



CORPORATE & FOUNDATION RELATIONS FUNDING DIGEST - APRIL 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 Psychological Foundation	Wayne F. Placek Grant	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
Association for Iron and Steel Technology	Sustainable Technologies for Steel Manufacturing Grant	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

Burroughs Wellcome Fund	Climate + Health Excellence Centers Award	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
Caplan Foundation for Early Childhood	Early Childhood Grants	Open Call or RFP	5/31/2025	Not specified	The Foundation supports promising research and development projects that appear likely to improve the welfare of young children, from infancy through 7 years. Welfare is broadly defined to include physical and mental health, safety, nutrition, education, play, familial support, acculturation, societal integration and childcare. Grants are only made if a successful project outcome will likely be of significant interest to other professionals, within the grantee's field of endeavor, and would have a direct benefit and potential national application. The goal is to provide seed money to implement those imaginative proposals that exhibit the greatest chance of improving the lives of young children, on a national scale. Grants are made in the areas of: early childhood welfare; early childhood education and play; and parenting education. Grants typically range between \$25,000 and \$50,000.	CEDU; CHHS; CLAS
Foundation for Physical Therapy	Physical Therapy Research Grants	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

Gerda Henkel Stiftung	Lost Cities Funding Programme	Open Call or RFP	5/5/2025	Not specified	This interdisciplinary funding program aims to place current challenges facing shrinking and abandoned "lost cities" in historical context. It focuses not on the question of which factors led to a city's abandonment, but rather on the ways in which lost cities are "read," instrumentalized, and codified in various cultures and periods of time. Applicants should be part of research groups in the humanities and/or social sciences.	CLAS; CLAW; VPA
Kennedys Disease Association	Research Grants	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
Mark Foundation for Cancer Research	Emerging Leader Award	Open Call or RFP	5/5/2025	\$ 750,000	These grants are awarded to outstanding early career investigators to support high-impact, high-risk projects that are distinct from their current research portfolio. Projects for this award must be centered on evidence-based laboratory, data, and/or medical science. Applicants must be three to eight years from the start of an independent faculty research appointment as of 12/31/2025.	CEET; CHHS, CLAS
National Multiple Sclerosis Society	Rachel Horne Prize for Women's Research in MS	Open Call or RFP	6/10/2025	\$40,000	This prize is awarded by the International Women in MS (iWiMS). It recognises 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

Native American Agriculture Fund	NAAF's 2025 Request for Applications	Open Call or RFP	5/1/2025	Up to \$150,000	<p>NAAF envisions a future where Native farmers and ranchers thrive and play a crucial role in land stewardship and the nation's economic viability. Applicants may apply for one or more areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -General Focus: business assistance, agricultural education, technical support and advocacy services -General Focus (CDFIs only): loan capital, re-granting capital and technical assistance/business assistance -Special Focus (all eligible entities): infrastructure and climate resilience <p>Applicants are encouraged to combine focus areas into one project. NAAF seeks projects that deliver developed content with practical application to the success of Native farmers and ranchers or that take research and assist individuals in applying the results of that research to improve their operations.</p>	COB; CLAS; NICCS; OERD
Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI)	Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities - Topical PCORI Funding	Open Call or RFP	5/13/2025	Up to \$12M over 5 years	<p>To increase evidence that addresses meaningful decisional dilemmas faced by patients, clinicians (including health and care professionals such as social workers and disability services professionals) and other relevant partners when seeking and obtaining health care and improving patient-centered outcomes, this opportunity aims to fund the comparison of interventions encountered by individuals of all ages who have intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). Comparisons can be clinical interventions or systems approaches and can include pharmacological or non-pharmacological interventions. PCORI is particularly interested in submissions that address the following Special Areas of Emphasis (SAEs): Oral Health; Gastrointestinal Health; and Improving Care Delivery.</p>	CEET; CHHS; CLAS

Simons Foundation	Pivot Fellowship	Open Call or RFP	5/15/2025	\$60,000+	The Pivot Fellowship supports researchers who have a strong track record of success and achievement in their current field, and a deep interest, curiosity and drive to make contributions to a new discipline. The fellowship will enable today's brightest minds to apply their talent and expertise to a new field and will consist of one training year where the fellow will be embedded in a lab of a mentor to learn the new discipline and its culture. It provides one year of salary support of the fellow's academic year salary and a \$10,000 research, travel, and professional development allowance. Mentors will receive a \$50,000 research fund, which may be used for salary support, equipment, travel, publication, tuition, and other research expenses. At the end of the year, fellows will be invited to submit a \$1.5 million application for a three-year research award in the new field.	CEET; CHHS; CLAS
Smith Richardson Foundation	Strategy and Policy Fellows Program	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
Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust	Ornamental Horticulture Grant	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

The Coleman Foundation	Entrepreneurship Open Call	Open Call or RFP	4/25/2025	\$25,000-\$150,000	The Foundation seeks to support and learn from groups working in other areas of the local ecosystem that are: -supporting entrepreneurs' tech-based, high-growth businesses to grow and operate their ventures in the greater Chicago region, -piloting innovative programs that address access to capital for entrepreneurs in the greater Chicago region, -and/or organizing advocacy, coalition, or educational opportunities that will lead to fewer barriers (red tape, administrative burdens et al.) for entrepreneurs who want to start, grow, or scale their business venture in the greater Chicago region. Proposed work must be in partnership with at least one other nonprofit organization.	CEET; CHHS; CLAS; COB; OERD
Vilcek Foundation	The Vilcek Prizes for Creative Promise	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
Water Environment Research Federation	Paul L. Busch Award	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
Wenner-Gren Foundation	Global Initiatives Grant	Open Call or RFP	5/15/2025	Up to \$20,000	This program helps support innovative projects that meet a need not already addressed by the Foundation's other programs and that benefit the discipline of anthropology by creating the conditions for anthropologists to do better work. The Foundation looks for initiatives in which a small amount of money can have a wide and lasting impact, building capacity for the discipline to thrive. This year, it is promoting Paleoanthropology of East Africa and will prioritize support for collaborative projects designed to promote the growth and flourishing of paleoanthropology in this key global region.	CLAS

William T. Grant Foundation <i>(limited submission policy; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	William T. Grant Scholars Program	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. The Foundation is particularly interested in research to uproot systemic racism and the structural foundations of inequality that limit the life chances of young people.	ADEI; Academic Affairs; CEDU; CHHS; CLAS; CLAW; Student Affairs
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Alfred P. Sloan Foundation	Energy and Environment program grants	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.	Allen Foundation Grants	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>	Allstate Grants	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, and disrupt the cycle of relationship abuse.	CEDU; CEET; CHHS; CLAS; CLAW; COB; VPA

Alphawood Foundation (managed relationship; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)	Alphawood Foundation Grants	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 Heart Association	Pilot Grants to Explore the Use of the American Heart Association Protein Binding Atlas to Discover Novel Protein Interactions	Open Call or RFP	5/1/2025	\$100,000	The purpose of this RFP is to solicit applications for innovative pilot projects aimed at predicting and understanding protein-protein and protein-small molecule interactions involved in key biological processes associated with cardiovascular, kidney, and metabolic diseases, including obesity. A successful proposal will integrate the AHA Protein Portal and may focus on computational modeling, proteomics, network biology, and systems biology to deliver predictive insights for therapeutic development in these disease areas.	CEET; CHHS; CLAS
Arnold Ventures	Causal Research on Community Safety and the Criminal Justice System	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: https://www.arnoldventures.org/stories/funding-strong-causal-evidence-on-what-works-q-a-with-jennifer-doleac	CEDU; CLAW; COB; CLAS
Arnold Ventures	Innovation Days	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 RFP on causal research in criminal justice (see above) .	CEDU; CLAW; COB; CLAS
Brady Education Foundation	Proposals for Program Evaluations	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>	Education Grants	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 great Chicago area. A Due Diligence Discussion is required and available during two time periods each year. Funding is also available for Scientific Research (https://brinsonfoundation.org/scientific-research/) by invitation only.	CEDU; CEET; CHHS; CLAS; CLAW; COB; VPA
Burroughs Wellcome Fund	Climate Change and Human Health Seed Grants	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 summer 2026.	CEET; CHHS; CLAS; NICCS
Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation <i>(limited submission policy; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	Henry Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Awards Program	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>	Digital Equity Grants	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	Accelerating and Scaling Biological Sciences with AI	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	Research Grants	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 (managed relationship + limited submission; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)	Early Childhood & K-12 Grants	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 (managed relationship; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)	Crown Family Philanthropies Grants	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	Neuroscience & Society	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 (managed relationship + limited submission policy; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)	Community Needs Grants (Fall)	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 (managed relationship; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)	Local Impact Grants	By Invitation Only	Rolling	Varies	Local impact grants support programs that help to prepare young women and individuals from under-resourced communities or historically underrepresented groups for the future of work and careers in business, technology, engineering, and other related fields.	COB; OERD; CLAS; CEET
Driehaus Foundation (managed relationship; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)	Driehaus Foundation Grants	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 (managed relationship; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)	Dunham Foundation Grants (Aurora/Fox Valley)	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>	Grants to improve higher education for career success	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.	2025 EPRI University Global Research Award: Supporting a Clean Energy Future	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	Grants (Chicago/Cook County)	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	Research Grants	Open Call or RFP	5/1/2025	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.	CEET; CLAS; NICCS
Field Foundation of Illinois <i>(managed relationship + limited submission policy; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	Journalism & Storytelling Grants	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>	Justice Grants	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 Medicine and Rehabilitation	Mid-Career Investigator Research Grants	Open Call or RFP	5/1/2025	Up to \$25,000	Award is a short-term grant for research in topics related to the field of physical medicine and rehabilitation. Preference will be given to projects that address the Research Priorities: Health Services; Health Policy; Research Capacity; Chronic Pain; Musculoskeletal; Spinal Cord Injury; Stroke; Traumatic Brain Injury; and Cross-cutting Priorities.	CHHS
Frankel Family Foundation <i>(managed relationship + limited submission policy; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	Frankel Family Foundation Grants	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>	U.S. Program Grants	By Invitation Only	Rolling	Varies	The foundation's U.S. Program focuses primarily on education and social 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; Academic Affairs; Student Affairs; ADEI; OERD
Gerber Foundation	Research Grants	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 Kriebel Delmas Foundation	Humanities Program	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	Grants for STEM initiatives	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. Areas of interest include: STEM Encouragement; Environment & Climate; Scientific Research; and Urban & Community Entrepreneurship.	CEDU; CEET; CHHS; CLAS; NICCS; OERD
Great Lakes Protection Fund	Grants	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	\$400,000-\$1M	The mission of the Great Lakes Protection 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	Harry Frank Guggenheim Distinguished Scholar Awards	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	Religion & Theology - Responsive Grants	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	Democracy, Ethics & Public Trust - Responsive Grants	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	Asia Program - Responsive Grants	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
Huo Family Foundation <i>(limited submission policy; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	Effects of the Usage of Digital Technology on Brain Development, Social Behaviours and Mental Health in Children and Young People	Open Call or RFP	5/23/2025	Up to \$390,000 per year	<p>A long-standing interest of this funder has been the effect and impact of usage of digital technology on young people. The rapid rise and use of this technology has permeated much of society and transformed the way many humans interact. There has been a broad array of research efforts that mostly have involved relatively crude measures of the amount of usage of digital technology (e.g. total screen time) and the observed effects and impact on health. Despite these efforts, the full implications – both positive and negative – on human physiology, psychology, behavior, well-being and mental health remain unclear.</p> <p>The funder believes there is an opportunity to help advance the research and the field of knowledge in this area, both by strengthening existing as well as creating new methods and approaches to better model and unpick the complexities of this topic. Please note the funder's special conditions in the section called "Remit, definitions and expectations".</p>	CHHS; CLAS

IBM Center for The Business of Government	Research Report Stipends	Open Call or RFP	6/20/2025	\$ 20,000	The aim of the IBM Center for The Business of Government 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	NextGen Higher Education Grant	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	Research Grants	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>	Joyce Foundation Grants	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>	Julian Grace Foundation Grants	By Invitation Only	Rolling	Varies	This foundation supports educational opportunity for under-served communities (with particular interest in science and technology); immigration and human rights; environmental protection; preservation of cultural heritage; and health. Invited proposals are due in April and September.	CEDU; CEET; CHHS; CLAS; CLAW; COB; NICCS; VPA
Leakey Foundation	Research Grants	Open Call or RFP	January 10 or July 15	\$ 30,000	This program exclusively funds multidisciplinary 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. There are two application cycles in January and July.	CLAS
Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation	Grants program	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	Grants for Patient Safety & Outcomes	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	Grants	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Not specified	Supports investigator-initiated studies (IIS), fellowship 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	Mellon Foundation Grants	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	Funding Grants	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 Collegiate Athletic Association	2025 NCAA Innovations in Research and Practice Grant Program	Open Call or RFP	5/5/2025	Up to \$50,000	This grant supports research and data-driven pilot projects designed to enhance student-athlete psychosocial well-being and mental health. Research topics may include, but are not limited to, managing transitions, identity development, stress management, substance use, bystander intervention, cultivating healthy relationships, career exploration and sport exit strategies. Funded projects must demonstrate potential to result in campus-level programming that can positively impact the well-being of NCAA student-athletes at a range of member institutions.	Athletics; CHHS; CLAS

National Film Preservation Foundation	Avant-Garde Masters Grants	Open Call or RFP	5/9/2025	\$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	Spatial Thinking: Inspiring action through Place-Based Solutions	Open Call or RFP	5/5/2025	\$20,000 to \$100,000	This opportunity supports projects that identify a challenge related to a specific place and its unique conditions and leverages an educational solution using spatial thinking (such as geospatial technologies, maps, data, inquiry-based learning, or innovative technologies or tools (on the low to high tech spectrum) to enable people to act on behalf of our planet and its people. Successful proposals will describe projects that are co-developed with members of a community or developed by community(ies) that will be impacted. The funder is particularly interested in projects that make connections across disciplines to identify creative solutions through interdisciplinary methods, use experiential learning, and define spatial thinking broadly. All topics related to the funder's focus areas – Ocean, Land, Wildlife, Human Histories and Cultures, Planetary Health, and Space – are encouraged.	CEET; CLAS; NICCS
National Geographic Society	The Big Questions	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
Network for Landscape Conservation	Catalyst Fund 2025	Open Call or RFP	5/16/2025	Up to \$25,000	The Catalyst Fund strives to accelerate the pace and practice of landscape conservation and stewardship across the US by making strategic investments in strengthening the collaborative capacity of place-based, community-grounded Landscape Partnerships.	CLAS

Open Philanthropy	AI Governance	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	Living Literature Review	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	Early Childhood Education and/or Economic Development Grants	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>)	Polk Bros. Foundation Grants (City of Chicago)	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	Cottrell Scholars Award	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>	Chicago Area Grants	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	Systems for Action: Community-Led Systems Research to Address Systemic Racism	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	Exploring Equitable Futures	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	RRF Foundation for Aging Grants	Open Call or RFP	LOI due 5/1/2025	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	Core Research Grants	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; Acadmic Affairs; CEDU; COB; CLAS; CLAW; Student Affairs

Samuel H. Kress Foundation	History of Art Grants	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	Conservation Grants	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	Digital Art History Grants	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	Targeted Grants in MPS	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>	Grants for Environment, Education, or Arts & Culture	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	International Security and the Foreign Policy Grants and Domestic Public Policy Grants	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	Racial Equity Research Grants	Open Call or RFP	5/5/2025	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	Research Grants on Education: Large	Open Call or RFP	5/14/2025	\$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	Vision Grants	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
State Farm <i>(managed relationship; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	Community Grants	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	Collections Grants	Open Call or RFP	8/4/2025 (LOI deadline)	\$25,000-\$75,000	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. Terra Foundation Collections Grants provide support for organizations to reinterpret and re-present their collections through reinstallations or temporary exhibitions drawn from their permanent collections.	VPA

Topfer Family Foundation	Grants	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
VNA Foundation (<i>managed relationship; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission</i>)	Grants (Chicago; Cook + collar counties)	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>)	W. M. Keck Research Program	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	Grants	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>)	Education & Environment Grants	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
Wellcome Trust	Mental Health Award: Leveraging longitudinal data to transform early intervention in mental health	Open Call or RFP	Opens 4/23/25; Registration deadline 5/14/25	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	Post-Ph.D. Research Grants	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	Conference and Workshop Grants - Anthropology	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.	CLAS
Wenner-Gren Foundation	Engaged Research Grant	Open Call or RFP	8/1/2025	\$ 25,000	Grants support research partnerships that empower those who have historically been among those researched in anthropology, rather than researchers themselves. These partnerships bring together scholars and their interlocutors in the mutual production of anthropological knowledge aimed at combatting inequality and promoting the flourishing of human and more than human worlds. The program supports projects that promise to make a significant contribution to anthropological conversations through collaborations in which engagement is a central feature of a project from the very start.	CLAS
Whitehall Foundation	Research Grants (Neurobiology)	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	Grants-in-Aid (Neurobiology)	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	Research Grants on Reducing Inequality	Open Call or RFP	5/7/2025	\$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	Research Grants on Improving the Use of Research Evidence	Open Call or RFP	5/7/2025	\$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