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

Families of SMA – Research Project on Muscular Atrophy
Deadline: September 4, 2015
Amount: Up to $150,000
Studies should focus on the molecular and biochemical mechanisms regulating SMN expression or mediating SMN function; result in greater understanding of the pathophysiology of SMA using well-validated animal and cellular models of the disease; provide early proof-of-concept assessment of novel therapeutic approaches for SMA using well-validated animal and cellular models of the disease; and/or focus on generating research and clinical trial tools such as new animal models for SMA, phenotypic cellular assays, biomarkers or outcome measures for clinical trials, and newborn screening protocols.

Wings for Life Spinal Cord Research Foundation – Grants
Deadline (LOI): September 1, 2015
Amount: Individual - $61,500/year for 2 years; Project - $108,000/year for 2 years
Support basic and clinical research related to spinal cord injury. Research projects may address all aspects of spinal cord lesions, nerve regeneration, trophic support of injured neurons and functional changes induced by lesions (preferentially in mammals). Proposals should have a view to translation from the laboratory to the clinical setting and have the potential to provide real benefits to human patients. Clinical research projects can be situated in the fields of diagnosis, acute lesion management (including surgery), neurology, urology, rehabilitation and other areas related to paraplegia.

**Foundation for Prader-Willi Research – Dietary Interventions**
Deadline (LOI): September 1, 2015
Amount: $100,000
Particularly interested in proposals from teams who have previously studied or applied dietary interventions in children with developmental disabilities. Dietary interventions can include but are not limited to a macronutrient-based diet, a ketogenic or modified ketogenic diet, or a low glycemic index diet. The successful team will include a clinician familiar with health issues that could arise more frequently in the PWS population during the intervention.

**Conservation Alliance – Projects**
Deadline: November 1, 2015
Amount: $50,000
Grants are awarded to projects that seek to secure permanent and quantifiable protection of a specific wild land or waterway. Priority will be given to landscape-scale projects that have a clear benefit for habitat. In addition, campaigns should engage grassroots citizen action in support of the conservation effort and have a clear recreational benefit.

**American Fibromyalgia Syndrome Association – Research Grant**
Deadline (LOI): Rolling
Amount: $50,000
Sleep-Related Priorities: Identify sleep polysomnography (PSG) characteristics; Evaluate the occurrence of sleep disorders, such as upper airway resistance syndrome, obstructive sleep apnea or restless legs syndrome; Test effectiveness of interventions for improving sleep, either pharmacologic agents or therapies designed to enhance airflow, to determine if they lead to improvements in pain, fatigue, dyscognition, function, or other measures; Correlate sleep PSG characteristics (including brain wave patterns and sleep architecture) with neuro-endocrine-immune abnormalities or specific physiologic measures in FMS patients.

**American Epilepsy Society – Established Investigators Seed Grant Program**
Deadline: September 25, 2015
Amount: $25,000
This program is intended to foster collaborative interactions between two or more established investigators to make future grants related to epilepsy more competitive for larger awards, and to fuel multi-investigator projects. These small awards are designed to enable information exchange/technology transfer, travel of postdoctoral fellows between laboratories, and modest supplies for the project. One investigator must be a member of AES.

**Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism** – Grants for families in New England  
Deadline: For one year grant, proposal is due September 30, 2015; for a multi-year grant, LOI is due August 28, 2015  
Amount: $10,000 - $20,000; 30-40 awards/year  
Access to Services: Funding for community organizations and schools who are providing vital resources and actively assisting children with autism spectrum disorder and their families through education and technology*, advocacy programs, diagnostic and clinical services, direct family support, safety equipment, emergency care, respite services and other opportunities that will enhance the quality of life for those affected.  
Active Lifestyle: Support for recreational and sports programs, aquatic programs, social skills training, family events and summer camps for all individuals on the autism spectrum.  
Adult Community Based Services: Providing opportunities for job training, vocational skills programs, employment, housing, transportation and health care delivery for adults on the autism spectrum.

**Humanities & Education**

**Nursing & Public Health**

**Charles H. Hood Foundation** – Child Health Research  
Deadline: October 2, 2015  
Amount: $75,000/year for 2 years; 5 awards to be given  
The intent of the Child Health Research Awards Program is to support newly independent faculty, provide the opportunity to demonstrate creativity, and assist in the transition to other sources of research funding. Applicants must be working in nonprofit academic, medical or research institutions within the six New England states. Grants support hypothesis-driven clinical, basic science, public health, health services research, and epidemiology projects focused on child health.

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** – Future of Nursing Scholars  
Deadline: September 17, 2015  
Amount: $25,000/year for 3 years
The goal of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Future of Nursing Scholars program is to develop the next generation of PhD-prepared nurse leaders who are committed to long-term careers that advance science and discovery, strengthen nursing education, and bring transformational change to nursing and health care.

**Fellowships**

**Hope Funds for Cancer Research – Postdoctoral Fellowship Awards**
**Deadline: September 18, 2015**
**Amount: $150,000 over 3 years**
For highly innovative research projects that challenge the traditional paradigms of understanding the causes, mechanisms, progression, disease markers or risk factors of the most difficult-to-treat cancers, including pancreatic, lung, liver, sarcomas, esophageal, brain, gastric, bone and ovarian cancers; and rare leukemias, lymphomas and MDS.

**Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation – Dissertation Fellowship Program**
**Deadline: August 19, 2015**
**Amount: $15,000**
The Kauffman Dissertation Fellowship Program (KDFP) is an annual competitive program that awards up to 15 Dissertation Fellowship grants to Ph.D., D.B.A., or other doctoral students at accredited U.S. universities to support dissertations in the area of entrepreneurship.