



CORPORATE & FOUNDATION RELATIONS FUNDING DIGEST - DECEMBER 2024

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 Academy of Audiology	Investigator Research Grant	Open Call or RFP	1/31/2025	Up to \$20,000	The American Academy of Audiology Foundation and the American Academy of Audiology will make grants for research projects with duration of one year. Grants will be made based on the merit of the research project and application. Priority will be given to grant proposals reflecting an academic-clinical partnership in one of two essential areas: 1) contributions of hearing screening to overall health and well-being of patient care and/or quality of life, or 2) patient safety and direct access to audiology services.	CEET; CHHS; CLAS
American Federation for Aging Research	Glenn Foundation Discovery Award	Open Call or RFP	2/18/2025	\$ 525,000	This Award was created to support research projects with strong potential to develop pioneering discoveries for understanding the underlying biological mechanisms that govern normal human aging and its related physiological decline. Relevant proposals from any branch of biology are eligible. This program specifically seeks to include principal investigators who may not have previously worked in the area of aging, but whose research and expertise are applicable to understanding the biological mechanisms of normal aging and its relevance to age-associated health decline. Up to two three-year awards will be made in 2025.	CEET; CHHS; CLAS

American Psychological Foundation	APF Visionary Grants	Open Call or RFP	4/3/2025	\$ 20,000	Visionary grants seek to seed innovation through supporting research, education and intervention projects and programs that use psychology to solve social problems in a number of priority areas, including: applying psychology to at-risk, vulnerable populations; preventing violence; understanding the connection between behavior and health; understanding and eliminating stigma and prejudice; and furthering racial	ADEI; CHHS; CLAS
Arthritis National Research Foundation	Arthritis Grants	Open Call or RFP	1/24/2025	Up to \$250,000	ANRF seeks applications focused on studying arthritis and related autoimmune diseases including, but not limited to osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, juvenile arthritis, lupus, psoriatic arthritis, gout, scleroderma, fibromyalgia and ankylosing spondylitis.	CHHS
Dana Foundation	Neuroscience & Society	Open Call or RFP	LOIs are accepted on a rolling basis (currently the 2024 LOI is open).	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
Gates Foundation (Global Grand Challenges)	Innovations for Exceptionally Low-Cost Monoclonal Antibody (mAb) Manufacturing	Open Call or RFP	1/31/2025	Up to \$750,000	The Gates Foundation and LifeArc are soliciting proposals to develop proof-of-concept for manufacturing platforms that produce monoclonal antibodies at a final drug substance cost-of-goods of \$10 per gram (Option A). The goal is to catalyze and accelerate multiple, diverse, innovative bioprocessing approaches that hold the promise of low cost-of-goods mAbs. Additionally, the Gates Foundation is interested in hearing from organizations that have already completed proof-of-concept work that could result in cost-of-goods of \$10 per gram and may be interested in additional support (Option B).	CEET; CHHS; CLAS
Hearing Health Foundation	Emerging Research Grants	Open Call or RFP	3/3/2025	\$ 50,000	Through the Emerging Research Grants (ERG) program, Hearing Health Foundation (HHF) provides seed money to researchers working on the entire spectrum of hearing research and balance research, including many underfunded areas of otology. Eligibility quiz must be completed by 2/27/25.	CEET; CHHS; CLAS

JUSTICE SQUARED	Just Leaders for a Just Health System	Open Call or RFP	1/15/2025	\$ 300,000	JUSTICE SQUARED invites healthcare organizations and patient and community leaders to engage in a trustworthy, humble, and courageous journey to confront structural racism in healthcare together. It looks to recruit healthcare organizations that are already committed to this charge and invested in this critical work. It makes this complex journey of dismantling structural racism easier to navigate by supporting healthcare organizations to either (1) shift how they measure and account for racism (not just race) or (2) remove racism from clinical, operational, and administrative diagnostics and algorithms.	ADEI; CLAS; CHHS
Michael J. Fox Foundation	Personalized Approaches for Understanding, Assessing and Improving Gait in Parkinson's Disease Research Program	Open Call or RFP	Pre-proposals due 1/14/25	\$250,000-\$2M	This program seeks to fund clinical testing on personalized approaches for understanding, assessing and improving gait in Parkinson's disease (PD) to address the wide variances of gait challenges across the continuum of the disease. The program aims to establish standardized assessment and tailor treatments to individual symptoms that improves gait and motor-cognitive functions.	CEET; CLAS; CHHS
Rita and Alex Hillman Foundation	Innovation Grants	Open Call or RFP	2/27/2025	\$50,000 / \$600,000	Grantmaking is focused on advancing leading edge, nursing-driven interventions that target the needs of marginalized populations. The pipeline of grants (Emergent Innovation, Innovations in Care, and Innovation Dissemination) are designed to fuel great ideas wherever they are in their development.	CHHS
Simons Foundation	Early Career Investigator in Aquatic Microbial Ecology and Evolution Awards	Open Call or RFP	LOI due 1/23/25 at 12pm Eastern time	\$270,000 per year for 2 years	The purpose of these awards is to help launch the careers of outstanding investigators in the fields of microbial ecology, microbial biogeochemistry and/or microbial evolution in marine or natural freshwater systems, who will advance our understanding through field work, experiments, modeling or theory. Investigators must currently be active in basic research addressing fundamental questions in these fields and must focus a large fraction of their lab's effort in one of these areas. Applicants whose research focuses on the microbiomes of animals or plants, symbioses of microbes with animals, coral biology, paleoceanography, geobiology or aquatic pollution will not be considered.	CEET; CHHS; CLAS

Stranahan Foundation	Early Childhood Education Grants	Open Call or RFP	LOI due 1/21/25	Likely average of \$300,000	This grantmaking program focuses on increasing access to high-quality early care and education for young children (birth to five), especially those from low-income families, by investing in developing and retaining a high-quality, thriving early educator workforce. The spring 2025 funding cycle will support projects focused on advancing its Innovation and Proven Professional Development strategies.	CEDU
Wallace Foundation	Arts Organizations Founded By/With/For Communities of Color: Research Practice Partnership	Open Call or RFP	LOI due 1/20/25	Up to \$500,000	This RFP is interested in supporting research studies that can address important unanswered questions related to the organizational well-being of arts organizations of color. An additional aim of this program to support early career scholars of color through their inclusion as part of the research teams. Research-practice partnerships eligible for funding will be collaborative research (such as participatory design research, social design research, and action research) that represents an approach to knowledge building that is rooted in questions that are meaningful to both practitioners and researchers.	CLAS; VPA

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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
Allen Foundation, Inc.	Allen Foundation Grants	Open Call or RFP	1/15/2025	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 <i>(managed relationship; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	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
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	Strengthening Evidence—Support for RCTs to Evaluate Social Programs and Policies	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Not specified	This program aims to build the body of proven, effective policies, programs, and interventions by funding researchers to conduct rigorous RCTs across the spectrum of social policy. LOIs will be evaluated upon their policy relevance, study design, and implementation feasibility. Programs proposed should have been evaluated previously and found to have positive impacts on important outcomes, and the primary outcomes of those programs are of recognized policy importance. Programs must align with the funder's strategic areas of interest, e.g., higher education, health, infrastructure, and public finance.	CEDU; CLAW; CLAS
Bob Barker Foundation	Grants to reduce recidivism	Open Call or RFP	Now Open (closing date not announced)	Up to \$25,000	The Foundation's mission is to develop and support programs that help incarcerated individuals successfully reenter society and stay out for life. Your organization's work must result in reducing recidivism, must work with a minimum of 100 incarcerated or formerly incarcerated individuals annually, and your methods must be "Evidence-Based" or use "Best Practices."	CEDU; CLAS; OERD

Brady Education Foundation	Proposals for Program Evaluations	Open Call or RFP	4/1/2025	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	Brinson Foundation's 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 research (https://brinsonfoundation.org/scientific-research/) but by invitation only.	CEDU; CEET; CHHS; CLAS; CLAW; COB; VPA
Burroughs Wellcome Fund	Innovation in Regulatory Science Awards	Open Call or RFP	2/7/2025	Up to \$500,000	BWF's Innovation in Regulatory Science Awards provides up to \$500,000 over five years to academic investigators developing new methodologies or innovative approaches in regulatory science that will ultimately inform the regulatory decisions the FDA and others make. This would necessarily draw upon the talents of individuals trained in mathematics, computer science, applied physics, medicine, engineering, toxicology, epidemiology, biostatistics, systems pharmacology, and food safety and nutrition to name a few.	CEET; CHHS; CLAS; OERD
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
Caplan Foundation for Early Childhood	Early Childhood Grants	Open Call or RFP	LOI due 1/31/2025	Not specified	The Caplan Foundation for Early Childhood is an incubator of promising research and development projects that appear likely to improve the welfare of young children, from infancy through 7 years, in the US. Program areas include Parenting Education, Early Childhood Welfare, and Early Childhood Education and Play.	CEDU; 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 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

Childhood Arthritis and Rheumatology Research Alliance	Team Science Planning Grant	Open Call or RFP	2/20/2025	Up to \$100,000	This grant aims to stimulate the development of high-quality, multi-investigator, multi-disciplinary program projects that advance to extramurally funded grant awards. The goal is to develop a mature project and plan for submission to a specific extramural funding source within 12 months of the conclusion of the planning grant period. Successful applications will detail how the study plan will lead to and support an interdisciplinary, collaborative, highly synergistic team science grant application to an external public funding source such as PCORI or NIH, or a private foundation. A successful application will describe high-quality research projects focusing on inflammatory arthritis in children and adolescents, in areas identified in the 2023-2025 CARRA - Arthritis Foundation Research Agenda.	CHHS
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 <i>(managed relationship + limited submission; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	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
Council on Library & Information Resources	Recordings At Risk	Open Call or RFP	Next cycle launches Jan. 2025	\$10,000-\$50,000	Recordings at Risk is a national regranteeing program administered by CLIR to support the preservation of rare and unique audio, audiovisual, and other time-based media of high scholarly value through digital reformatting.	Libraries; CLAS; VPA
Crown Family Philanthropies <i>(managed relationship; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	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; gun violence prevention; the Jewish Community; and more. By invitation only. Chicago metro geographic focus.	CEDU; CEET; CHHS; CLAS; CLAW; COB; VPA

Deloitte Foundation <i>(managed relationship; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	Local Impact Grants	By Invitation Only	Rolling	Varies	Local impact grants support high school STEM initiatives, community college bridge programs, workforce development/career exploration activities, and higher education accounting curriculum development/experiential learning for students in two-year accounting technology programs.	COB; OERD; CLAS; CEET
Dr. Scholl Foundation	Dr. Scholl Foundation Grants	Open Call or RFP	LOIs accepted from 10/1 to 3/1	Varies; averages <\$25,000	Foundation supports initiatives in the areas of education, social service, healthcare, civics, culture, and environment. If invited, full applications are due 3/1.	CEDU; CEET; CHHS; CLAS; CLAW; COB; VPA
Driehaus Foundation <i>(managed relationship; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	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 <i>(managed relationship; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	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>	Postsecondary Persistence and Degree Completion	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Varies	ECMC Foundation uses a range of funding methods, including strategic grantmaking and program-related investments to support nonprofit and for-profit organizations that are working to improve postsecondary outcomes for students from underserved backgrounds.	CEDU; CEET; CHHS; CLAS; CLAW; COB; VPA
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
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. Justice grantmaking seeks to support organizations working to address the root causes of inequity and systemic racism through community organizing, advocacy, and policy. It has prioritized several focus areas, including housing, immigration, and systems impacted by justice reform.	ADEI; CLAS; COE; OERD; CLAW

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.	\$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.	CLAS; CLAW; ADEI
G. Harold and Leila Y. Mathers Foundation <i>(limited submission policy; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	Research Grants	Open Call or RFP	2/28/25 deadline for nominations and portal registration; LOI due 3/14/25	Varies	The Foundation primarily supports basic science, ideally with potential translational applications. Examples of current research areas include immunology, microbiome, structural biology, cellular physiology, cancer biology, genetics, genomics, microbiology and infectious diseases, stem cell biology, and neuroscience. There are two cycles each year.	CHHS; CLAS
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 Gates Foundation's U.S. Program focuses primarily on education; priorities include educational/career pathways, improving K-12 outcomes for students from underserved backgrounds, postsecondary success, economic mobility, and improving education/workforce data. 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
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
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

Heart Rhythm Society	Research Fellowships	Open Call or RFP	1/19/2025	\$ 50,000	The mission of HRS is to improve the care of patients by promoting research, education, and optimal healthcare policies and standards. To this end, HRS has established a post-doctoral research fellowship in cardiac electrophysiology to encourage and support the research training of MDs, DOs, and PhDs in either basic or clinical electrophysiology. These fellowships assist awardees in initiating careers in electrophysiology research while obtaining significant research results.	CEET; CHHS
Help for Children	Annual Grant Cycle	Open Call or RFP	1/15/2025	Varies	Help for Children grants are made to charitable organizations that address child abuse through prevention and treatment. Its grants provide support to ongoing program services, to programs looking to expand, and to new projects. Time-limited projects are also funded.	CHHS
Henry Luce Foundation	Clare Boothe Luce Program - Women in STEM	Open Call or RFP	Next cycle launches Feb. 2025 (anticipated)	Up to \$750,000	The Clare Boothe Luce Program for Women in STEM is dedicated to increasing the participation of women in the sciences and engineering at every level of higher education. The program aims to transform STEM ecosystems across the US by addressing the structural and cultural barriers that inhibit women's pursuit of and persistence in STEM fields, expanding educational opportunities for women in STEM, and advancing their leadership in the sciences.	CLAS; CEET
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

Human Animal Bond Research Institute (HABRI)	Addressing Evidence-Based Health Benefits of Human-Animal Interaction	Open Call or RFP	2/13/2025	Approximately \$49,000	This call is to investigate the health outcomes of pet ownership and/or animal-assisted interventions (AAI), both for the people and the animals involved. Proposals should have a strong theoretical framework and focus on innovative approaches to studying the positive effects of companion animals on human health.	CLAS; CHHS
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 Joyce Foundation invests in public policies and strategies to advance racial equity and economic mobility for the next generation in the Great Lakes region. The Foundation 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. 2024 deadlines are Apr 1, Aug 1, and Dec 2.	CEDU; CEET; CHHS; CLAS; CLAW; COB; 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.	CEDU; CEET; CHHS; CLAS; CLAW; COB; VPA
Klingenstein Philanthropies	Klingenstein Fellowship Awards in Neuroscience	Open Call or RFP	2/1/2025	\$ 300,000	The awards support innovative research by early career investigators. The research should have relevance for understanding the mechanisms underlying neurological and behavioral disorders that may lead to improvements in the diagnosis and treatment of these disorders; also basic research is supported. Areas of particular interest include Cellular and molecular neuroscience; Neural systems; and Translational research. Award is \$100K over 3 years.	CLAS; CHHS

Masimo Foundation	Grants for Patient Safety & Outcomes	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Varies	The Masimo 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; fostering innovation and discovery.	CHHS; CEET
McKnight Foundation	Neuroscience Scholar Awards	Open Call or RFP	1/13/2025	\$ 225,000	The McKnight Scholar Awards encourage neuroscientists in the early stages of their careers to focus on disorders of learning and memory. The Endowment Fund especially seeks applicants working on problems that, if solved at the basic level, would have immediate and significant impact on clinically relevant issues.	CHHS; CLAS
Mellon Foundation	Mellon Foundation Grants	By Invitation Only	Rolling	Varies	The Mellon Foundation's 4 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
Network for Landscape Conservation	Catalyst Fund 2025	Open Call or RFP	Next cycle opens in early 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
Nine Dots Prize	Nine Dots Prize	Open Call or RFP	2/27/2025	\$ 100,000	The Nine Dots Prize is a prize for creative thinking that tackles contemporary societal issues. Entrants are asked to respond to a question in 3,000 words and provide an outline showing how you would develop this into a short book of 25,000-40,000 words, supported by relevant research and evidence. The 2024/25 question is: "Is Data Failing Us?"	CEDU; CEET; CHHS; CLAS; CLAW; COB; VPA
Open AI	Superalignment Fast Grants	Open Call or RFP	2/18/2025	Varies	OpenAI is launching a \$10M grants program to support technical research towards ensuring superhuman AI systems are aligned and safe. It offers \$100K–\$2M grants for academic labs, nonprofits, and individual researchers. For graduate students, it offers a one-year \$150K OpenAI Superalignment Fellowship. The grants are particularly focused on the following research directions: Weak-to-strong generalization; Interpretability; Scalable oversight; and many other research directions, including but not limited to: honesty, chain-of-thought faithfulness, adversarial robustness, evals and testbeds, and more.	CEET; CLAS; COB; OERD

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
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	Pioneering Ideas: Exploring the Future to Build a Culture of Health	Open Call or RFP	Rolling (Reopens 2/3/25)	Varies	The program seeks proposals from scientists, anthropologists, artists, urban planners, community leaders—anyone, anywhere who has a new or unconventional idea that could alter the trajectory of health and improve health equity and well-being for generations to come. RWJF is particularly interested in breakthrough or unconventional ideas that address any of these four areas of focus: Future of Evidence; Future of Social Interaction; Future of Food; Future of Work.	CEET; CLAS; CEDU; CHHS

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	Evidence for Action: Innovative Research to Advance Racial Equity	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Varies	E4A prioritizes research to evaluate specific interventions (e.g., policies, programs, practices) that have the potential to counteract the harms of structural and systemic racism and improve health, well-being, and equity outcomes. The program considers research on various aspects of health equity, but prioritizes studies of interventions that are designed to reduce race-based disparities (e.g., by confronting a root cause of disparities or targeting benefits to those experiencing the greatest burdens). RWJF is particularly interested in strategies focused on developing healthy and equitable communities; supporting the needs of children, families, and caregivers; and fostering alignment among health care, public health, and social service systems.	CEET; CEDU; CHHS; CLAS; CLAW; COB
RRF Foundation for Aging	RRF Foundation for Aging Grants	Open Call or RFP	LOI due 2/1/2025	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.	CHHS
Russell Sage Foundation	Core Research Grants	Open Call or RFP	3/11/2025	\$ 200,000	RSF will accept letters of inquiry (LOIs) under the core programs for Future of Work and Social, Political, and Economic Inequality. The foundation will also accept LOIs for the new special initiative 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. There are three deadlines for LOIs throughout the year.	ADEI; COB; CLAS; CLAW
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	Travel Support for Mathematicians	Open Call or RFP	1/29/2025	\$ 42,000	This grant is intended to stimulate collaboration in the field primarily through the funding of travel and related expenditures.	CLAS
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 (managed relationship; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)	Grants for Environment, Education, or Arts & Culture	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Varies	This foundation supports 501(c)3 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; VPA
Spencer Foundation	Research Grants on Education: Large	Open Call or RFP	1/14/2025	\$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. The goal for this program is to support rigorous, intellectually ambitious and technically sound research.	CEDU
State Farm (managed relationship; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)	Community Grants	By Invitation Only	Rolling	Varies	State Farm makes grants to organizations working in the areas of auto safety, home safety, disaster preparedness/mitigation/recovery, affordable housing construction/repair, commercial/small business development, job training, neighborhood revitalization, financial literacy, sustainable housing or transportation, food insecurity, higher education, K-12, K-12 STEM learning, and/or pathways for college/career success.	COB; CLAS; CEET; CHHS; Academic Affairs
State Street Foundation	Grants	By Invitation Only	12/31/2024	Varies	State Street Foundation, Inc. seeks to promote economic opportunity by reducing equity gaps in educational achievement and employability for youth ages 14 and up in communities where State Street Corporation operates (includes Chicago). The deadline for EOI submission is December 31 to be considered for the following calendar year.	CEDU; CEET; CHHS; CLAS; CLAW; COB; VPA

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
Terra Foundation for American Art	Exhibition Grants	Open Call or RFP	3/7/2025	\$25,000-\$200,000	Recognizing current and historical inequities in presentations and understandings of American art history, the Terra Foundation encourages temporary loan exhibitions that address these disparities and exclusions at institutions worldwide. Terra Foundation Exhibition grants provide support for organizations to plan and present temporary exhibitions comprised primarily of loans.	VPA
The 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
The 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
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

U.S.-Israel Binational Science Foundation	BSF Climate Solutions in Memory of Prof. Anton Post	Open Call or RFP	4/2/2025	\$ 600,000	This initiative envisages a biennial call for cross-disciplinary proposals that advance the conceptualization, development and/or implementation of climate solutions. The new initiative will focus on how aspects of climate related processes can be offset by novel technologies, regulations, policy etc. Examples of such processes include Atmosphere; Earth, and Ocean. Research collaboration between Israeli and American scientists is seen by the BSF as a fundamental requirement.	CEET; CLAS
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 3/20/25	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 supports initiatives that support thriving children, working families, and equitable communities. It does not set specific geographic limitations to its philanthropy, but prioritizes organizations operating in Haiti, Mexico, Michigan, Mississippi, New Mexico, and New Orleans, Louisiana.	CEDU; CEET; CHHS; CLAS; CLAW; COB; VPA
W.T. Grant Foundation	Research Grants on Reducing Inequality	Open Call or RFP	1/8/2025	\$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
W.T. Grant Foundation	Research Grants on Improving the Use of Research Evidence	Open Call or RFP	1/8/2025	\$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

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 in our oceans. The Foundation seeks to ensure healthy, available water for people and nature.	CLAS; CEDU
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	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	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	1/15/2025	\$ 300,000	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	1/15/2025	\$ 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
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