



## CORPORATE & FOUNDATION RELATIONS FUNDING DIGEST - MAY 2025

**Note on the "Process/Access" column:** Opportunities labeled "By Invitation Only" often require engagement with company/foundation stakeholders prior to submitting an application or letter of inquiry. The NIUF Corporate & Foundation Relations staff can assist faculty/staff with this process. Moreover, while opportunities marked "Open Call or RFP" do not necessarily require prior engagement, connecting with company/foundation stakeholders prior to an application is a best practice in most cases. Please contact us at CFR@niu.edu for assistance.

### Newly Added Funding Opportunities

Foundation/Company	Opportunity	Process/Access	Deadline(s)	Est. Amount	Description	Aligning Colleges, Units, Divisions
American Cancer Society	<a href="#">2025 Research Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	6/1/2025	Varies	Several grants fund high-impact and innovative cancer research conducted by promising scientists and health care professionals. Grants include: Discovery Boost Grants (DBG); Mission Boost Grants (MBG); Research Scholar Grants; and Postdoctoral Fellowships, in addition to RFA opportunities.	CHHS; CLAS
American Chemical Society	<a href="#">ACS Petroleum Research Fund</a>	Open Call or RFP	9/5/2025	\$ 110,000	The Petroleum Research Fund is an endowed fund, managed by the American Chemical Society that supports fundamental research directly related to petroleum or fossil fuels at nonprofit institutions. ACS PRF grants are intended as seed money, to enable an investigator to initiate a new research direction. The investigator should not have published or received financial support from another funding agency for the proposed research. Two cycles annually.	CEET; CLAS
American Psychological Foundation	<a href="#">Bruce and Jane Walsh Grant</a>	Open Call or RFP	9/18/2025	\$ 21,500	The Bruce and Jane Walsh Grant in Memory of John Holland supports scientific, scholarly, or applied research and/or educational activities investigating how personality, culture, and environment influence work behavior and health (mental and physical). Preference will be given to early career psychologists no more than 10 years postdoctoral, and pilot projects that, if successful, would be strong candidates for support from major federal and foundation funding agencies, and "demonstration projects" that promise to generalize broadly to similar settings in other geographical areas and/or to other settings.	CLAS

Association for Iron & Steel Technology	<a href="#">Digital Technologies for Steel Manufacturing Grant</a>	Open Call or RFP	6/30/2025	Up to \$30,000	This grant was established to challenge university teams from engineering, scientific and mathematical departments at North American universities to submit proposals for grant funding in the theme area of digital technology within the steel industry, including machine learning, computational science, simulation, augmented reality, additive manufacturing, and autonomous robotics, among other related technologies.	CEET; CLAS
BrightFocus Foundation	<a href="#">Macular Degeneration Research Grant</a>	Open Call or RFP	LOI due 7/17/2025	\$200,000-\$600,000	BrightFocus provides research funds for researchers pursuing pioneering research leading to greater understanding, prevention, and treatment of age-related macular degeneration. Three grant types are available: Innovative Research Grant, New Investigator Program, and a Postdoctoral Fellowship Program.	CLAS; CEET; CHHS
BrightFocus Foundation	<a href="#">Alzheimer's Disease Research Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	9/29/2025	\$200,000-\$300,000	Alzheimer's Disease Research provides funds for researchers pursuing pioneering research leading to greater understanding, prevention, and treatment of Alzheimer's disease through two types of awards: Standard Awards (\$300,000 over 3 years) and Postdoctoral Fellowship Awards (\$200,000 over 2 years).	CHHS; CLAS
Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America	<a href="#">IBD Ventures</a>	Open Call or RFP	9/17/2025	Up to \$500,000	This program focuses on the discovery or development of a novel product with the potential to help patients with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD). Research & development (R&D) projects will be funded to advance the discovery or development of a specific product candidate with potential for positive impact in the IBD field. Funded projects should be approximately 12 months in duration, with specific intermediate and final milestones identified at project onset.	CEET, CHHS, CLAS
Eli Lilly	<a href="#">2025 Eli Lilly and Company Grand Challenge Grant</a>	Open Call or RFP	6/27/2025	\$ 100,000	The 2025 Grand Challenge will take place at Lilly's headquarters in Indianapolis, IN on September 3rd and 4th, 2025. Selected participants will be invited to network with Lilly executives and scientists and compete for \$100,000 USD in non-dilutive grant funding. Selected participants will also gain access to Lilly's extensive scientific and business network to help advance their technologies. The Challenge will span two major tracks: -Women's Health: autoimmune disease, cardiometabolic, & reproductive health -Genetic Medicine: novel delivery technologies, neuroscience, & regenerative medicine	CHHS; CLAS

Fidelity Center for Applied Technology (FCAT)	<a href="#">Fidelity Investments</a>	Open Call or RFP	6/23/2025	\$25,000 or \$100,000	FCAT presents a unique opportunity for university faculty and to engage on targeted, collaborative, research initiatives around emerging technology themes, through two new program awards: the University Research Awards program offers up to \$100,000 in research funding while the Applied Technology Awards program offers up to \$25,000 for each accepted proposal for short-term projects. Research focus areas are Emerging Technology and Cryptocurrency Mining.	CEET; CLAS
Gerda Henkel Stiftung	<a href="#">Democracy Funding Programme</a>	Open Call or RFP	6/3/2025	Varies (approximately \$4,200 per month)	This program funds historical research into conflict histories surrounding the correct order and just society. The program includes two focus areas: -Democracy as a Utopia, Experience and Threats aims at placing problematic issues in broader historical context and considering the history of conflicts over the foundation of the social order. -Transformations of Democracy? Or: The Contours of Future Democratic Society focuses on analysis of the present situation and predictions for the future.	CLAS; CLAW
Herb Block Foundation	<a href="#">Encouraging Citizen Involvement</a>	Open Call or RFP	LOI due 6/4/2025	\$5,000-\$25,000	The Herb Block Foundation seeks to help ensure a responsible, responsive democratic government through citizen involvement. Proposals may focus on citizen education and greater voter participation in the electoral process. All projects must be nonpartisan and may not involve lobbying for specific legislation or candidates.	CLAS; CLAW
Lalor Foundation	<a href="#">The Anna Lalor Burdick Program</a>	Open Call or RFP	May 1 or Nov 1 (concept paper deadline)	\$10,000-\$30,000	The Anna Lalor Burdick (ALB) Program supports programs that offer sexual and reproductive health education to women. It is interested in programs serving women who are disadvantaged by poverty, discrimination, geographic isolation, lack of comprehensive sex education, hostile public policy, or other factors leading to inadequate sexual and reproductive health.	CHHS; CLAS
Longview Foundation	<a href="#">Internationalizing Teacher Prep &amp; Innovations</a>	Open Call or RFP	LOI due 6/20/25	\$15,000-\$25,000	The foundation focuses on K-12 education in the U.S. and only funds projects that directly support building global perspectives in teachers and students. Proposals funded will advance the field or impact significant numbers of students.	CEDU; CLAS

March of Dimes	<a href="#">Discovery Research Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	Portal opens 6/9/25; Application due 9/8/25	\$200,000	These grants are awarded to seasoned researchers seeking to make consequential translational discoveries that will drastically alter clinical care for pregnant people and babies, whether through evidence-based prevention, diagnosis, or intervention. Areas of research include: -Spontaneous preterm birth. -Decreasing Maternal and Infant Morbidity and Mortality by Improving Access to High Quality Health Care. -Cardiovascular health conditions developed during pregnancy or exacerbated during pregnancy.	CEET; CHHS; CLAS
Michelson Medical Research Foundation	<a href="#">Michelson Prizes: Next Generation Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	6/22/2025	Up to \$150,000	The Michelson Prizes is looking for research proposals on human immunology and vaccine research. The committee will look for research that aims to tackle the current roadblocks to human vaccine development and expand our limited understanding of key immune processes that are fundamental to successful vaccine and immunotherapy development. Applicants from the full spectrum of related disciplines, including clinical research, biochemistry, molecular biology, protein engineering, computer science, artificial intelligence/machine learning, biophysics, nanotechnology, etc., are encouraged to apply. Applicants must be 35 or younger.	CHHS; CLAS
Paralyzed Veterans of America	<a href="#">Research Grants &amp; Fellowships</a>	Open Call or RFP	7/1/2025	\$150,000-\$200,000	The organization supports projects grounded in basic laboratory science and the education of scientists working on breakthroughs directed toward a cure for paralysis or the secondary medical conditions, and technologies associated with spinal cord injury or disease (SCI/D). Funding is available for laboratory research, clinical and functional studies of the effects of SCI/D, design and development of assistive technology, and fellowships for postdoctoral scientists, clinicians, and engineers.	CHHS; CLAS; CEET
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	<a href="#">Rapid Response: Research to Advance Racial and Indigenous Health Equity</a>	Open Call or RFP	5/28/2025	\$50,000 to \$200,000	The purpose of this call for proposals is to meet the current moment: to support timely, actionable health equity research that has been interrupted by shifts in federal funding. It seeks to build an actionable body of evidence to construct fair systems (i.e., laws, policies, norms, practices, and power dynamics) that determine resource distribution and support health equity. Equity for Action (EA4) will fund Rapid Response Research grants at least to partially offset losses in federal funding for existing research.	CEET; CEDU; CHHS; CLAS; CLAW; COB

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	<a href="#">Research to Advance Racial and Indigenous Health Equity</a>	Open Call or RFP	7/16/2025	\$250,000 or \$500,000	The purpose of this call is to support community-driven research that uplifts the knowledge, expertise, and power of historically marginalized racial and Indigenous communities to develop or test solutions that advance racial and Indigenous health equity. It seeks to build an actionable body of evidence to construct fair systems (i.e., laws, policies, norms, practices, and power dynamics) that determine resource distribution and support health equity. Equity for Action (E4A) will fund New Research Support for action-oriented research to address ongoing threats to racial and Indigenous health equity.	CEET; CEDU; CHHS; CLAS; CLAW; COB
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	<a href="#">Exploring Equitable Futures</a>	Open Call or RFP	7/16/2025	Not specified	This program supports visionary thinkers—scientists, anthropologists, engineers, technologists, creatives, and others—who use a future-facing lens to uncover how emerging social, cultural, scientific, technological, environmental, and economic trends and forces could advance health equity for generations to come. RWJF is particularly interested in breakthrough or unconventional ideas that address any of these three areas of focus: -Economic Inclusion for Family Wellbeing -Equitable and Accountable Public Health and Healthcare Systems -Healthy and Equitable Community Conditions	CEET; CEDU; CHHS; CLAS; CLAW; COB
Russell Sage Foundation	<a href="#">Immigration and Immigrant Integration Research Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	LOI due 10/29/2025	Up to \$200,000	The Russell Sage Foundation/Carnegie Corporation of New York Initiative on Immigration and Immigrant Integration seeks to support innovative research on the effects of race, citizenship, legal status and politics, political culture, and public policy on outcomes for immigrants to the U.S. and for the U.S.-born of different racial and ethnic groups and generations.	ADEI; Academic Affairs; CEDU; CLAS; CLAW; Student Affairs
Russell Sage Foundation	<a href="#">Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	LOI due 10/29/2025	Up to \$200,000	The program on Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration supports innovative investigator-initiated research that examines the roles of race, ethnicity, nativity, legal status—and their interactions with each other and other social categories—in the social, economic, and political outcomes for immigrants, U.S.-born racial and ethnic minorities, and native-born whites. RSF encourages multi-disciplinary perspectives and methods that both strengthen the data, theory, and methods of social science research and improve our understanding of how to foster the ideals of a pluralist society.	ADEI; Academic Affairs; CEDU; COB; CLAS; CLAW; Student Affairs

Russell Sage Foundation	<a href="#">Behavioral Science and Decision Making in Context Research Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	LOI due 10/29/2025	Up to \$200,000	This program merges RSF's program on Behavioral Economics and its special initiative on Decision Making and Human Behavior in Context. RSF encourages perspectives from multiple disciplines, including economics, psychology, political science, sociology, law, public policy, and other social sciences, to further our understanding of economic, social, political, and psychological decision-making processes, attitudes, behaviors, and institutional practices in public and private contexts such as policing/criminal legal systems, employment, housing, politics, racial/ethnic relations, and immigration.	ADEI; CEDU; COB; CLAS; CLAW
Smith Richardson Foundation	<a href="#">Strategy and Policy Fellows Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	6/9/2025	\$ 60,000	This annual Strategy and Policy Fellows grant competition supports young scholars and policy thinkers on American foreign policy, international relations, international security, military policy, and diplomatic and military history. The purpose of the program is to strengthen the U.S. community of scholars and researchers conducting policy analysis in these fields.	CLAS; CLAW
Sociological Initiatives Foundation	<a href="#">Community-Based Participatory Research Projects</a>	Open Call or RFP	Short concepts due 8/15/25	\$15,000-\$25,000	The Sociological Initiatives Foundation (SIF) is dedicated to the belief that research and action are intrinsically inseparable. SIF invites concept proposals for community-academic partnerships that link an explicit research design to a concrete social action strategy. Projects should have specifically stated social change goals. In the past, SIF has funded projects in civil rights, community organizing, crime and law, education, health, housing, immigration, labor organizing, and language/literacy. It expects applicants from academic institutions to apply with a community partner.	CEDU; CHHS; CLAS; CLAW; OERD

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Alfred P. Sloan Foundation	<a href="#">Energy and Environment program grants</a>	Letters of inquiry accepted	Rolling	Varies	The program looks to shape the direction of energy systems decarbonization research by examining a wide range of questions through collaborative and interdisciplinary scholarship across the social and natural sciences. Many of the grants awarded advance projects led by early- and mid-career researchers, strengthen the link between research and practice, seed new efforts and extend work in new directions, and facilitate partnerships with other funders.	CEET; CHHS; CLAS; COB; NICCS

Allen Foundation, Inc.	<a href="#">Allen Foundation Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	7/15/2025	Varies	The foundation's grants: fund relevant nutritional research; support programs for the education and training of mothers during pregnancy and after the birth of their children; assist in the training of persons to work as educators and demonstrators of good nutritional practices; encourage the dissemination of information regarding healthful nutritional practices and habits; and in limited situations help solve immediate emergency hunger and malnutrition problems. Two annual deadlines.	CHHS; OERD
Allstate Foundation <i>(managed relationship; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	<a href="#">Allstate Grants</a>	By Invitation Only	Rolling	Varies	Allstate Foundation makes grants to organizations working to advance racial equity at a societal level, prepare youth to lead and succeed, disrupt the cycle of relationship abuse, and support nonprofit leaders.	CEDU; CEET; CHHS; CLAS; CLAW; COB; VPA
Alphawood Foundation <i>(managed relationship; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	<a href="#">Alphawood Foundation Grants</a>	By Invitation Only	Rolling	Varies	Funding priorities include arts empowerment; LGBTQ+ health/HIV prevention; LGBTQ+ rights/education; empowering communities of color; legal services and advocacy; preserving the built environment; Maya archeology; and general interest.	ADEI; VPA; CLAS; CLAW
American Psychological Foundation	<a href="#">Wayne F. Placek Grant</a>	Open Call or RFP	6/12/2025	Up to \$15,000	This grant encourages research to increase the general public's understanding of homosexuality and sexual orientation, and to alleviate the stress that LGBTQIA+ individuals experience in this and future civilizations. Topics include: heterosexuals' attitudes and behaviors toward LGBTQIA+ people; family and workplace issues relevant to LGBTQIA+ people; special concerns of sectors of the LGBTQIA+ population that have historically been underrepresented in scientific research; and issues concerning Black LGBTQIA+ individuals and communities.	ADEI; Academic Affairs; CEDU; CHHS; CLAS; CLAW; COB; Student Affairs
Arnold Ventures	<a href="#">Causal Research on Community Safety and the Criminal Justice System</a>	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Varies (\$500,000 expected)	The goal of this RFP is to build credible evidence on policies, practices, and interventions that can improve crime and justice system outcomes and grow the number of policies and practices rigorously shown to produce improvements in community safety and to make the justice system fairer and more effective. Submissions are welcome across all issues of crime and criminal justice that meet the above criteria. Suggestions for the LOI: <a href="https://www.arnoldventures.org/stories/funding-strong-causal-evidence-on-what-works-q-a-with-jennifer-doleac">https://www.arnoldventures.org/stories/funding-strong-causal-evidence-on-what-works-q-a-with-jennifer-doleac</a>	CEDU; CLAW; COB; CLAS

Arnold Ventures	<a href="#">Innovation Days</a>	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Not specified	The Arnold Ventures Criminal Justice team is pleased to support Innovation Days – external convenings that bring researchers and practitioners together to “think big” about solutions to pressing criminal justice problems. The goal is to spur collaborations on proposals for submission to its open <b>RFP on causal research in criminal justice (see above)</b> .	CEDU; CLAW; COB; CLAS
Association for Iron and Steel Technology	<a href="#">Sustainable Technologies for Steel Manufacturing Grant</a>	Open Call or RFP	6/30/2025	Up to \$30,000	AIST is a non-profit organization with a mission to advance the technical development, production, processing and application of iron and steel. This grant was established to challenge university teams from engineering, scientific and mathematical departments at universities to submit proposals for funding in the theme area of sustainable technologies for steel manufacturing, including decarbonization, CO2 reduction and carbon capture, utilization and storage (CCUS), among other related technologies. To assist the applicants in forging steel industry networks (access, connections, relationships), a steel industry representative currently employed with a steel producing or steel-related company must be identified in the proposal.	CEET; CLAS; NICCS
Brady Education Foundation	<a href="#">Proposals for Program Evaluations</a>	Open Call or RFP	8/1/2025	Varies	The Foundation is currently accepting Research Project (RP) proposals and Existing Program Evaluation (EPE) proposals that have the potential to provide data that will inform how to address disparities in educational opportunities associated with race, ethnicity, and family income for children from birth through age 18. There are three deadlines for applications throughout the year (Apr, Aug, Dec). Inquiries may be made in advance to obtain feedback.	CEDU; OERD
Brinson Foundation <i>(managed relationship; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	<a href="#">Education Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Varies	Education grantmaking priorities include Health care career development; High school, college, and career success; Liberty, citizenship, and free enterprise; Literacy; STEM; and Student health. Funding is limited to the greater Chicago area. A Due Diligence Discussion is required and available during two time periods each year. Funding is also available for Scientific Research ( <a href="https://brinsonfoundation.org/scientific-research/">https://brinsonfoundation.org/scientific-research/</a> ) by invitation only.	CEDU; CEET; CHHS; CLAS; CLAW; COB; VPA



Burroughs Wellcome Fund	<a href="#">Climate + Health Excellence Centers Award</a>	Open Call or RFP	8/7/2025	Up to \$10M	This program aims to stimulate the development of strong research, education, and public communications connections between fields that aim to understand and mitigate the impact of climate change on human health. The award will support institutions or consortia that are already moving toward establishing themselves as centers of excellence for understanding climate change's impact on human health and for leadership in climate education OR public communication around climate and health.	CHHS; CLAS; CLAW; NICCS; OERD
Burroughs Wellcome Fund	<a href="#">Climate Change and Human Health Seed Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	\$2,500- \$50,000	This program aims to stimulate the growth of new connections between scholars working in largely disconnected fields who might together change the course of climate change's impact on human health. Proposals accepted quarterly through July 2026.	CEET; CHHS; CLAS; NICCS
Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation <i>(limited submission policy; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	<a href="#">Henry Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Awards Program</a>	Open Call or RFP	8/7/2025	\$ 75,000	The program supports the research and teaching careers of talented early-career faculty in the chemical sciences at primarily undergraduate institutions. The award, which requires an institutional nomination, is based on accomplishment in scholarly research with undergraduates, as well as a compelling commitment to teaching, and provides an unrestricted research grant.	CLAS
CDW <i>(managed relationship; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	<a href="#">Digital Equity Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Varies	CDW's Social Impact program has a commitment to digital equity, and its top priorities are Providing tech access, Supporting education, and Building our workforce. They look to invest not just financials, but coworker time/talent and technological expertise.	CEDU; CEET; CHHS; CLAS; CLAW; COB; VPA
Chan Zuckerberg Initiative	<a href="#">Accelerating and Scaling Biological Sciences with AI</a>	Open Call or RFP	Rolling through June 2025 (until all GPU resource is allocated); evaluated once per month	Allocation of at least 96 GPUs	Request for applications opens in January 2025. CZI aims to support inspired and cutting-edge model building that will power new approaches to biological discovery. Priority will be given to proposals that aim to create models that align with CZI's work to build virtual cells, but all proposals relating to CZI's mission to cure, prevent, or manage all diseases by the end of the century will be considered.	CEET; CHHS; CLAS

Cisco	<a href="#">Research Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Not specified	Cisco Research is currently accepting proposals on Distributed Systems, Enhancing Factuality and Reasoning in Generative AI Models, Gen AI Applications in Security, LLM-Based Autonomous Agents and Agentic Systems, Machine Unlearning, Security for Gen AI, Natural Language Processing, Digital Twin for Quantum Networks, Quantum Networking, Quantum Security, Semiconductor Reliability, and Investigate Media over QUIC for interactive streaming media delivery. It also offers sponsorships for hackathons.	CEET; CLAS
CME Group Foundation <i>(managed relationship + limited submission; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	<a href="#">Early Childhood &amp; K-12 Grants</a>	By Invitation Only	Rolling	Varies	Early childhood priorities include kindergarten readiness via improved KIDS assessment scores for Black, Latinx, and low-income children in Illinois. K-12 priorities include computer science education, professional development for school leaders/teachers on improving student outcomes using technology and personalized learning, and improved financial education.	COB; CEDU; OERD; CLAS
Crown Family Philanthropies <i>(managed relationship; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	<a href="#">Crown Family Philanthropies Grants</a>	By Invitation Only	Rolling	Varies	CFP partners with organizations and communities to further social impact in the areas of education; the environment; health and human services; global health; gun violence prevention; the Jewish Community; and more. By invitation only. Chicago metro geographic focus.	CEDU; CEET; CHHS; CLAS; CLAW; COB; NICCS; VPA
Dana Foundation	<a href="#">Neuroscience &amp; Society</a>	Open Call or RFP	LOIs are currently accepted for the October 2025 funding cycle	Up to \$150,000	This program strives to foster collaboration between students, neuroscience and society scholars, funders, policymakers, professionals, and communities in pursuit of advancing knowledge and co-creating neuroscience-informed solutions to complex societal problems. Grants are organized around three program areas that support education, training, and public engagement on neuroscience and society issues.	CEDU; CEET; CLAS; CHHS
DeKalb County Community Foundation <i>(managed relationship + limited submission policy; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	<a href="#">Community Needs Grants (Fall)</a>	Open Call or RFP	9/1/2025	Up to \$20,000	Grants support capital needs of organizations serving DeKalb County. Funding areas include Arts and Culture, Community Development, Education, Environment and Animal Welfare, and Health and Human Services. Does not support routine operational costs of projects, programs, and organizations. Must include impact beyond NIU's campus.	CEDU; CEET; CHHS; CLAS; CLAW; COB; NICCS; VPA

Deloitte Foundation <i>(managed relationship; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	<a href="#">Local Impact Grants</a>	By Invitation Only	Rolling	Varies	Local impact grants support programs across a number of educational needs, including: -Curriculum to help students gain skills or credentials in business, technology, engineering and other related fields -Supplemental learning experiences -Resources in the form of scholarships, mentorship, or college and workforce readiness support to help students and young adults through age 24 continue on their educational journeys	COB; CLAS; CEET
Driehaus Foundation <i>(managed relationship; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	<a href="#">Driehaus Foundation Grants</a>	By Invitation Only	Rolling	Varies	The Foundation's three priorities are the built environment, arts and culture in Chicago, and investigative journalism for government accountability.	CLAS; OERD; VPA
Dunham Foundation <i>(managed relationship; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	<a href="#">Dunham Foundation Grants (Aurora/Fox Valley)</a>	Open Call or RFP	Feb. 1 or June 1 for requests exceeding \$50,000	Varies	The Dunham Foundation supports education, economic growth, and community-serving initiatives benefitting the people of the Fox Valley/Aurora region.	CEDU; CEET; CHHS; CLAS; CLAW; COB; VPA
ECMC Foundation <i>(managed relationship; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	<a href="#">Grants to improve higher education for career success</a>	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Varies	ECMC makes grants and investments that fit within one of three strategic priorities, and is particularly interested in proposals that focus on implementing systemic reforms to improve postsecondary outcomes for students from underserved backgrounds.	CEDU; CEET; CHHS; CLAS; CLAW; COB; Student Affairs; VPA
Electric Power Research Institute, Inc.	<a href="#">2025 EPRI University Global Research Award: Supporting a Clean Energy Future</a>	Open Call or RFP	6/1/2025	Up to \$250,000	EPRI is soliciting proposals from graduate and undergraduate universities to focus research that will transform the energy industry. Proposals should be focused on exploring and/or accelerating: 1) Decarbonized (clean) energy solutions (i.e. Methods and technologies to decarbonize energy), or 2) Economy-wide decarbonization that impacts the energy industry.	CEET; CLAS
Elizabeth Morse Genius Charitable Trust	<a href="#">Grants (Chicago/Cook County)</a>	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Varies	Grants must align with the Foundation's values: promoting thrift, humility, industry, self-sacrifice, and/or self-sufficiency; relieving human suffering; developing self-esteem and dignity; encouraging vigorous athletic activity; and/or developing regional solutions to Chicago's regional challenges.	CEDU; CEET; CHHS; CLAS; CLAW; COB; VPA

Environmental Research & Education Foundation	<a href="#">Research Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	12/1/2025	Up to \$500,000	EREF has three key priorities: Climate Change Impacts/Greenhouse Gas Emissions; Emerging Contaminants; and Advancing Materials Circularity and Recycling. Some subtopics within each priority area also have specific topics of interest identified; proposals that are aligned with these subtopics are of particular interest to EREF. Submitted pre-proposals must relate to sustainable solid waste management practices and at least one of the priority areas. Pre-proposals will be accepted starting from 15 days prior to the deadline date. Two annual deadlines.	CEET; CLAS; NICCS
Field Foundation of Illinois <i>(managed relationship + limited submission policy; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	<a href="#">Journalism &amp; Storytelling Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Varies	Grantmaking is focused on the city of Chicago. Journalism & Storytelling grantmaking is focused on efforts to build and sustain media equity.	CLAS; OERD; VPA
Field Foundation of Illinois <i>(managed relationship + limited submission policy; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	<a href="#">Justice Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Varies	Grantmaking is focused on the city of Chicago, particularly the South and West sides. For the Justice portfolio, community power building manifests through strategic investments in social justice organizations working to address resident-defined agendas through community engagement and advocacy. It has prioritized several focus areas, including housing, immigration, criminal justice reform, environmental areas, and community well-being.	ADEI; CLAS; CHHS; COE; OERD; CLAW; NICCS
Foundation for Physical Therapy	<a href="#">Physical Therapy Research Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	7/31/2025	Up to \$80,000	The Foundation is dedicated to the goal of improving the quality and delivery of patient care. It accomplishes this by providing support to emerging investigators to promote scientifically based and clinically relevant research related to the effectiveness of physical therapist practice. It supports research projects in any specialty, and only those intervention studies in which the interventions are provided by physical therapists, or selected components of the interventions are provided by physical therapist assistants under the direction and supervision of physical therapists.	CHHS; CLAS

Frankel Family Foundation <i>(managed relationship + limited submission policy; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	<a href="#">Frankel Family Foundation Grants</a>	By Invitation Only	Annual grant cycles launch in June. The Foundation only accepts invited proposals - an LOI is required prior to the application cycle.	\$15,000-\$100,000	The Foundation supports organizations working in the environment; particularly high impact, grassroots organizing and advocacy toward sustainable energy and decreasing carbon emissions on a significant scale. It also invests in work supporting refugees and asylum seekers - public policy reform, access to legal representation, and communications to change public opinion and influence policy. It also gives to organizations that inform and strengthen the Jewish community.	ADEI; CLAS; CLAW; NICCS
Gates Foundation (formerly Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation) <i>(limited submission policy; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	<a href="#">U.S. Program Grants</a>	By Invitation Only	Rolling	Varies	The foundation's U.S. Program focuses primarily on education and economic mobility. Priorities include educational/career pathways; improving K-12 outcomes for students from underserved backgrounds; postsecondary success; economic mobility; improving education/workforce data; and early learning. Outside of the U.S. Program, the foundation supports initiatives with international impact.	CEDU; CLAS; Academic Affairs; Student Affairs; ADEI; OERD
Gerber Foundation	<a href="#">Research Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	May 15 or Nov. 15	Up to \$350,000	The Foundation's priority is given to projects that improve the nutrition, care and development of infants and young children from the first year before birth to three years of age. It is particularly interested in fresh approaches to solving common, everyday problems or emerging issues within our defined focus area. Projects should focus on issues faced by care providers that, when implemented, will improve the health, nutrition and/or developmental outcomes for infants and young children. The board is particularly looking for practical solutions that can be easily and rapidly implemented on a broad scale with a predictable time frame to clinical application.	CHHS; CLAS

Gladys Kriebble Delmas Foundation	<a href="#">Humanities Program</a>	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Varies	The Foundation supports projects which address the concerns of the historical studia humanitatis: a humanistic education rooted in the great traditions of the past; the formation of human beings according to cultural, moral, and aesthetic ideals derived from that past; and the ongoing debate over how these ideals may best be conceived and realized. Programs in the following areas are eligible: history; archaeology; literature; languages, both classical and modern; philosophy; ethics; comparative religion; the history, criticism, and theory of the arts; and those aspects of the social sciences which share the content and methods of humanistic disciplines. The geographical concentration is primarily but not exclusively European and American history and letters, broadly defined. Grants tend to range from \$5,000 to \$30,000.	CLAS; VPA
Glenn W. Bailey Foundation	<a href="#">Grants for STEM initiatives</a>	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Typical grant range \$20,000-\$35,000	The foundation's mission is to foster pathways to success in globally competitive STEM careers for students. It wants to help ensure that the US remains a global thought leader in all forms of science, math, and technology by promoting projects which encourage, enhance and advance STEM education and to promote projects which provide career opportunities for individuals with STEM education backgrounds.	CEDU; CEET; CHHS; CLAS; NICCS; OERD
Great Lakes Protection Fund	<a href="#">Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	\$400,000-\$1M	The mission of the Fund is to support programs and actions that have the potential for large scale, positive impact on the health of the Great Lakes. The Fund operates more like a venture fund, and is looking for new innovative teams with big ideas that shift systems and create meaningful improvements to the Great Lakes basin's health. The strategy for 2024-2028 is to support collaborative teams who take tangible, real-world actions; launch a cascade of changes in markets, policies, and/or social expectations; and, catalyze significant shifts in the systems affecting the health of the Lakes.	CEET; CHHS; CLAS; CLAW; COB; NICCS
Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation	<a href="#">Harry Frank Guggenheim Distinguished Scholar Awards</a>	Open Call or RFP	Apply between May 1 and Aug 1	Up to \$90,000	The Foundation welcomes proposals from any of the natural and social sciences and aligned disciplines that promise to increase understanding of the causes, manifestations, and control of violence and aggression. Highest priority is given to research that addresses urgent, present-day problems of violence—what produces it, how it operates, and what prevents or reduces it.	CHHS; CLAS; CLAW

Henry Luce Foundation	<a href="#">Religion &amp; Theology - Responsive Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Varies	The Religion and Theology Program cultivates diverse knowledge communities to advance more nuanced public understanding of religion. It supports knowledge makers who reconsider accepted histories, weave new narratives, and imagine alternative futures.	CLAS
Henry Luce Foundation	<a href="#">Democracy, Ethics &amp; Public Trust - Responsive Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Varies	This initiative considers proposals in three focus areas: information ecosystems; community and governments; or confidence in democracies.	CEDU; CEET; CHHS; CLAS; CLAW; COB; VPA
Henry Luce Foundation	<a href="#">Asia Program - Responsive Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Varies	Responsive Grants provide opportunities to build knowledge and increase understanding of East and Southeast Asia through scholarship and exchange, with an emphasis on strengthening capacity in the US. They typically support research and training, the creation of scholarly and public resources, and intellectual and cultural exchange between Americans and Asians.	CLAS; Libraries; VPA
IBM Center for The Business of Government	<a href="#">Research Report Stipends</a>	Open Call or RFP	6/20/2025	\$ 20,000	The aim of the Center is to tap into the best minds in academe and the nonprofit sector who can use rigorous public management research and analytic techniques to help public sector executives and managers improve the effectiveness of government. It seeks practical findings and actionable recommendations, not just theory or concepts, in order to assist executives and managers to more effectively respond to mission and management challenges.	CEET; CLAS; CLAW; COB
Interledger Foundation	<a href="#">NextGen Higher Education Grant</a>	Open Call or RFP	10/3/2025	Up to \$50,000	The Interledger Foundation is a global nonprofit foundation and steward of the Interledger Protocol (ILP) and Open Standards. It is interested in collaborating with a diverse set of higher education institutions that are well-positioned to create or build on existing institutional structures that will provide students with real-world opportunities that support open source practices, open payments technologies and inclusive digital financial systems. To do this, it is welcoming LOIs from educators in higher education institutions to build campus and classroom programs that expose students to emerging open payment technologies with the potential to disrupt the economic landscape. Grants are available to selected higher education institutions to execute a 12-month project that will produce diverse pathways for undergraduate and graduate students, creating a future where people build fairer, inclusive, and interoperable payment networks.	COB; CEET; CLAS

John Templeton Foundation	<a href="#">Research Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	8/15/2025	Varies	The foundation's mission is to support interdisciplinary research and catalyze conversations that inspire awe and wonder. It funds discrete projects (generally not operational or program support) in six funding areas: Mathematics & Physical Sciences; Life Sciences; Character Virtue Development; Religion, Science & Society; Individual Freedom & Free Markets; and Public Engagement. The grant duration is often up to three years.	CEDU; CEET; CHHS; CLAS; CLAW; COB; VPA
Joyce Foundation <i>(managed relationship; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	<a href="#">Joyce Foundation Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Varies	The Foundation invests in policies to advance racial equity and economic mobility in the Great Lakes region. It accepts applications in the following program areas: Culture; Democracy; Education & Economic Mobility; Environment; Gun Violence Prevention & Justice Reform; and Journalism. Letters of inquiry should be submitted at least 6 to 8 weeks prior to the proposal deadline for a given grant cycle. 2025 deadlines are Apr 1, Aug 1, and Dec 1.	CEDU; CEET; CHHS; CLAS; CLAW; COB; NICCS; VPA
Julian Grace Foundation <i>(managed relationship; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	<a href="#">Julian Grace Foundation Grants</a>	By Invitation Only	Rolling	Varies	This is an entrepreneurial private foundation that does high-engagement grant-making in order to create a just, unified, and hopeful world. Its focus areas include educational opportunity for under-served communities (with particular interest in access to science and technology); immigration and human rights; environmental protection; preservation of cultural heritage; and health. Invited proposals are due in Fall and Spring cycles.	CEDU; CEET; CHHS; CLAS; CLAW; COB; NICCS; VPA
Kennedys Disease Association	<a href="#">Research Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	6/2/2025	Up to \$100,000	The Kennedy's Disease Association (KDA) is planning to fund one or more research grants this year to further the understanding of the pathological mechanisms or possible treatments for Kennedy's Disease. The KDA projects that funding for each grant can be up to \$100,000 for one year or \$50,000 per year for two years. Funding for the second year of a two-year grant is contingent upon a review of progress at the end of the first year. Applications from junior investigators and from senior post-doctoral fellows are encouraged.	CHHS; CLAS



Leakey Foundation	<a href="#">Research Grants on Human Origins</a>	Open Call or RFP	January 10 or July 15	Up to \$30,000	This program exclusively funds research related to human origins, including dissertation research and exploratory studies. The disciplines supported include archaeology, biological anthropology, paleoanthropology, primate behavioral ecology, genetics, geology, anatomy, morphology, paleobotany, and paleoclimatology. Funding focus areas include: -Paleoanthropology of the Miocene, Pliocene, and Pleistocene -Primates: Evolution, behavior, morphology, ecology, endocrinology, genetics, isotope studies -Modern hunter-gatherer groups	CLAS
Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation	<a href="#">Grants program</a>	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Not specified	The Foundation recognizes that the principles and institutions that characterize American exceptionalism were hard won and can be easily lost. It is therefore dedicated to a vigorous defense of these foundations of a free society. It supports the study, defense, and practice of the individual initiative and ordered liberty that lead to prosperity, strong families, and vibrant communities. Priority areas include Constitutional Order, Free Markets, Civil Society, and Informed Citizens. It sponsors additional programs to advance ideas, promote grant recipients, connect with conservative intellectuals, and build a robust community of knowledgeable and committed donors and friends.	CLAS; CLAW
Masimo Foundation	<a href="#">Grants for Patient Safety &amp; Outcomes</a>	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Varies	The Foundation focuses on grants that advance its mission to improve patient safety and outcomes, promote efficient and cost-effective healthcare delivery, and provide advanced healthcare to people worldwide who may not otherwise have access to lifesaving technologies. Its three priority categories are: ensuring fair and unbiased competition in the healthcare industry; elevating the importance of ethics in the delivery of healthcare; and fostering innovation and discovery.	CHHS; CEET
Medline	<a href="#">Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Not specified	Supports investigator-initiated studies (IIS), fellowships, and educational programs. Applications are reviewed based on scientific, medical and health economic merit, and alignment with Medline's strategic business interests. 4 deadlines annually.	CHHS; CEET; CLAS
Mellon Foundation	<a href="#">Mellon Foundation Grants</a>	By Invitation Only	Rolling	Varies	The Mellon Foundation's four priorities are arts/culture, higher learning, humanities in place, and public knowledge. Higher education funding is largely rooted in the humanities and social justice.	CEDU; CLAS; VPA

Nathan Cummings Foundation	<a href="#">Funding Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	6/30/2025	\$100,000 - \$250,000	NCF is on a learning journey, and we seek to connect with innovative partners and proximate change makers who are driving impact. We want to learn from, work with, and support organizations that share our commitment to advancing racial, economic, and environmental justice (REEJ). NCF offers two types of funding opportunities: grants and PRIs. Successful grant and PRI proposals will align with NCF's interconnected goals of REEJ focus areas.	ADEI; CLAS; CLAW; COB
National Film Preservation Foundation	<a href="#">Avant-Garde Masters Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	Registration deadline 5/9/2025 Application deadline 6/13/25	\$5,000-\$50,000	The grant must be used to pay for new laboratory work involving the creation of: -New film preservation elements (which may include sound tracks) and -Two new public access copies, one of which must be a film print. The funds can be applied only to work commissioned after the grant start date. Funds must be used exclusively for preservation expenses and may not be applied to staffing or operational costs.	Libraries; VPA
National Geographic Society	<a href="#">The Big Questions</a>	Open Call or RFP	6/24/2025	\$20,000 to \$100,000	The National Geographic Society, in partnership with the John Templeton Foundation, aims to support innovative photography, short film, writing, data visualization and other storytelling proposals to help people consider some of the greatest questions of our time. The funders are interested in exploring the three following questions: What does it mean to be human? What are the boundaries of Earth, or more precisely, what are the limits to what we can understand? What is the relationship between the human and natural worlds?	CLAS; VPA
National Multiple Sclerosis Society	<a href="#">Rachel Horne Prize for Women's Research in MS</a>	Open Call or RFP	6/10/2025	\$ 40,000	This prize is awarded by the International Women in MS (iWiMS). It recognizes outstanding contributions to research in the understanding and treatment of women's specific health issues in MS. Applicants must be an MD, or been awarded a PhD in the past 1-10 years, should not hold a higher academic rank than assistant professor level, and should identify as female.	CHHS; CLAS
Open Philanthropy	<a href="#">AI Governance</a>	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Varies	The project aims to address an open question that is relevant for reducing the likelihood of global catastrophe from transformative AI systems, related to subject areas including: Technical AI governance, Policy development, Frontier company policy, International AI governance, Law, and Strategic analysis and threat modeling.	CEET; CLAS; CLAW; COB

Open Philanthropy	<a href="#">Living Literature Review</a>	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Varies	Open Phil defines a living literature review as a continuously updated online collection of accessible articles that synthesize academic research on a specific topic. These reviews are primarily written by a single expert who is responsible for its quality and accuracy. Open Phil is seeking pre-proposals from individuals to write living literature reviews, and is particularly interested in reviews on neglected topics relevant to policymaking. Support typically allows authors to dedicate a quarter to a third of their time to the project.	CLAS
PNC Foundation	<a href="#">Early Childhood Education and/or Economic Development Grants</a>	By Invitation Only	Rolling	Varies	The PNC Foundation supports a variety of nonprofit organizations with a special emphasis on those that work to achieve sustainability and touch a diverse population, in particular, those that support early childhood education and/or economic development. Must connect with company's state contact to be able to submit.	CEDU; OERD; VPA; CHHS; CLAW
Polk Bros. Foundation <i>(managed relationship + limited submission policy; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	<a href="#">Polk Bros. Foundation Grants (City of Chicago)</a>	Open Call or RFP	Oct. 1, Jan. 6, Apr. 1, or July 1	Varies	Polk Bros. Foundation supports initiatives that strengthen Chicago neighborhoods through workforce development, housing, community and economic development, legal services, and safety; promote healthy family relationships and youth development; ensure all Chicago Public School students are prepared for college/career success; expand school-based and community-based preventative/primary healthcare; increase arts access for Chicago Public School students; and more.	CEDU; CEET; CHHS; CLAS; CLAW; COB; VPA
Research Corporation for Scientific Advancement	<a href="#">Cottrell Scholars Award</a>	Open Call or RFP	7/1/2025	\$ 120,000	The Cottrell Scholar program develops outstanding teacher-scholars who are recognized by their scientific communities for the quality and innovation of their research programs and their academic leadership skills. Eligible applicants are tenure-track faculty members whose primary appointment is in a department of astronomy, chemistry or physics. For 2025, it is anticipated that eligibility is limited to faculty members who started their first tenure-track appointment in calendar year 2022.	CLAS
Robert R. McCormick Foundation <i>(managed relationship; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	<a href="#">Chicago Area Grants</a>	By Invitation Only	Rolling	Varies	Funding priorities include early childhood education, journalism, public safety, veterans, and thriving Chicago neighborhoods (Englewood, Little Village, United Way neighborhoods).	CEDU; CLAS; OERD

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	<a href="#">Systems for Action: Community-Led Systems Research to Address Systemic Racism</a>	Open Call or RFP	6/4/2025	Up to \$200,000	This call for proposals (CFP) will fund a cohort of community-led pilot studies to produce new, actionable evidence about how to help medical, social, and public health systems work together to address forms of systemic racism. This CFP focuses specifically on systems alignment (SA) interventions that have the potential to dismantle or disrupt the health effects of systemic racism and to positively affect the health and wellbeing of communities that experience systemic racism.	CHHS; CLAS; CLAW
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	<a href="#">Exploring Equitable Futures</a>	Open Call or RFP	Open through 10/15/2025	No set amount	The purpose of this call for proposals is to support projects that seed new and unconventional ideas that could radically advance health equity for generations to come. It supports visionary thinkers—scientists, anthropologists, engineers, technologists, creatives, and others—who are imagining what the world might look like in the next 10 to 100 years. They explore how those futures may unfold in ways that could slow down or speed up our collective efforts to dismantle structural racism and improve health equity.	CEET; CHHS; CLAS; CLAW
RRF Foundation for Aging	<a href="#">RRF Foundation for Aging Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	LOI due 11/1/2025	Varies	The Retirement Research Foundation's priority areas include Caregiving, Economic Security in Later Life, Housing, and Social and Intergenerational Connectedness. Five types of grants are awarded to advance these areas: Advocacy, Direct Service, Professional Education/Training, Research, and Organizational Capacity Building. 3 annual deadlines.	CLAS; CHHS
Russell Sage Foundation	<a href="#">Core Research Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	7/16/2025	\$ 200,000	For the July deadline, RSF will accept letters of inquiry (LOIs) under the core programs for Future of Work (FOW) and Social, Political and Economic Inequality (SPEI). It will also accept LOIs under its special initiatives on Promoting Educational Attainment and Economic Mobility among Racially, Ethnically, and Economically Diverse Groups after the 2023 Supreme Court Decision to Ban Race-Conscious Admissions at Colleges and Universities (SCD23).	ADEI; Academic Affairs; CEDU; COB; CLAS; CLAW; Student Affairs
Samuel H. Kress Foundation	<a href="#">History of Art Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	LOIs due 3/1, 9/1, or 12/15	Varies	The History of Art program supports scholarly projects that will enhance the appreciation and understanding of European art and architecture from antiquity to the early 19th century. There are three deadlines throughout the year (Mar, Sept, Dec).	VPA

Samuel H. Kress Foundation	<a href="#">Conservation Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	LOIs due 3/1, 9/1, or 12/15	Varies	The Conservation program supports the professional practice of art conservation, especially as it relates to European works of art from antiquity to the early 19th century. There are three deadlines throughout the year (Mar, Sept, Dec).	VPA
Samuel H. Kress Foundation	<a href="#">Digital Art History Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	LOI due 3/1 or 9/1	Varies	The Digital Art History Grants program is intended to foster new forms of research and collaboration as well as new approaches to teaching and learning. Support may also be offered for the digitization of important visual resources in the area of pre-modern European art history; of primary textual sources; for promising initiatives in online publishing; and for innovative experiments in the field of digital art history. There are two deadlines throughout the year (Mar, Sept).	VPA
Simons Foundation	<a href="#">Targeted Grants in MPS</a>	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Varies	The program is intended to support high-risk theoretical mathematics, physics and computer science projects of exceptional promise and scientific importance on a case-by-case basis. Funding is for up to five years. A letter of intent (LOI), submitted online, is the first step in applying.	CLAS; CEET
Smith Charitable Foundation <i>(managed relationship; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	<a href="#">Grants for Environment, Education, or Arts &amp; Culture</a>	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Varies	This foundation supports organizations that serve the Rockford, IL area; projects must support environment, education, and/or arts and culture. Invited proposals due Sept. 15 of each year.	CLAS; CEDU; NICCS; VPA
Smith Richardson Foundation	<a href="#">Strategy and Policy Fellows Program</a>	Open Call or RFP	6/9/2025	\$ 60,000	This annual grant competition to supports young scholars and policy thinkers on American foreign policy, international relations, international security, military policy, and diplomatic and military history. The Foundation will award at least three research grants to enable the recipients to research and write a book. Within the academic community, this program supports junior or adjunct faculty, research associates, and post-docs who are engaged in policy-relevant research and writing.	CLAS; CLAW
Smith Richardson Foundation	<a href="#">International Security &amp; Foreign Policy Grants and Domestic Public Policy Grants</a>	Accepts Inquiries	Rolling	Not specified	The International Security and the Foreign Policy Program and the Domestic Public Policy Program make grants for research and writing on public policy topics that have been identified as priority areas for the Foundation. Those priorities are described in greater detail on each program's home page.	CEDU; CLAS; CLAW; COB

Spencer Foundation	<a href="#">Racial Equity Research Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	Intent to Apply deadline 5/5/25 Full Proposal deadline 6/25/25	Up to \$75,000	This program supports education research projects that will contribute to understanding and ameliorating racial inequality in education. It is interested in funding studies that aim to understand and disrupt the reproduction and deepening of inequality in education, and which seek to (re)imagine and make new forms of equitable education. Thus, it is interested in research projects that seek to envision educational opportunities in a multiplicity of education systems, levels, settings, and developmental ranges and that reach beyond documenting conditions and paradigms that contribute to persistent racial inequalities.	CEDU; CLAS
Spencer Foundation	<a href="#">Research Grants on Education: Large</a>	Open Call or RFP	Intent to Apply deadline 5/14/25 Full Proposal deadline 6/17/25	\$125,000-\$500,000	The program supports education research projects that will contribute to the improvement of education, broadly conceived, with budgets from \$125,000-\$500,000 for projects ranging from 1-5 years. Our goal for this program is to support rigorous, intellectually ambitious and technically sound research that is relevant to the most pressing questions and compelling opportunities in education.	CEDU
Spencer Foundation	<a href="#">Vision Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	Anticipated August deadline	\$ 75,000	The Vision Grants program funds the collaborative planning of innovative, methodologically diverse, interdisciplinary research on education that contributes to transforming education systems for equity. These are research planning grants to bring together a team, for 6 to 12 months, to develop ambitious, large-scale research projects focused on transforming educational systems toward greater equity. Two grant cycles per year.	ADEI; CEDU; OERD
Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust	<a href="#">Ornamental Horticulture Grant</a>	Open Call or RFP	Registration deadline 6/9/25; LOI deadline 6/16/25	Up to \$25,000	The Trust welcomes Letters of Inquiry (LOI) from eligible organizations seeking funding for projects that meet its Funding Interests in: -The advancement of research in ornamental horticulture and the publication of the results of such research. -Assisting in the creation, development, preservation, and maintenance of gardens accessible to the public for educational purposes related to ornamental horticulture. -Promotion of the environmentally responsible introduction, cultivation, and distribution of plants which have ornamental horticultural value. -Assisting in the publication of books or other works relating to ornamental horticulture. -Informal and/or formal educational activities that further ornamental horticulture.	CHHS; CLAS; NICCS; VPA

State Farm <i>(managed relationship; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	<a href="#">Community Grants</a>	By Invitation Only	Rolling	Varies	Good Neighbor Citizenship® company grants focus on safety, community development, and education.	COB; CLAS; CEET; CHHS; Academic Affairs
Terra Foundation for American Art	<a href="#">Collections Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	LOI due 8/4/2025	\$25,000-\$100,000	Recognizing current and historical inequities in presentations and understandings of American art history, the Terra Foundation encourages permanent collection projects that address these disparities and exclusions at institutions worldwide. Collections Grants provide support for organizations to reinterpret and re-present their collections through reinstallations or temporary exhibitions drawn from their permanent collections. Planning grants typically range between \$25,000 and \$75,000. Implementation grants are up to \$100,000.	VPA
Topfer Family Foundation	<a href="#">Grants</a>	By Invitation Only	Rolling	Varies	This funder supports initiatives in the Chicago metro region targeting child abuse prevention/treatment, youth enrichment, job training, children's health, and aging in place. Applicants must be invited to apply; the NIUF CFR team can assist in this process.	CHHS; CEDU
Vilcek Foundation	<a href="#">The Vilcek Prizes for Creative Promise</a>	Open Call or RFP	6/9/2025	\$ 50,000	The prizes were established to encourage and support emerging to mid-career immigrant artists and scientists who have demonstrated exceptional achievements early in their careers. As with the Vilcek Prizes, the Creative Promise Prizes are awarded annually in biomedical science and in a rotating category of the arts (currently Fashion & Design and Fashion & Culture).	CHHS; CLAS; VPA
VNA Foundation <i>(managed relationship; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	<a href="#">Grants (Chicago; Cook + collar counties)</a>	Open Call or RFP	4 LOI deadlines each year; next deadline June 18, 2025	Up to \$80,000	VNA Foundation awards grants to support nonprofit home- and community-based healthcare and health services for medically underserved populations. Funding categories include primary/chronic care, mental health, health education/promotion, technical assistance, violence prevention, maternal/child health, dental/vision. Prioritizes Cook County but will also consider initiatives serving Lake, McHenry, DuPage, Kane, and Will counties.	CHHS; CEDU; CLAS
W. M. Keck Foundation <i>(limited submission; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	<a href="#">W. M. Keck Research Program</a>	Open Call or RFP	May 1 or Nov. 1	Up to \$5,000,000	The program seeks to benefit humanity by supporting Medical Research and Science & Engineering projects that are distinctive and novel in their approach, question the prevailing paradigm, or have the potential to break open new territory in their field. Two grant cycles annually.	CEET; CHHS; CLAS

W.K. Kellogg Foundation	<a href="#">Grants</a>	By Invitation Only	Rolling	Varies	The Kellogg Foundation believes that education, health, food, and workforce systems are intertwined with community efforts toward racial equity and racial healing in serving what children need to thrive. It supports holistic solutions across these integrated systems.	CEDU; CEET; CHHS; CLAS; CLAW; COB; VPA
Walton Family Foundation <i>(limited submission policy; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	<a href="#">Education &amp; Environment Grants</a>	By Invitation Only	Rolling	Varies	Education funding strives to increase access to high-quality education, address opportunity gaps, and advance social mobility by supporting new ideas that have a measurable impact on student success. Environmental funding is geared toward water protection/preservation in the Colorado River Basin, Mississippi River Basin, and oceans. The Foundation seeks to ensure healthy, available water for people and nature.	CLAS; CEDU; NICCS
Water Environment Research Federation	<a href="#">Paul L. Busch Award</a>	Open Call or RFP	6/1/2025	\$ 100,000	The Water Environment & Reuse Foundation Endowment for Innovation in Applied Water Quality Research recognizes outstanding achievement and creative vision through this award. Each year, the award seeks to distinguish individuals poised for greater recognition of their innovative, ongoing contributions to water quality advancements. Nominations must be received by the Water Environment & Reuse Foundation by June 1. Recipients of the Award are recognized and rewarded with a grant to continue their work, take risks, and explore new directions. Individuals from all segments of the water quality community are encouraged to apply.	CEET; CHHS; CLAS; NICCS
Wellcome Trust	<a href="#">Mental Health Award: Leveraging longitudinal data to transform early intervention in mental health</a>	Open Call or RFP	Registration deadline 5/14/25 Scope Check deadline 7/8/25	Approx. \$1.2M-\$6.3M	This call is funding experts to develop innovative ways of identifying anxiety, depression and/or psychosis early. Successful teams will integrate cutting-edge analytics of longitudinal data with experimental research so that, in time, people may benefit from better targeted early interventions.	CHHS; CLAS
Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research	<a href="#">Post-Ph.D. Research Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	May 1 or Nov. 1	\$ 25,000	This grant program funds individual research projects undertaken by doctorates in anthropology or a closely related field. Its goal is to support vibrant and significant work that furthers our understanding of what it means to be human. There is no preference for any methodology, research location, topic, or subfield. It particularly welcomes proposals that integrate two or more subfields and pioneer new approaches and ideas.	CLAS



Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research	<a href="#">Conference and Workshop Grants - Anthropology</a>	Open Call or RFP	6/1/2025	\$ 20,000	Priority for conference and workshop grants will be given to events that foster the creation of an international community of research scholars in anthropology and advance significant and innovative anthropological research. It is expected that workshops will result in a publication. Applications are accepted on June 1 and December 1 annually.	CLAS
Whitehall Foundation	<a href="#">Research Grants (Neurobiology)</a>	Open Call or RFP	10/1/2025	Up to \$300,000 total (max. \$100,000 per year)	The Foundation assists scholarly research in the life sciences (particularly in areas of basic biological research that are not heavily supported by Federal Agencies). It is currently interested in basic research in neurobiology. There are three deadlines for LOIs throughout the year (Jan, Apr, Oct).	CHHS; CLAS
Whitehall Foundation	<a href="#">Grants-in-Aid (Neurobiology)</a>	Open Call or RFP	10/1/2025	\$ 30,000	The Foundation supports scholarly research in the life sciences (particularly in areas of basic biological research that are not heavily supported by Federal Agencies). It is currently interested in basic research in neurobiology. The program is designed for researchers at the assistant professor level who experience difficulty in competing for research funds because they have not yet become firmly established. There are three deadlines for LOIs throughout the year (Jan, Apr, Oct).	CHHS; CLAS
William T. Grant Foundation	<a href="#">Research Grants on Reducing Inequality</a>	Open Call or RFP	8/6/2025	\$100,000-\$600,000 over 2-3 years or \$25,000-\$50,000 over 1-2 years	This program supports research to build, test, or increase understanding of programs, policies, or practices to reduce inequality in the academic, social, behavioral, or economic outcomes of young people ages 5-25 in the US. There are typically 3 deadlines throughout the year (Jan, May, Aug).	CEDU; CEET; CHHS; CLAS; CLAW; COB; VPA
William T. Grant Foundation	<a href="#">Research Grants on Improving the Use of Research Evidence</a>	Open Call or RFP	8/6/2025	\$100,000-\$1,000,000 over 2-4 years or \$25,000-\$50,000 over 1-2 years	This program supports research on strategies focused on improving the use, usefulness, and impact of evidence in ways that benefit young people ages 5-25 in the US. There are typically 3 deadlines throughout the year (Jan, May, Aug).	CEDU; CEET; CHHS; CLAS; CLAW; COB; VPA

William T. Grant Foundation <i>(limited submission policy; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	<a href="#">William T. Grant Scholars Program</a>	Open Call or RFP	7/1/2025	\$ 425,000	This program supports career development for promising early-career researchers. The program funds five-year research and mentoring plans that significantly expand researchers' expertise in new disciplines, methods, and content areas. The foundation's research interests center on studies that examine ways to reduce inequality in youth outcomes. It welcomes descriptive studies that clarify mechanisms for reducing inequality or elucidate how or why a specific program, policy, or practice operates to reduce inequality. It also welcomes intervention studies that examine attempts to reduce inequality. Finally, it welcomes studies that improve the measurement of inequality in ways that can enhance the work of researchers, practitioners, or policymakers.	ADEI; Academic Affairs; CEDU; CHHS; CLAS; CLAW; Student Affairs
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