relevant, and action-oriented research will help to drive social change that builds a Culture of Health.

3. RWJF Multisector Leaders for Health will develop and leverage a diverse group of leaders representing key sectors (e.g., education, transportation, public health and policy, social work, business, community engagement, urban planning, and health care) who, as a result of this program, will take their leadership and influence to the next level to lead communities, organizations, and the nation toward a Culture of Health.

4. RWJF New Clinical Scholars will develop networked cohorts of clinicians who have attained a terminal clinical degree and who have the competencies and capabilities to lead transformative change that helps to build a Culture of Health in communities across the country.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation — Evidence for Action: Investigator Initiated Research to Build a Culture of Health

Deadline (LOI): Rolling
Amount: $180,000 - $440,000 for up to 30 months

1. Making Health a Shared Value. Shared norms and social cohesion facilitate healthy choices and enhance well-being. Shared values include perspectives on factors that shape health, for example social ties, community resources, and other contextual factors, and an emphasis on the importance of health and health equity. Positive movement in this Action Area will fuel a greater sense of community, an increased demand for healthy places and practices, and a stronger belief that individual actions make a difference in the well-being of others.

2. Fostering Cross-Sector Collaboration to Improve Well-Being. Health is affected by many aspects of our communities, including sectors that are typically viewed as “outside” of health care—such as education, labor, housing, transportation, parks and recreation, food outlets, and social institutions. This Action Area places a new focus on how these cross-sector collaborations can play an essential role in building a Culture of Health—by harnessing and magnifying their impact on health outcomes. Such collaboration might be exemplified by local health departments, community organizations and employers working together to promote better health in the workplace.

3. Creating Healthier, More Equitable Communities. Across groups and communities, access to the resources and economic opportunities needed to lead a healthier life varies. In healthy, equitable communities, residents are more likely to have affordable and convenient access to healthy food, recreation, housing, transportation, high-quality education, and other health promoting resources. The goal of this Action Area is to encourage communities to fulfill their greatest health potential by improving the environment in which residents live, learn, work, and play.
4. Strengthening Integration of Health Services and Systems. A health care system that best promotes the health of the population must not only provide high-quality, affordable medical care, but must also address the broader set of determinants of health and partner with public health systems. For example, the most effective health care systems will likely embrace a comprehensive public health system, support data sharing among clinicians, health systems, and patients, and partner with communities to address health needs of residents. This Action Area aims to strengthen a system of coordinated care that integrates and better balances medical treatment, public health, and social services.

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** – Healthy Eating Research: Building Evidence to Prevent Childhood Obesity

*Deadline (LOI): August 12, 2015*

*Amount: Up to $190,000 for up to 18 months*

RWJF funds ways that promote improved nutrition and physical activity—both of which are critical to energy balance and ensuring that children in America grow up at a healthy weight. RWJF is particularly interested in supporting efforts that will impact those at highest risk (e.g., Black, Latino, American Indian, Asian/Pacific Islander children, and children living in lower-income urban, suburban, and/or rural communities), with the aim of eliminating disparities. Currently, RWJF is focused on four priorities that the evidence suggests are likely to have the greatest impact on childhood obesity and on disparities, in particular:

- Ensure that all children enter kindergarten at a healthy weight.
- Make a healthy school environment the norm and not the exception across the United States.
- Make healthy foods and beverages the affordable, available, and desired choice in all neighborhoods and communities.
- Eliminate the consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages among 0-5 year olds.

**Edward N. and Della L. Thome Memorial Foundation** – Alzheimer’s Disease Drug Discovery Research

*Deadline: June 26, 2015*

*Amount: $500,000 over two years*

The goal of the 2015 Awards Program in Alzheimer's Disease (AD) Drug Discovery Research is to support innovative drug discovery research that will lead to improved therapies for individuals suffering from Alzheimer's disease. Researchers dedicated to the validation and testing of target compounds and therapeutic agents, including biologics and small molecules, are encouraged to apply. Consideration will be given to research based on the amyloid hypothesis as well as alternative pathogenic mechanisms such as APOE, inflammatory and tau-related pathways.

**American Cancer Society** - Role of Health Care and Insurance in Improving Outcomes in Cancer Prevention

*Deadline: October 15, 2015*

*Amount: Up to $200,000*

A call for research that evaluates the impact of the many changes now occurring in the healthcare system with a particular focus on cancer prevention, control, and treatment. 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.

**NIHCM Foundation – Research Grants**
Deadline (LOI): July 13, 2015  
Amount: $50,000

NIHCM Foundation supports innovative investigator-initiated research with high potential to inform improvements to the U.S. health care system. Projects must advance the existing knowledge base in the areas of health care financing, delivery, management and/or policy.

**Fellowships**

**Lymphatic Education & Research Network, Fat Disorders Research Society - Lipedema Postdoctoral Fellowship Awards Program**  
Deadline: August 28, 2015  
Amount: $87,000-$98,000 over 2 years

The LE&RN/FDRS Lipedema Postdoctoral Fellowship Awards Program was developed to stimulate and expand lipedema research, establish its clinical definition, and to understand its pathogenesis. Areas of research include adipose tissue biology, lymphatic biology, and areas relevant to lipedema including physiology, genomics, immunology and endocrinology.

**Open Society Foundation – Fellowship**  
Deadline: August 3, 2015  
Amount: $80,000 - $100,000

A fellowship project might identify a problem that has previously not 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, including human rights, government transparency, access to information and to justice, and the promotion of civil society and social inclusion.

**The D. Kim Foundation – Historical Research of Science and Technology in East Asia**  
Deadline: December 1, 2015  
Amount: $55,000

The Foundation provides fellowships and grants to support graduate students and young scholars who are working in the history of science and technology in East Asia from the beginning of the 20th century, regardless of their nationality, origins, or gender. Comparative studies of East Asia and the West as well as studies in related fields (mathematics, medicine and public health) are also welcome. One fellowship will be awarded annually to a distinguished young scholar who has received his/her doctoral degree within the previous 5 years. Applicants should include an invitation letter from their host institution; the host institution cannot be changed without permission from the foundation.
Bristol-Meyer Squibb – Fellows Research Training Programs for Hepatitis-C and HIV/AIDS

Deadlines: July 31, 2015

Amount: $25,000

This program is a key component of an ongoing and concerted effort by Bristol-Myers Squibb to advance research and understanding in the areas of HIV/AIDS and chronic hepatitis. The program provides support for Fellows to gain experience in epidemiological and clinical research as it relates to the care of individuals living with HIV/AIDS and chronic hepatitis C virus (HCV).