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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. Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation (ADDF)
   Drug Discovery Program
Deadline (LOI): July 13, 2018
Amount: Up to $600,000 over 1 year
Number of Grants/Year: Up to 20
Eligibility: This RFP does not support target identification, target validation, assay development, high-throughput and high-content screening, and lead optimization.

Funding is open to researchers, clinicians, and postdoctoral fellows in the U.S. and worldwide working in:

- Academic medical centers and universities or nonprofits
- Biotechnology companies that demonstrate a clear need for nonprofit funding.
  Funding is provided through mission-related investments (MRIs) that require return on investment based upon scientific and/or business milestones. Existing companies and new spinouts are both eligible

The ADDF's Drug Discovery RFP focuses on supporting programs that aim to:

- Advance novel lead molecules to the clinical candidate selection stage (defined as compounds suitable for IND-enabling studies)
- Build preclinical evidence in relevant animal models for repurposed/repositioned drugs

2. **American Chemical Society (ACS)**

*Award for Encouraging Women into Careers in the Chemical Sciences*

 Deadline: November 1, 2018
Amount: $15,000
Number of Grants/Year: 1
Eligibility: Nominees for the award may come from any professional setting: academia, industry, government, or other independent facility. The award is intended to recognize significant accomplishments by individuals in stimulating women to elect careers in the chemical sciences and engineering, and in generating a broader appreciation of chemistry as the central science. The award will be granted regardless of race, gender, age, religion, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, presence of disabilities, and educational background.

The ACS Award for Encouraging Women into Careers in the Chemical Sciences is to recognize significant accomplishments by individuals who have stimulated or fostered the interest of women in chemistry, promoting their professional developments as chemists or chemical engineers.

3. **Angelman Syndrome Foundation (ASF)**

*Research Grants*

 Deadline: October 15, 2018
Amount: Up to $100,000 over 1 year
Number of Grants/Year: 1-2
Eligibility: Researchers from all countries are encouraged to apply.

Highest priority will be given to pilot projects to test new ideas about pathogenesis and therapeutics of Angelman syndrome (AS), translational research and clinical research studies. Of particular interest to the ASF are studies related to communication, behavioral issues and identification of issues and treatments that impact the daily life of people with Angelman syndrome and their families.

4. **Aniara Diagnostic's**

*Coagulation Research Grant*

 Deadline: November 1, 2018
Amount: $20,000
Number of Grants/Year: 1
Eligibility: Applicants are expected to have advanced degrees (PhD or equivalent) and be associated with an educational organization or institution. Independent researchers or those pursuing a PhD-level degree may apply, but awards to non-PhD applicants are rare. As a general rule, all applicants are expected to have published a minimum of three articles in peer-reviewed scientific journals.

Aniara's Coagulation Research Grant provides support for established investigators and for students/trainees to do innovative coagulation/hematology research. This year, Aniara is asking for projects that deal specifically with EDS (Ehlers-Danlos syndrome)
and its effects on hemostasis and thrombosis. Extensive bruising, spontaneous arterial rupture, rupture of hollow organs, and severe internal bleeding are predominant features in EDS. Patients suffering from such syndromes typically undergo hematological studies including evaluation of clotting factors, platelet aggregation, and bleeding time.

5. Ataxia-Telangiectasia (A-T) Children’s Project
Research Grant
Deadline (LOI): August 1, 2018
Amount: Up to $150,000 over 2 years
Number of Grant/Year: N/A
Eligibility: Proposals from young investigators, established principal investigators and clinicians, scientists from other disciplines, and individuals with innovative new ideas for A-T research are encouraged, from academia as well as industry. Scientists from the U.S. and around the globe are welcome to apply for funding.

A-T Children’s Project is primarily interested in funding translational and clinical research projects, particularly those projects focused on the neurological problems faced by all patients with A-T. The A-T Children’s Project is desperate to deliver new ideas from A-T research with practical relevance for patients into the hands of experts involved in drug discovery and clinical development. Great interest is placed in disease-modifying strategies that would prevent, slow, or stop the progression of the disease as well as symptom-improving strategies that address neural circuit function, immune system health and lung function.

Occasionally the A-T Children’s Project will support earlier-stage discovery research, but only if the results of those early-stage projects will clearly:
- Reveal and accelerate a path to new treatments (such as validating a drug target), or
- Produce a tool or resource that will help accelerate the development of treatments (such as an A-T animal model that has an obvious neurological impairment, a viral vector that can carry the ATM gene, or a validated disease biomarker that can more quickly measure or predict the efficacy of treatments for the neurological problems of A-T)

Because many governments, non-profits and companies worldwide already spend billions of dollars annually on cancer research - some of which is likely to benefit A-T patients - applications proposing research on the role of the ATM protein in cancer or focused on strategies for treating cancer in A-T patients are unlikely to be awarded a grant.

6. Breast Cancer Alliance
Young Investigator Grant
Deadline: July 20, 2018
Amount: $125,000 over 2 years
Number of Grants/Year: 3-5
Eligibility:
Applicants for 2019 grants must:
- Have held a faculty position for no more than four years following the completion of their training (as of February 1, 2019)
- Have not been a principal investigator on an NIH R01 or equivalent national/international non-mentored award
- Dedicate at least 50% of their work effort to research

The Breast Cancer Alliance invites clinical doctors and research scientists whose primary focus is breast cancer and who are in the early stages of their careers, to apply for funding for the Young Investigator Grant. This grant is open to applicants at institutions throughout the United States.

7. Bright Focus Foundation
Macular Degeneration Research (MDR) Program
Deadline (LOI): June 26, 2018
Amount: Up to $200,000 over 2 years
Number of Grants/Year: 10-15
Eligibility: Traditionally, in order to be eligible for grant funding from the BrightFocus Macular Degeneration Research (MDR) Standard Award Program, the Principal Investigator (PI) must have held an academic rank equivalent or higher than Assistant Professor and demonstrated a strong record of professional accomplishment.
Many outstanding junior faculty have taken non-tenure track positions that in earlier years might have been developed as tenure-track positions. Though BrightFocus continues to encourage innovative proposals from all career stages, BrightFocus’ guidelines have evolved with the field to extend eligibility to non-tenure-track applicants as well. Non-tenure-track positions are welcome to apply for funding if they are appropriately trained to lead an independent research study, and are permitted by their organizations to manage the grant and supervise any key personnel. Applicants should have completed their formal post-doctoral mentored research training, and must be the intellectual and creative leads for the proposed projects. Applicants with pending appointments are eligible to apply, but the appointment must be finalized by the start of the award. The applicant should use the indicated space on the application forms to clarify any position that is not immediately recognizable as an independent research position.

The standard award provides significant funding for researchers who have already generated some amount of preliminary data, but are often required to demonstrate additional, significant progress before they can apply to governmental or industrial funding agencies.

8. Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation

Innovation Award

Deadline: July 6, 2018

Amount: $300,000 over 2 years

Number of Grants/Year: 4-7

Eligibility:

- Applicants (including non-U.S. citizens) must be conducting independent research at a U.S. research institution
- The applicant must have received an MD, PhD or MD/PhD degree(s) from an accredited institution
- Basic and translational/clinical projects will be considered. Applications will be accepted from all scientific disciplines provided that the proposed research meets the selection criteria. Applicants with a background in multiple disciplines are especially encouraged to apply
- Joint submission from two collaborators working in different disciplines will be considered. (The collaborators will share the award.) Each collaborator must meet the eligibility criteria
- Applicants must belong to one of the following categories:
  - Tenure-track Assistant Professors within the first four years of obtaining their initial Assistant Professor position (Cut-off date: July 1, 2014.)
  - Clinical Instructors and Senior Clinical Fellows (in the final year of their sub-specialty training) holding an MD who are pursuing a period of independent research before taking a tenure-track faculty position. Such individuals must have an exceptional record of research accomplishment, dedicated laboratory space and the support of their institution
  - Distinguished Fellows with an exceptional record of research accomplishment identified by their institution to pursue an independent research program and who have dedicated laboratory space. These candidates are markedly distinct from traditional postdoctoral fellows
- Applicants are expected to commit a minimum of 80% of their time to conducting research
- Applicants may apply no more than two times
- Applicants must demonstrate that they have access to the resources and infrastructure necessary to conduct the proposed research
- The department must guarantee the Investigator is conducting the proposed research independently

The Innovation Award is specifically designed to provide funding to extraordinary early career researchers who have an innovative, "high-risk/high-reward" idea but lack sufficient preliminary data to obtain traditional funding. It is not designed to fund incremental advances. The research supported by the award must be novel, exceptionally creative and, if successful, have the strong potential for high impact in the cancer field.

9. Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance (FARA)

General Research Grant

Deadline (LOI): July 15, 2018

Amount: $300,000 over up to 2 years
In addition to General Research Grants, FARA offers named awards for projects fitting specific criteria:

- Cardiac Research
- Translational Research
- International Collaborative Research

FARA's Grant Program Priorities:

- Advance understanding of neuroscience / neuro systems - understanding the neurodegeneration of FA and implications for therapies
- Advance drug discovery
  - Highest priority in this category will be given to genetic, epigenetic and protein approaches that target increasing frataxin levels
- Facilitate the drug development process and translational research so that the most promising discoveries are rapidly brought to treatment trials
  - Highest priority in this category will be given to IND-enabling studies, biomarker discovery and validation, early phase or pilot clinical studies
- Advance clinical research - natural history, discovery and validation of clinical outcome measures and/or biomarkers, identification of early (including presymptomatic) quantifiable clinical features, patient reported outcomes, investigator-initiated clinical trials, or evidence-based clinical treatment guidelines
  - Highest priority in this category will be given to clinical research that utilizes or expands resources of the Collaborative Clinical Research Network in FA
- Reduce the morbidity and mortality caused by cardiac disease in FA

10. Jain Foundation
Research and Clinical Grants
Deadline: Rolling
Amount: $100,000 over 1 year
Number of Grants/Year: N/A
Eligibility:

- The project must have direct relevance to dysferlin deficiencies - either to extend our understanding of the disease or a unique approach to a treatment for the disease
- The project should not have been previously performed elsewhere and sufficient due diligence should have been done to find out if the same project is currently being done in another lab. We will confirm this independently

The explicit goal of the Jain Foundation is to expedite development of a treatment or cure for the dysferlinopathies (LGMD2B and Miyoshi Myopathy). The proposed project must have application to these diseases, or it will not be considered.

11. JDRF Grant Center
Strategic Research Agreements
Deadline (LOI): August 1, 2018
Amount: $600,000 over up to 3 years
Number of Grants/Year: 30-50
Eligibility: Applicants must hold an MD, DMD, DVM, PhD, or equivalent and have a faculty position or equivalent at a college, university, medical school, company, or other research facility. There are no citizenship requirements for this program. To assure continued excellence and diversity among applicants and awardees, JDRF welcomes applications from all qualified individuals and encourages applications from persons with disabilities, women, and members of minority groups underrepresented in the sciences.

JDRF’s Strategic Research Agreements provide research funding for single or multiple investigators to address critical gaps and challenges and potential breakthroughs in Type 1 diabetes research. The Strategic Research Agreement is a partnership between
Investigator(s) and JDRF Scientists to help address roadblocks and accelerate JDRF’s mission through support of cutting-edge scientific investigation. Further, this mechanism embodies cooperative development of a research plan, interim quarterly reporting on milestones and interaction with JDRF scientists prior to and during the award period. The budget and duration of funding are variable and continued funding is based on satisfactory effort and quarterly progress on milestones. Submission of an application requires permission from JDRF and is initiated with a Project Concept submitted to the JDRF Project Concept Call in RMS360. Successful Project Concept applicants will be contacted for further project development by JDRF personnel.

12. Morton Cure Paralysis Fund (MCPF)
Research Grant
Deadline: October 31, 2018
Amount: $75,000
Number of Grants/Year: N/A
Eligibility: Applications for research grants are accepted from American or international investigators located at institutions that have clearly established lines of accountability and fiscal responsibility. Applications must include institutional assurances regarding research on human subjects and/or on animals, and must be signed by the individual responsible for administration of the contract. Funds are awarded to the principal investigator's host institution. If the PI moves after the initiation of the contract to a new host institution, all efforts will be made by MCPF to ensure the continuation of the specific research project. However as a small organization, MCPF reserves the right to request reimbursement of our grant if the project is not completed. This provision will be in the contract the institution must sign prior to receiving the grant.

MCPF funds activities that hold promise of identifying therapies (cures) for paralysis in humans. The development of effective therapies for chronic injury is a high priority for the organization.

Focus areas:
- Understanding the effects of spinal cord injury at the cellular level, particularly with emphasis on that which determines apoptosis and/or prohibits regrowth
- Studying strategies to promote neuronal growth and survival, encourage the formation of synapses, enhance the production of myelin, restore conduction capabilities, or otherwise lead to restoration of the compromised circuitry in the acutely and chronically injured CNS
- Evaluating new therapies in clinical trial.

13. National Ataxia Foundation (NAF)
Research Grants
Deadline (LOI): July 16, 2018
Amount: Up to $30,000 over 1 year
Number of Grants/Year: Up to 10
Eligibility: NAF invites research applications from U.S.A. and International non-profit and for-profit institutions. Non-U.S. citizens are eligible to apply for a research grant from NAF.

The National Ataxia Foundation is committed to funding the best science relevant to hereditary and sporadic types of ataxia in both basic and translational research. Funding for Ataxia-Telangiectasia research proposals will receive a lower priority unless they lend themselves to an overall better understanding of the ataxia disease process.

II. Nursing & Public Health

14. The AmerisourceBergen Foundation
Opiod Resource Grant Program
Deadline (LOI): July 31, 2018
Amount: Up to $100,000
Number of Grants/Year: N/A
Eligibility:
To be eligible for a grant:
- The project or program must align with the Foundation's mission and focus
The project or program cannot be limited to serving a narrowly defined group of individuals, but must instead serve a broad and indeterminate charitable class.

The project or program cannot be to fund direct treatment costs for individuals or groups of individuals suffering from substance abuse.

The organization cannot lobby as a substantial portion of its activities or support political causes or campaigns.

The organization cannot be currently engaged directly in discussions regarding the purchase of products or services from an AmerisourceBergen business entity.

Applicant organizations may only submit one LOI at a time.

The AmerisourceBergen Foundation invites nonprofit, grant-funded organizations to apply for a grant, by providing proposals that describe how the AmerisourceBergen Foundation can best contribute resources and funding to address opioid abuse and misuse. Grants will be awarded for the most innovative and constructive solutions and priority will be given to concepts addressing these key areas of focus:

- Safe disposal
- Education around prevention

Funding requests for treatment/recovery and treatment-related research are not in line with the above focus areas and will not be considered.

**15. The National Institute for Health Care Management (NIHCM) Foundation**

**Research Grants**

**Deadline (LOI):** July 9, 2018  
**Amount:** $50,000  
**Number of Grants/Year:** 7-8

**Eligibility:** We welcome applications from individual researchers as well as from all types of organizations and institutions, including both non-profit and for-profit entities. Multiple organizations may apply jointly, but one must be named as the principal organization and others will have a subcontract relationship with that organization. There is no limit to the number of project ideas that may be submitted by a given applicant, organization or academic department.

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.

**III. Education, Humanities, and Social & Behavioral Sciences**

**16. Kress Foundation**

*Digital Resources Grants Program*  
**Deadline:** October 1, 2018  
**Amount:** Up to $100,000 over 1 year  
**Number of Grants/Year:** 4-6

**Eligibility:** Grants are awarded to non-profit institutions with 501(c)3 status, based in the United States, including supporting foundations of European institutions.

The Digital Resources program is intended to foster new forms of research and collaboration as well as new approaches to teaching and learning. Support will also be offered for the digitization of important visual resources (especially art history photographic archives) in the area of pre-modern European art history; of primary textual sources (especially the literary and documentary sources of European art history); for promising initiatives in online publishing; and for innovative experiments in the field of digital art history. Please note that this grant program does not typically support the digitization of museum object collections.

*History of Art Grants Program*  
**Deadline:** October 1, 2018  
**Amount:** Up to $100,000 over 1 year  
**Number of Grants/Year:** 5-10

**Eligibility:** Grants are awarded to non-profit institutions with 501(c)3 status, based in the United States, including supporting foundations of European institutions.
The History of Art program supports scholarly projects that will enhance the appreciation and understanding of European art and architecture. Grants are awarded to projects that create and disseminate specialized knowledge, including archival projects, development and dissemination of scholarly databases, documentation projects, museum exhibitions and publications, photographic campaigns, scholarly catalogues and publications, and technical and scientific studies. Grants are also awarded for activities that permit art historians to share their expertise through international exchanges, professional meetings, conferences, symposia, consultations, the presentation of research, and other professional events.

17. **Lawrence Foundation**

*Research Grant*

**Deadline:** November 1, 2018  
**Amount:** $10,000  
**Number of Grants/Year:** 10-20  
**Eligibility:** The Lawrence Foundation is focused on making grants to support environmental, human services and other causes although our interests are fairly diverse and may lead into other areas on an occasional basis. The foundation makes both program and operating grants and does not have any geographic restrictions on our grants. Nonprofit organizations that qualify for public charity status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or public schools and libraries are eligible for contributions or grants.

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18. **National Geographic Society**

*Documenting Human Migrations*

**Deadline:** July 10, 2018  
**Amount:** Up to $70,000 over 1 year  
**Number of Grants/Year:** N/A  
**Eligibility:** You may submit a proposal as the project leader for only one project at a time. However, you may be a project member or co-applicant on multiple grants simultaneously. You must submit a final report and media from any previous grants for which you were the leader before applying to lead a new project. Organizations can apply for grants, but the person within the organization who will lead the project - not the institution - should be the applicant and will be expected to meet the requirements of the grant. If you are planning to work outside of your home country, you must include the name and contact information for at least one local collaborator as a project team member in the application. Please note that the National Geographic Society does not assist with visas.

The goal of this RFP is to support impactful projects that - through education or storytelling - seek to increase understanding and acceptance of migrants and migrant communities. Types of human migrations include (but are not limited to) nomadic communities, refugees of all kinds, migrant labor, victims of human trafficking, and people exploring the planet and beyond.

Priority will be given to projects that aim to do one or more of the following through education or storytelling:

- Document the causes and effects of one or more examples of present-day human migration;
- Document the lives of present-day migrants, their journeys, and receiving communities.
- Develop and test out classroom resources, curricula, or public outreach materials that aim to increase understanding of the migrant experience and acceptance of migrant communities.

19. **Pittsburgh Foundation**

*Bennett Prize*

**Deadline:** September 18, 2018  
**Amount:** $50,000  
**Number of Grants/Year:** 1
Eligibility: Women artists who paint in the figurative realist style and who have not yet achieved full professional recognition - both new artists and those who have painted for many years. The prize is not open to hobbyists, students, or artists who have been paid or received an award of $25,000 or more for any single work of art.

The prize is intended to allow the winner to create her own solo exhibition, which will be premiered at the Muskegon (Michigan) Museum of Art and then travel the country. The Bennett Prize also aims to expand opportunities for the public to learn more about the creative vision of talented women painters in the increasingly popular style of figurative realism.

20. William T. Grant Foundation
Research Grants
Deadline: August 1, 2018
Amount:
- Reducing inequality: Up to $600,000 over 3 years
- Improving use of research initiative: Up to $1,000,000 over 4 years

Number of Grants/Year: N/A
Eligibility:
- Research project advances the Foundation's interests in understanding programs, policies, and practices that reduce inequality or improving the use of research evidence
- Research project has compelling relevance for programs, policies, and practices affecting youth ages 5-25 in the U.S.
- Funds primarily support research activities, not intervention or service costs
- Applicant is employed at a tax-exempt organization

The William T. Grant Foundation funds research that increases understanding in one of two focus areas:
- Programs, policies, and practices that reduce inequality in youth outcomes
- Strategies to improve the use of research evidence in ways that benefit youth

The Foundation seeks research that builds stronger theory and empirical evidence in these two areas. Supported research is intended to inform change. While it is not expected that any one study will create that change, the research should contribute to a body of useful knowledge to improve the lives of young people. The shift to a million dollar ceiling reflects a renewed commitment to this focus area and an interest in funding bold, large-scale studies to significantly advance the field. Projects involving secondary data analysis are at the lower end of the budget range, whereas projects involving new data collection and sample recruitment can be at the higher end. Proposals to launch experiments in which settings (e.g., classrooms, schools, youth programs) are randomly assigned to conditions sometimes have higher awards.

IV. Fellowships

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

21. Open Society Foundations
Open Society Fellowship
The Open Society Fellowship supports individuals seeking innovative and unconventional approaches to fundamental open society challenges. The fellowship funds work that will enrich public understanding of those challenges and stimulate far-reaching and probing conversations within the Open Society Foundations and in the world.
Deadline (LOI): July 15, 2018
Amount: $100,000 for 1 year
Number of Grants/Year: 5-8
Eligibility: Ideal fellows are specialists who can see beyond the parochialisms of their field and possess the tenacity to complete a project of exceptional merit. Proposals will be accepted from anywhere in the world, although demonstrable proficiency in spoken and written English is required. Applicants should possess and demonstrate a deep understanding of the major themes embedded within the proposition above and be willing to work in a cohort of fellows with diverse occupational, geographic, and ideological
Successful applicants should be eager to exploit the many resources offered by the Open Society Foundations and be prepared to engage constructively with our global network. The fellowship does not fund enrollment for degree or non-degree study at academic institutions, including dissertation research. This is a fellowship for individuals only; proposals from organizations or individuals acting on behalf of organizations will not be accepted.

Applicants for the Open Society Fellowship are invited to address the following proposition:

New and radical forms of ownership, governance, entrepreneurship, and financialization are needed to fight pervasive economic inequality. This proposition is intended as a provocation—to stimulate productive controversy and debate—and does not necessarily represent the views of the Open Society Foundations. Applicants are invited to dispute, substantiate, or otherwise engage with the proposition in their submissions. Though the proposition deals with economic issues, those without an economics or business background are welcome to apply, provided they have a relevant project in mind. Once chosen, fellows will work on projects of their own design and passion. At the same time, they are expected to take advantage of the intellectual and logistical resources of the Open Society Foundations and contribute meaningfully to the Foundations’ thinking. Fellows will also have opportunities to collaborate with one another as a cohort. It is hoped that the fellowship will not only nurture theoretical debate but also bring about policy change and reform.

22. Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study Harvard University Fellowship Program

Deadline:

- Creative Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences: September 13, 2018
- Natural Sciences, Mathematics: October 4, 2018

Amount: $82,500 over 9 months

Number of Grants/Year:

- Creative Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences: 40-45
- Natural Sciences, Mathematics: 10-15

Eligibility: The Radcliffe Institute encourages applications in all disciplines and on any topic. Applicants whose projects draw on the resources of the Institute’s Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America (the country’s foremost archive in women’s history) are looked on favorably, but such a focus is not a requisite for applying.

Applications in all academic disciplines, professions, and creative arts are encouraged, and there are a few areas of special interest:

- Applications related to the broad theme of the human body, which is a one-year initiative across the programs of the Radcliffe Institute
- Applications that involve the study of women, gender, and society, which is a commitment rooted in Radcliffe’s unique history
- Applications that draw on the resources of the Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America, which is part of the Radcliffe Institute and one of the foremost archives on women’s history
- Applications for the Mellon-Schlesinger Fellowship, part of the broader Long 19th Amendment Project funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation

Individual Humanists and Social Scientists:
In order to be eligible to apply, applicants must have received their doctorate (or appropriate terminal degree) in the area of the proposed project at least two years prior to appointment (by December 2017). This is not intended to serve as a postdoctoral fellowship. Only scholars who have published at least two articles in refereed journals or edited collections or a monograph are eligible to apply.

Applicants in humanities and social sciences cannot be students in doctoral or master’s programs at the time of application submission unless the dissertation has been accepted by advisors.

Individual Creative Artists:
Please note that artists and writers need not have a PhD or an MFA to apply; however, they must meet other specific eligibility requirements, listed below.
Applicants in creative arts cannot be students in doctoral or master's programs at the time of application submission unless the dissertation has been accepted by advisors.

**Creative Writers: Fiction and Nonfiction**
To be considered for a fellowship in fiction or nonfiction, applicants must have any of the following: one or more published books, a contract for the publication of a book-length manuscript, or at least three shorter works (longer than newspaper articles) published. Evidence of publication in print format within the last five years is highly desirable; Web site publications are not acceptable as the only form of previously published work. Applicants should note that reviewers take into account evidence of a distinctive, original voice, richness or dimensionality of text, and coherence in the project plan. Professionals interested in writing about their work experiences should apply in the category of nonfiction. Recommendations from applicant's editors and/or agents are not acceptable.

**Creative Writers: Poetry**
To be considered for a fellowship in poetry, applicants must have had at least 20 poems published in the last five years or a published book of poetry and must be in the process of completing a manuscript. Reviewers examine the submissions for evidence of originality, vision, and maturity. Recommendations from applicant's editors and/or agents are not acceptable.

**Journalists**
Applicants in this genre are required to have worked professionally as a journalist for at least five years. Recommendations from applicant's editors and/or agents are not acceptable.

**Playwrights/Screenwriters**
Applicants in this genre must have a significant body of independent work in the form. This will include, most typically, a play or screenplay produced or under option.

**Film and Video Artists**
Applicants in the areas of film and video must have a body of independent work of significant achievement. Such work will typically have been exhibited in galleries or museums, shown in film or video festivals, or broadcast on television or radio. Fellowships in film and video are awarded jointly by the Institute and the Harvard Film Study Center (filmstudycenter.org), which supports practitioners of innovative nonfiction media whose work displays exceptional promise and demonstrated accomplishment. Reviewers focus on formal innovation, personal vision, and the impact that the work has had within its field. If accepted, film and video artists have a number of options to be negotiated to present their work during the fellowship year, to be determined once accepted.

**Musicians**
Composers: It is highly desirable, but not required, for applicants in music composition to have a PhD or DMA.

**Theater Performers**
Applicants must have a significant body of work characterized by originality, reach, and mastery of technique. Reviewers expect that the artist has worked in at least two professional theaters or venues.

**Visual Artists**
To be considered for a fellowship in the visual arts, applicants must show strong evidence of achievement, with a record of at least five years of work as a professional artist, including participation in several curated group shows and at least two professional solo exhibitions. Reviewers take into account originality, consistency, and ability to transcend the artistic medium. If accepted, visual artists are required to contribute artwork to a group exhibition in the Johnson-Kulukundis Family Gallery on the Radcliffe campus. Artists may also have an opportunity to present their work in an additional exhibition during the fellowship year. In addition, artists will present their work in a lecture setting to colleagues and the public.

**Individual Natural Scientists and Mathematicians:**
Scholars in any field with a doctorate in the area of the proposed project by December 2017 are eligible to apply. This is not intended to serve as a postdoctoral fellowship. Only scholars who have published at least two articles in journals are eligible to apply.
Please note: Applicants may not be students in a degree program at the time of application submission.

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The [CFR Support Request Form](#) is organized to reflect the order and type of information that most foundations look for in their grant applications. It can help you better frame your ideas and create a more consistent structure for your letter of intent (LOI) or funding request. Follow the link and get started today!

**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](#)."