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AMERICAN COUNCIL OF LEARNED SOCIETIES

ACLS is the leading private institution supporting scholars in the humanities and related social sciences at the doctoral and postdoctoral levels. Fellowships and grants are offered through multiple programs.

SCHOOL FOR ADVANCED RESEARCH

The Resident Scholar Fellowships support scholars who need time to prepare manuscripts or dissertations on topics important to understanding humankind. The School also offers various other fellowships in the humanities.

AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY

The American Antiquarian Society offers three broad categories of visiting research fellowships, with tenures ranging from one to twelve months. All the fellowships are designed to enable academic and independent scholars and advanced graduate students to spend an uninterrupted block of time doing research in the AAS library. Discussing this work with staff and other readers is a hallmark of an AAS fellowship.

GERDA HENKEL FOUNDATION

Archaeology, Art History, Historical Islamic Studies, History

ANDY WARHOL FOUNDATION FOR THE VISUAL ARTS

Offers various grants and fellowships in the field of art including the Writing Initiative, Arts, Culture, Society, Creative Capital, and Curatorial Fellowships

JOHN SIMON GUGGENHEIM FOUNDATION

The Foundation offers fellowships to further the development of scholars and artists by assisting them to engage in research in any field of knowledge and creation in any of the arts, under the freest possible conditions and irrespective of race, color, or creed. The Foundation receives approximately 3,000 applications each year. Although no one who applies is guaranteed success in the competition, there is no prescreening: all applications are reviewed.

SAMUEL H. KRESS FOUNDATION

Fellowships and grants with an emphasis on European Art History

THE PUFFIN FOUNDATION

Fine Arts and Video/Film

GETTY FOUNDATION/J. PAUL GETTY TRUST

Art and Art History

THE ADOLPH & ESTHER GOTTLIEB FOUNDATION

Supports the serious, fully committed and mature artist (applicants should be able to demonstrate that they have been working on their art for at least 20 years)

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF COMPOSERS, AUTHORS, AND PUBLISHERS FOUNDATION

To encourage developing music creators during the earliest stages of their careers

NAMM Foundation

Seeks proposals in the fields of music, music education, neuroscience, psychology, education and/or health to explore the benefits of hands-on music making in various education, health-wellness or therapeutic settings

AMERICAN MUSICOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Offers a variety of travel and research grants to music scholars

SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN MUSIC

Supports the activities of scholars in American music at all stages of their careers

NEWMUSIC USA

Fostering connections, deepening knowledge, encouraging appreciation, and providing financial support for new music created in the United States

POETS & WRITERS

Matching grants for writer's fee payments to present poetry or fiction readings, workshops, or performance pieces

INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES

Offers the Mellon School of Historical Studies Fellowship, one-year program memberships to support assistant professors for one academic year in the fields of historical research

AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Small grants used for research expenses

AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

Research Grants: Nine grant or fellowship programs in a wide range of fields. Franklin, Lewis and Clark, Lewis and Clark Astrobiology, Library Digital Humanities Fellowship, Library Fellowship, and Phillips programs award small grants (\$1,000–\$6,000) for modest research purposes. Daland, Library Long-Term Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, and Mellon Post-Doctoral Fellowship programs award much larger amounts (\$25,000–\$45,000) in highly selective competitions.

Awards are made for noncommercial research only. The APS makes no grants for academic study or classroom presentation, travel to conferences, non-scholarly projects, assistance with translation, or the preparation of materials for use by students. The APS does not pay overhead or indirect costs to any institution or publication costs, and grant funds are not to be used to pay income tax on the award.

TEAGLE FOUNDATION

Advancing the liberal arts, broadening access to a liberal arts education, enhancing student learning, dissemination on the value of liberal arts education, and best practices in teaching the arts and sciences (Education for American Civic Life, Pathways to the Liberal Arts, Liberal Arts and the Professions, College-Community Connections)

WABASH CENTER

Funds projects that enhance teaching and learning in the fields of religion or theology and that promote a sustained conversation about pedagogy through the improvement of practical applications of teaching and learning methods, the encouragement of research and study of pedagogical issues, and the creation of a supportive environment for teaching

SOCIAL SCIENCES

WENNER-GREN FOUNDATION

All programs fund anthropological research; Grants for Doctoral Students, Grants for Post-PhD. Scholars, Grants for Non-U.S. Scholars, Conferences and Workshops, Historical Archives Program, Institutional Development Grant

ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF AMERICA

Offers a large variety of funding opportunities open to members of AIA

SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL (SSRC)

The Council's programs nurture the excellent, the experimental, and the innovative in the following thematic areas (as of Feb 2019): Digital Knowledge, Media, & Data, Economic & Social Policy, Global & Regional Connections, Governance, Democracy & Civil Society, Health & Environment, Higher Education, Peace, Conflict & Security.

FORD FOUNDATION

Civic Engagement & Government, Creativity & Free Expression, Disability Rights, Gender, Racial, and Ethnic Justice, Technology & Society, Natural Resources & Climate Change, Future of Workers. Ford is open to new ideas. You can submit through their online form. The foundation will review each one and be in touch within 45 days if they are interested in learning more. Before submitting your idea, familiarize yourself with our seven program areas above and peruse funded projects.

LYNDE AND HARRY BRADLEY FOUNDATION

In line with its mission and guiding principles, the Bradley Foundation has identified four priority giving areas: Constitutional Order, Free Markets, Civil Society, and Informed Citizens. Within each of these giving areas, a comprehensive strategy will be identified and pursued to advance the Foundation's principles from ideas to implementation. In keeping with the Foundation's historical practice, a significant portion of its grant making in each giving area—and approximately 30% of the Foundation's overall unrestricted giving each year—will be directed toward organizations in Milwaukee and Wisconsin. Additionally, a significant percentage of its grants in each giving area will be allocated toward higher-risk, entrepreneurial giving - "venture capital" investments in new ideas, organizations, and leaders who are tackling the Foundation's priority issues in innovative ways that show high potential for significant impact.

INSTITUTE FOR HUMANE STUDIES

Strategic awards to graduate students and untenured faculty for presentations travel to interviews/archives/libraries, participation in career enhancing seminars, distribution of published articles, submission of unpublished manuscripts to publishers

ANNIE E. CASEY FOUNDATION

Casey's work focuses on ensuring kids have strong, supportive families; increasing economic opportunity; transforming struggling communities; and strengthening social sector leaders dedicated to improving the lives of young people. To those ends, they invest in innovative ideas, practices and policies that have the potential to help millions thrive. Grant making is very selective. Current funding priorities include child welfare (foster care), community change (community development), and economic opportunity (employment, education, and training, and juvenile justice).

W.K. KELLOGG FOUNDATION

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation is committed to ensuring all children, families and communities – regardless of race or income – have opportunities to reach their full potential. Priorities include Thriving Children, Working Families, and Equitable Communities.

WILLIAM T. GRANT FOUNDATION

The William T. Grant Foundation invests in high-quality research focused on reducing inequality in youth outcomes and improving the use of research evidence in decisions that affect young people in the United States. Focus areas include Reducing Inequality, Improving the Use of Research Evidence, Connecting Research, Policy, and Practice. Funding includes research grants and the William T. Grant Scholars Early Career Grants.

JAPAN FOUNDATION CENTER FOR GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP

CGP supports an array of institutions and individuals, including nonprofit organizations, universities, policymakers, scholars, and educators, and believes in the power of broad-based, multi-channel approaches to effect positive change through the following mechanisms:

- Administering grant programs to support collaborative projects conducted by the people of Japan, the United States and other countries that address issues of global concern
- Supporting fellowships
- Co-organizing projects with a variety of other institutions

OAK FOUNDATION U.S.A.

Addresses issues of global, social, and environmental concern including Preventing Child Sexual Abuse, Environment, Housing and Homelessness, International Human Rights, Issues affecting Women, and Learning Differences

CHARLES KOCH FOUNDATION

The Charles Koch Foundation requests grant proposals for research related to criminal justice reform. Grants seek to inform efforts to reduce overcriminalization and government overreach as well as recidivism, and to remove barriers that prevent former offenders from achieving successful lives.

RUSSELL SAGE FOUNDATION

Funding priorities include Future of Work, Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration, Social, Political and Economic Inequality, Promoting Educational Attainment and Economic Mobility, Causal Research on the Criminal justice System, Immigration and Immigrant Integration, Pipeline Grants Competition, Behavioral Science and Decision Making in Context, and Dissertation Research Grants.

OPEN SOCIETY FOUNDATION

The Open Society Foundations award grants, scholarships, and fellowships throughout the year to organizations and individuals who share Open Society values. They look for grantees who have a vision and whose efforts will lead to lasting social change.

HOROWITZ FOUNDATION FOR SOCIAL POLICY

The Foundation makes targeted grants for work in major areas of the social sciences, including anthropology, area studies, economics, political science, psychology, sociology, and urban studies, as well as newer areas such as evaluation research. Research grants are open to scholars in all social science disciplines for projects that deal with contemporary issues in the social sciences, particularly issues of policy relevance. Preference is given to scholars in the early stages of their careers.

AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION (AERA)

The AERA Grants Program provides Research Grants to faculty at institutions of higher education, postdoctoral researchers, and other doctoral level scholars. The program supports highly competitive studies using rigorous quantitative methods to examine large-scale, education-related data.

SPENCER FOUNDATION

Spencer supports high-quality, innovative research with the potential to improve education through a variety of funding programs including: Lyle Spencer Research Awards, Small Research Grants, Research-Practice Partnership Program, Midcareer Grant Program, Conference Grants, Dissertation and Postdoctoral Fellowships, Special Projects, and Current Strategic Initiatives: The New Civics, Data Use and Educational Policy and Practice.

INTEL FOUNDATION

STEM Education

AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC RESEARCH

Visiting summer research fellowships for professionals in the economics or in related disciplines, especially applicants who are interested in money, banking and credit; public and personal finance

INSTITUTE FOR NEW ECONOMIC THINKING

The Institute supports new economic thinking, in all the forms it may take; less interested in pure policy applications, institution building, and general program support.

UPJOHN INSTITUTE FOR EMPLOYMENT RESEARCH

Early career grants to junior faculty (untenured and within six years of having earned a PhD) to carry out policy-related research on labor market issues. The Institute encourages research proposals on all issues related to labor markets and public workforce policy.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

The National Geographic Society currently offers three types of grant applications—Early Career, Exploration, and Requests for Proposals.

AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

The APSA Small Research Grant Program supports research in all fields of political science. The intent of these grants is to provide funding opportunities for research conducted by:

- Political scientists in non-tenure track or contingent positions who are ineligible for departmental funding
- Political science faculty of all ranks who are employed in departments that do not grant PhDs

Also funds the Congressional Fellowship Program

SMITH RICHARDSON FOUNDATION

Supports junior faculty research on American foreign policy, international relations, international security, military policy, and diplomatic and military history. Grants support tenure-track junior faculty engaged in the research and writing of a scholarly book on an issue or topic of interest to the policy community, to buy-out up to one year of teaching time and to underwrite research costs (including research assistance and travel).

CHRISTOPHER REYNOLDS FOUNDATION, INC.

U.S. relations with Cuba and Cuban needs as defined by Cubans themselves

GERMAN ACADEMIC EXCHANGE SERVICE (DAAD)

DAAD offers grants for one to three months in all academic disciplines to scholars at US and Canadian institutions of higher education to pursue research at universities, libraries, archives, institutes, or laboratories in Germany. Grants are awarded for specific research projects and cannot be used for travel only.

UNITED STATES-JAPAN FOUNDATION

Pre-College Education, Communication/Public Opinion, U.S.-Japan Policy, US-Japan Leadership Program, Elgin Heinz Outstanding Teacher Award

TRUST FOR MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING

The Trust for Mutual Understanding awards grants to American nonprofit organizations to support direct exchange in the arts and the environment between professionals from the United States and TMU's geographic region: the Baltic States; Central Asia; Central, East, Southeast Europe; Mongolia; and Russia. Priority consideration is given to projects that involve direct, in-depth professional interaction, with the potential for sustained collaboration; that show evidence of professional accomplishment and innovation; and/or that respond to social contexts and engage local communities.

AMERICAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

ASA's grant and fellowship programs provide educational stipends and small grants to members for supporting research initiatives and other important scientific activities, including conference attendance.

MATH, COMPUTER & INFORMATION SCIENCE

GOOGLE AI

Faculty Research Awards

GOOGLE

The Research Scholar Program aims to support early-career professors who are pursuing research in fields relevant to Google. Fall application cycle

MICROSOFT ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

The Microsoft Research Faculty Fellowship recognizes innovative, promising new faculty members, whose exceptional talent for research and innovation identifies them as emerging leaders in their fields. Microsoft has a variety of academic funding programs including Microsoft Research AI & Society Fellows, Faculty Fellowships and Dissertation grants

ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN IN MATHEMATICS (AWM)

Travel and mentoring travel grants to domestic or foreign conferences

PHYSICAL SCIENCES

THE EPPLEY FOUNDATION FOR RESEARCH

Applied science in chemistry, physics, and biology

AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

Research Grants, Fellowships, Education Grants

CAMILLE & HENRY DREYFUS FOUNDATION

The Camille Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Awards Program supports the research and teaching careers of talented young faculty in the chemical sciences. Based on institutional nominations, the program provides discretionary funding to faculty at an early stage in their careers.

COTTRELL SCHOLARS

The Cottrell Scholar (CS) program champions the very best early career teacher-scholars in chemistry, physics, and astronomy by providing significant discretionary awards for research.

HYDROPOWER FOUNDATION

The primary purpose of Hydropower Foundation (HPF) is "advancing hydropower's role in our clean energy future through research and education." As such, the HPF encourages the development of projects and programs from within or related to the hydropower industry at all levels.

The Arnold & Mable Beckman Foundation

The Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation provides grants to researchers and non-profit research institutions in chemistry and life sciences to promote scientific discoveries and particularly to foster the invention of methods, instruments, and materials that will open new avenues of research.

WHITEHALL FOUNDATION

Dynamic areas of basic biological research that are not heavily supported by federal agencies or other foundations

HUMAN FRONTIER SCIENCE PROGRAM

Frontier research into complex biological systems. Novel, innovative, and interdisciplinary basic research focused on the complex mechanisms of living organisms ranging from molecular and cellular approaches to systems and cognitive neuroscience and their interactions between organisms. Research grants, career development awards, postdoctoral fellowships

THE COMPANY OF BIOLOGISTS

uses surplus income to benefit biology and the biological community. A key way in which we do this is through our grants, which support and encourage the sharing of knowledge throughout the community by facilitating international collaboration, event attendance and organization of scientific meetings, conferences and workshops.

THE LEAKEY FOUNDATION

Leakey Foundation Research Grants support both PhD dissertation research and post-PhD research across multiple disciplines related to human origins, evolution, and behavior.

HEALTH & MEDICAL

MISSOURI FOUNDATION FOR HEALTH

Access to Care, Childhood Obesity, Expanding Coverage, Infant Mortality, Public Health Infrastructure, Supportive Housing, Health Policy. The Opportunity fund allows visionary thinkers to submit ideas on a rolling basis.

ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION

Building a Culture of Health, Healthy Communities, Health Children, Healthy Weight, Health Systems, Leadership for Better Health

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

Precision Medicine, Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

The Alzheimer's Association International Research Grant Program funds investigations to advance our understanding of Alzheimer's disease, identify new treatment strategies, improve care for people with dementia, and further our knowledge of brain health and disease prevention. Grants for investigators at every professional stage designed to address gaps in research

MICHAEL J. FOX FOUNDATION

Translational and clinical research, high-risk/high reward discovery

BRIGHTFOCUS FOUNDATION

Alzheimer's, Macular Degeneration, Glaucoma research

ALZHEIMER'S DRUG DISCOVERY FOUNDATION

Drug discovery, clinical trials, biomarkers, prevention

AUTISM SPEAKS

Predoctoral and Postdoctoral Fellowships, Adult Transition Research, Dataset Analysis Grants

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

Research grants and fellowships to promising early-career scientists with unique hypotheses for cancer prevention and study, fostering the next generation of cancer research and creating a strong foundation of preliminary evidence to make scientific advancements. Grants in support of training for health professionals seeking to develop their clinical expertise and/or their ability to conduct independent research.

AONL FOUNDATION

Nursing research, leadership development, workforce

AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Scholarships, Fellowships, and Grants for Early Career, Mid and Senior Level Psychologists

BRAIN RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Fay/Frank Seed Grant Program and Scientific Innovations Award

BRAIN & BEHAVIOR RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Funds cutting-edge research to find cures for mental health

DANA FOUNDATON

Neuroscience research and education

MENTAL ILLNESS RESEARCH ASSOCIATION (MIRA)

Addiction, Depression, Anxiety, other disorders

AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION

Pilot Innovation, Young Investigator, Distinguished Investigator, and Standard Research Innovation Grants

HHMI

Supports biomedical research, develops future leaders, and builds inclusive learning communities

MULITIPLE FUNDING AREAS

AAUW

Short-term research publication grants provide support to scholars to prepare research manuscripts for publication. Campus action grants, etc.

ARNOLD VENTURES (Formerly the LAURA AND JOHN ARNOLD FOUNDATION)

Criminal Justice, Health, Education, Public Finance

JOHN D. AND CATHERINE T. MACARTHUR FOUNDATION

This foundation works through intermediaries. Climate Solutions, Criminal Justice, Equitable Recovery

DAVID ROCKEFELLER FUND

Arts, Criminal Justice, and Environment

JOHN TEMPLETON FOUNDATION

Funding areas include Character Virtue Development, Individual Freedom & Free Markets, Life Sciences, Mathematical & Physical Sciences, Public Engagement, and Religion, Science and Society

THE WALLACE FOUNDATION

Afterschool, arts education, building audiences for the arts, expanded learning, school leadership, and summer learning

HARRY FRANK GUGGENHEIM FOUNDATION

Dissertation Fellowships, Matching Gifts Program, Research Grants (for individuals). The foundation considers grants in natural or social sciences and humanities that increase understanding of violence, aggression, and dominance.

WASHINGTON CENTER FOR EQUITABLE GROWTH

Equitable Growth considers proposals that investigate the consequences of economic inequality for growth and the ways in which public polices affect the relationship between inequality and growth. We support inquiry using many kinds of evidence, relying on a variety of methodological approaches and cutting across academic disciplines, as well as projects about measurement and data collection

CHARLES STEWART MOTT FOUNDATION

Civil Society, Education, the Environment

SIMONS FOUNDATION

Math & Physical Sciences, Life Sciences, Outreach & Education, Autism Research

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR EURASIAN AND EAST EUROPEAN RESEARCH (NCEEER)

Provides funds for both collaborative and individual research projects in the humanities and social sciences in or on any country of Eurasia or East-Central Europe; National Research Competition and Short-term Travel Grant programs

HENRY LUCE FOUNDATION

American Art, Fostering Cultural and Intellectual Exchange between the U.S. and East and Southeast Asia and Improving scholarly and public resources for improved understanding of Asia in the U.S, Clare Boothe Luce (CBL) Program for women in science, math, and engineering in higher education, Higher Education, Luce Scholars, Public Policy, Religion in International Affairs, Theology, and Special projects

ALFRED P. SLOAN FOUNDATION

Basic Scientific Research, Higher Education, Technology, Public Understanding of Science

JM KAPLAN FUND

The J.M. Kaplan fund aims to improve the lives of youth by supporting community-centered approaches to intervene in narratives of criminalization that have led to mass incarceration and anti-immigrant policies, especially for low-income communities and people of color. Program areas include social justice, environment, heritage conservation, the J.M.K. Innovation Prize.

STUART FOUNDATION

The Foundation awards grants in four areas that coordinate and connect efforts at the policy level, strengthen and support educators, and sustain learning environments that are rigorous, relevant, and responsive to student interests and needs: School Finance & Accountability, Educator Leadership, Adolescent Learning, and Creativity & Arts Education.

OVERDECK FAMILY FOUNDATION

Early Education Impact, Educators, Innovative Schools, STEM Education, Data around Children & Families

RAIKES FOUNDATION

Education, housing stability for youth, racial equity and democracy, and impact driven philanthropy

STRANAHAN FOUNDATION

Education, Physical and Mental Health, Ecological Well-being, Arts/Culture, Human Services

SIEGEL FAMILY ENDOWMENT

Learning, Workforce, Infrastructure

WILLIAM AND FLORA HEWLETT FOUNDATION

Programs and initiatives include Economy & Society, Effective Philanthropy, Gender Equity & Governance, Racial Justice, Special Projects, Education, Environment, Performing Arts, and U.S. Democracy

MICHAEL & SUSAN DELL FOUNDATION

Focus areas include Quality Schools, Classroom Supports, University Success, Jobs & Livelihoods, Financial Services, Health Innovation

RETIREMENT RESEARCH FOUNDATION

RRF's Responsive Grants program supports projects that have a significant focus on older adults, ages 65 and over, in the following areas: Caregiving, Economic Security in Later Life, Housing, Social and Intergenerational Connectedness, Organizational Capacity Building

ANDREW W. MELLON FOUNDATION

The foundation makes grants in five core program areas including Arts and Culture, Higher Learning, Humanities in Place, Public Knowledge and Presidential Initiatives

ARTHUR VINING DAVIS FOUNDATION

Private Higher Education, Public Educational Media, Interfaith Leadership & Religious Literacy, Environmental Engagement, Stewardship & Solutions, and Palliative Care

CARNEGIE CORPORATION

Carnegie Corporation of New York makes grants to promote international peace and to advance education and knowledge. Funding priorities include Education, Democracy (through civic integration of immigrants, support for nonpartisan voter registration and education, and voting rights) Higher Education and Research in Africa, International Peace and Security.

GORDON AND BETTY MOORE FOUNDATION

Data Driven Discovery, Environmental Conservation, Patient Care Start with a 100-word email grant inquiry; the foundation does not accept unsolicited proposals.

DAVID & LUCILLE PACKARD FOUNDATION

Initiatives include Supporting Healthy Moms and Kids, Supporting a Thriving Civil Society, Fostering a Thriving U.S. Democracy, Ending Tropical Deforestation, Promoting Sustainable Development, Advancing Reproductive Health and Rights Globally, Supporting Innovative Climate Solutions, Ensuring a Healthy Ocean for Nature and People, Promoting Racial Justice in the U.S. and Advancing Reproductive Health and Rights in the U.S.

DORIS DUKE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Supports the performing arts, environment, medical research, child well-being, building bridges between Muslim and non-Muslim communities,

BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION

Economic mobility and opportunity, early learning solutions, k-12 education, postsecondary success; grand challenges initiatives

CHAN ZUCKERBERG INITIATIVE

Opportunities vary

THE KAVLI FOUNDATION

Funding areas include Astrophysics, Nanoscience, Neuroscience, Kavli Institutes, Science and Society

W.M. KECK FOUNDATION

Funds the high-risk and high-impact work of leading researchers to lay the groundwork for new paradigms, technologies, and discoveries that will save lives, provide innovative solutions and add to our understanding of the world.

SIMONS FOUNDATION

Focus areas include mathematical and physical sciences, life sciences, neuroscience and autism research