



CORPORATE & FOUNDATION RELATIONS FUNDING DIGEST - OCTOBER 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
Alfred P. Sloan Foundation	Open Source in Science	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Varies	To fully realize the potential of innovations like data science, computational modeling, novel instrumentation, and machine learning, this program aims to adapt and extend best practices in open source into academic technology development while recognizing the unique workflows and incentives of scientific research. Rather than funding individual open source development projects, grants in this area focus mainly on tooling, institutions, economic models, and incentives around the production, maintenance, and adoption of research software, hardware, models, and other related research outputs.	CEET; CHHS; CLAS
American Council of Learned Societies	Early Career Research Fellowships in Buddhist Studies	Open Call or RFP	11/20/2025	Up to \$70,000	Early Career Research Fellowships offer support for research and writing in Buddhist Studies for pre-tenure scholars holding a PhD degree. These fellowships provide scholars time free from teaching and other responsibilities to concentrate on research and writing for the project proposed.	CLAS
American Council of Learned Societies	Public Impact Grants in Buddhist Studies	Open Call or RFP	11/20/2025	\$10,000-\$50,000	Grants support projects that make knowledge about Buddhism accessible to more people and improve public understanding of Buddhist art, texts, and traditions by promoting engagement between Buddhist Studies scholars and public audiences and/or communities of practice. Translation projects are strongly encouraged but no academic publications will be supported.	CLAS; Libraries

American Society for Mass Spectrometry	Research Awards	Open Call or RFP	11/30/2025	\$ 35,000	Research awards promote academic research in mass spectrometry by young scientists. The awards are presented annually are fully supported by Thermo Fisher Scientific and Waters Corporation. Open to academic scientists within four years (at time award is presented) of joining their first tenure track faculty position. For 2025, the 4 years are July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2025. Applicant must be member of ASMS and have attended the conference 2 of the last 5 years.	CEET; CHHS; CLAS; NICCS
Arcadia/UCLA Library	UCLA Library Modern Endangered Archives Program (MEAP)	Open Call or RFP	11/17/2025	\$ 100,000	MEAP invites applications for its eighth cohort to preserve at-risk collections through documentation, digitization, and open access publication via the UCLA Digital Library. Three grant types are available: Planning Grants (up to \$20K, 1 year) for organizing and assessing materials; Project Grants (up to \$70K, 2 years) for digitization and metadata creation; and Regional Grants (up to \$100K, 2 years) for collaborative projects across multiple institutions (open to past grantees only). Funds support staffing, equipment, training, travel, and community engagement—but not the creation of new materials.	CLAS; Libraries; VPA
Association for Computing Machinery	ACM Grace Murray Hopper Award (Nomination Required)	Open Call or RFP	12/15/2025	\$ 35,000	The Award recognizes the outstanding young computer professional of the year, selected on the basis of a single recent major technical or service contribution. The candidate must have been 35 years of age or less at the time the qualifying contribution was made, though allowance may be made for interrupted or second careers. The award is presented each June at the ACM Awards Banquet and is accompanied by a prize of \$35,000 plus travel expenses to the banquet. Financial support for the award is provided by Microsoft.	CEET; CLAS
Burroughs Wellcome Fund	Next Gen Pregnancy Initiative	Open Call or RFP	12/4/2025	\$ 500,000	This 2025-2026 cycle is the first step in a full program revamp that will prioritize the refinement of the scope of research areas to be considered for the award. The updated priority areas BWF aims to support include underlying mechanisms of normal pregnancy, preeclampsia, preterm birth, and late term pregnancy loss (projects focused on miscarriage at 10 weeks or less and infertility-related loss are beyond the scope of this mechanism). These conditions remain both pervasive challenges in reproductive medicine and persistently underexplored in reproductive biology. It especially encourages applications focused on subtyping adverse pregnancy outcomes, investigating maternal–fetal interactions, and integrating animal models with clinical outcomes.	CHHS; CLAS

Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR)	CIFAR Global Scholars Program (2026-28 Cohort)	Open Call or RFP	11/5/2025	\$ 100,000	The program supports early-career researchers worldwide in the sciences and humanities, providing leadership training, mentorship, and opportunities to lead high-impact interdisciplinary research. Over two years, Scholars join international research programs, collaborate with global experts, and explore boundary-pushing questions. The program accelerates the growth of future research leaders driving transformative discoveries.	CEET; CHHS; CLAS; Libraries
Cisco	Research Grants	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Not specified	Cisco Research is currently accepting proposals on Distributed Systems, Embodied AI, Enhancing Factuality and Reasoning in Generative AI Models, Security for Gen AI, LLM-Based Autonomous Agents and Agentic Systems, Quantum-resistant Cryptography and Security, Quantum Networks for Distributed Quantum Computing and Distributed Quantum Sensing, Harnessing Quantum Networking to Enhance Classical Applications, Semiconductor Reliability, Investigate Media over QUIC for interactive streaming media delivery, and an open RFP. It also offers sponsorships for hackathons.	CEET; CLAS
Help for Children	Annual Grant Cycle	Open Call or RFP	1/16/2026	Varies	Help for Children grants are made to charitable organizations that address child abuse through prevention and treatment. In addition to service and advocacy, grants support qualitative and quantitative research on child abuse issues.	CHHS; CLAS
IBM Center for The Business of Government	Research Report Stipends	Open Call or RFP	2/2/2026	\$ 20,000	The aim of the Center is to tap into the best minds in academe and the nonprofit sector who can use rigorous public management research and analytic techniques to help public sector executives and managers improve the effectiveness of government. It seeks practical findings and actionable recommendations, not just theory or concepts, in order to assist executives and managers to more effectively respond to mission and management challenges. Individuals receiving a stipend should produce a 10,000- to 12,000-word report.	CEET; CLAS; CLAW; COB

Japan Foundation, New York	Grant Program: Japan-U.S. Global Partnership	Open Call or RFP	12/1/2025	Not specified	JF seeks to support Japan-U.S. collaborative projects that will help resolve current global issues of common concern, build partnerships among diverse professions and backgrounds necessary to successfully address those issues, and support the individuals who organize and participate in such projects. This program supports: (1) policy-oriented research conducted jointly by Japanese and U.S. non-profit organizations aimed at resolving the issues of modern society and global issues facing the world. (2) dialogue and exchange projects at various levels, including academic researchers, experts, citizens, and grassroots practitioners.	CEET; CEDU; COB; CHHS; CLAS; CLAW; VPA
Klingenstein Philanthropies	Klingenstein Fellowship Awards in Neuroscience	Open Call or RFP	Application open Sept. 15 through Feb. 1	\$ 450,000	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 over 3 years.	CLAS; CHHS
Klingenstein Philanthropies	Transformation of Mental Health Care Program	Open Call or RFP	Application open Sept. 1 through Dec. 15	\$ 200,000	We are soliciting applications for academic investigators conducting research to demonstrate the benefits of novel ways to access or deliver mental health care or prevention approaches that can be implemented at scale. This application is specifically for high quality research that builds upon promising pilot work, adapts interventions for future scaling using established principles from community participatory approaches and implementation science frameworks, and has the potential to lead to a larger demonstration project.	CLAS; CHHS
Michael J. Fox Foundation	Bridge Funding for Disrupted Neurodegenerative Research (BFDN)	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Not specified	This program specifically aims to 1) ensure support for early career researchers (based on NIH definition), who have not yet had the opportunity to fully establish their labs and position their projects for ongoing funding, and 2) provide bridge or interim funding for salary and other direct costs for research projects focused on Alzheimer's disease, Frontotemporal Dementia, Parkinson's disease, Dementia with Lewy Bodies, atypical Parkinson's and/or other related disorders that have been impacted by a series of changes at NIH.	CHHS; CLAS

National Association of School Nurses	Research Grants	Open Call or RFP	10/31/2025	Up to \$25,000	NASN aims to optimize student health and learning by advancing the practice of school nursing. The research grants program was established to encourage and support research regarding school nursing and the health of school-age children and to advance and fund quality school nursing practice and school-affiliated healthcare delivery. In 2026, the total amount available for grants is \$25,000, and requests may range from \$1,000 to \$25,000. The principal investigator or a member of the research team who participates in the entire process, including the proposal, design, and implementation of the research project, must be a school nurse(s) engaged in the practice or leadership of school nursing as well as a current member of NASN.	CHHS
Pershing Square Foundation	Pershing Square Sohn Cancer Prize	Open Call or RFP	11/3/2025	\$ 750,000	The program supports early-career investigators pursuing bold, high-risk/high-reward cancer research. The Prize accelerates groundbreaking ideas that may not yet attract traditional funding and fosters collaborations between academia, industry, and philanthropy.	CHHS; CLAS
Russell Sage Foundation	Core Research Grants	Open Call or RFP	3/11/2026	\$ 200,000	For the March deadline, RSF will accept letters of inquiry (LOIs) under the core programs for Future of Work (FOW) and Social, Political and Economic Inequality (SPEI). It will also accept LOIs under its special initiatives on Promoting Educational Attainment and Economic Mobility among Racially, Ethnically, and Economically Diverse Groups after the 2023 Supreme Court Decision to Ban Race-Conscious Admissions at Colleges and Universities (SCD23).	ADEI; Academic Affairs; CEDU; COB; CLAS; CLAW; Student Affairs
Simons Foundation	Travel Support for Mathematicians	Open Call or RFP	1/29/2026	\$ 42,000	This grant is intended to stimulate collaboration in the field primarily through the funding of travel and related expenditures. The goal of the program is to substantially increase collaborative contacts between accomplished, active mathematicians in the United States.	CLAS
Spencer Foundation	Research Grants on Education: Small	Open Call or RFP	12/15/2025	\$ 50,000	The program supports education research projects that will contribute to the improvement of education, broadly conceived, with budgets up to \$50,000 for projects ranging from 1-5 years. The 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. Applications accepted two times per year.	CEDU

U.S.-Israel Binational Science Foundation	Regular Grants - Physical and Social Sciences	Open Call or RFP	12/3/2025	\$ 300,000	Applications to this program are made jointly by a U.S. and an Israeli researcher(s) who would like to work together. Prior cooperation between the Pls is not a prerequisite, and the establishment of new research teams is welcomed by the BSF. The following areas are eligible for submission: Biomedical Engineering; Life Sciences; Medicine; Psychobiology.	CEET; CHHS; CLAS
VIA Art Fund	Artistic Production Grant	Open Call or RFP	11/6/2025	\$25,000 to \$100,000	VIA Art invites applications for the spring 2026 award cycle of its Artistic Production grant program, which awards funding to individual artists, nonprofit organizations, and institutions to support new artistic commissions that take place outside museum or gallery walls, within the public realm, or in nontraditional exhibition environments. Individual artists or producing organizations seeking production funding must have a confirmed exhibition venue or presenting partner. Grants are awarded to projects that best exemplify VIA Art's three core values: artistic production, thought leadership, and public engagement.	CLAS; Libraries; VPA

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Alfred P. Sloan Foundation	Public Understanding of Science & Technology	Open Call or RFP	Jan. 1, May 1, Sept. 1 for Books; Rolling for others	Varies	This grant program supports creators of publications aimed at public understanding of science and technology. The program currently accepts proposals for the Books area 3 times annually, and accepts LOIs for Radio, New Media, Television, and YouTube & TikTok on a rolling basis.	CEDU; CEET; CHHS; CLAS; CLAW; COB; VPA
Alfred P. Sloan Foundation	Exploratory Grantmaking in Technology	Letters of inquiry accepted	Rolling	Varies	The Exploratory Grantmaking program intends to identify emerging new sectors, tools and methods that may not receive mainstream funding. Currently, the program focuses on AI in Science and on Automation in Science.	CEET; CLAS
Allen Foundation, Inc.	Allen Foundation Grants	Open Call or RFP	1/15/2026	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; CLAS; 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 prepare youth to lead and succeed through service, disrupt the cycle of relationship abuse, increase access to thriving-wage careers, and support nonprofit leaders.	CEDU; CEET; CHHS; CLAS; CLAW; COB; VPA
Alphawood Foundation <i>(managed relationship; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	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 Cancer Society	2025 Research Grants	Open Call or RFP	12/1/2025	Varies	Several grants fund high-impact and innovative cancer research conducted by promising scientists and health care professionals. Grants include Discovery Boost Grants (DBG); Mission Boost Grants (MBG); Research Scholar Grants; and Postdoctoral Fellowships, in addition to RFA opportunities.	CHHS; CLAS

American Chemical Society	ACS Petroleum Research Fund	Open Call or RFP	3/6/2026	\$ 110,000	The Petroleum Research Fund is an endowed fund, managed by the American Chemical Society that supports fundamental research directly related to petroleum or fossil fuels at nonprofit institutions. ACS PRF grants are intended as seed money, to enable an investigator to initiate a new research direction. The investigator should not have published or received financial support from another funding agency for the proposed research. Two cycles annually.	CEET; CLAS
American Council of Learned Societies	ACLS Digital Justice Grants	Open Call or RFP	11/20/2025	\$10,000 to \$100,000	Digital Justice Grants are designed to promote and provide resources for newly formulated projects that diversify the digital domain, advance justice and equity in digital scholarly practice, and/or contribute to public understanding of racial and social justice issues. The program offers two kinds of grants: Digital Justice Seed Grants for projects at early stages of development; and Digital Justice Development Grants for projects that have advanced beyond the start-up or early phases of development.	CLAS; VPA
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
Brady Education Foundation	Proposals for Program Evaluations	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	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. 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 greater 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 July 2026.	CEET; CHHS; CLAS; NICCS
Cancer Research Institute	Technology Impact Award	Open Call or RFP	LOI deadline 11/15/25	\$ 300,000	The award provides seed funding to address the gap between technology development and clinical application of cancer immunotherapies. These grants aim to encourage collaboration between technology developers and clinical cancer immunologists and to generate the proof-of-principle of a novel platform technology in bioinformatics, ex vivo or in silico modeling systems, immunological or tumor profiling instrumentation, methods, reagents and assays, or other relevant technologies that can enable clinician scientists to generate deeper insights into the mechanisms of action of effective or ineffective cancer immunotherapies.	CEET; CHHS; CLAS
Caplan Foundation for Early Childhood	Early Childhood Grants	Open Call or RFP	Anticipated January deadline	Typical range between \$25,000-\$50,000	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.	CEDU; CHHS; CLAS
CDW <i>(managed relationship; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	Advancing Digital Opportunity Grants	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Varies	CDW's Social Impact program has a commitment to digital opportunity for all, 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
Clif Family Foundation	Open Call Grants	Open Call or RFP	Mar. 1, Aug. 1	\$5,000-\$50,000	Regenerative and Organic Farming; Food Production Workers' Health and Safety; Climate Justice; Healthy Food Access; Inclusive Outdoor Access; and Indoors and Outdoors Safe from Pollution. Two annual deadlines.	CLAS; NICCS; OERD

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
Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust (CART)	CART Fund Grants	Open Call or RFP	LOI due 12/5/25	Up to \$500,000	The goal of the fund is to encourage exploratory and development Alzheimer's Disease research projects. This is accomplished by providing financial support for the early and conceptual plans of those projects that may not yet be supported by extensive preliminary data but have the potential to substantially advance biomedical research. These projects should be distinct from those designed to increase knowledge in a well established area unless they intend to extend previous discoveries toward new directions or applications.	CHHS; CLAS
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; 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 <i>(managed relationship + limited submission policy; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	Community Needs Grants (Spring)	Open Call or RFP	3/1/2026	Up to \$20,000	Grants support capital needs of organizations serving DeKalb County. Funding areas include Arts and Culture, Community Development, Education, Environment and Animal Welfare, and Health and Human Services. Does not support routine operational costs of projects, programs, and organizations. Must include impact beyond NIU's campus.	CEDU; CEET; CHHS; CLAS; CLAW; COB; NICCS; VPA

Deloitte Foundation <i>(managed relationship; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	Local Impact Grants	By Invitation Only	Rolling	Varies	Local impact grants support programs across a number of educational needs, including: -Curriculum to help students gain skills or credentials in business, technology, engineering and other related fields -Supplemental learning experiences -Resources in the form of scholarships, mentorship, or college and workforce readiness support to help students and young adults through age 24 continue on their educational journeys	COB; CLAS; CEET
Dr. Scholl Foundation <i>(managed relationship + limited submission policy; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	Dr. Scholl Foundation Grants	Open Call or RFP	LOIs accepted from 10/1 to 3/1	Average \$5,000-\$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
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
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	12/1/2025	Up to \$500,000	EREF has three key priorities: Climate Change Impacts/Greenhouse Gas Emissions; Emerging Contaminants; and Advancing Materials Circularity and Recycling. Some subtopics within each priority area also have specific topics of interest identified; proposals that are aligned with these subtopics are of particular interest to EREF. Submitted pre-proposals must relate to sustainable solid waste management practices and at least one of the priority areas. Pre-proposals will be accepted starting from 15 days prior to the deadline date. Two annual deadlines.	CEET; CLAS; NICCS
Field Foundation of Illinois <i>(managed relationship + limited submission policy; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	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
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	Only accepts invited proposals - an LOI is required prior to the June 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
Fred and Barbara Erb Family Foundation	Great Lakes Grants	Open Call or RFP	January/May/September	Over \$10,000	The Great Lakes program seeks to: -Support people, organizations, and institutions working to achieve a flourishing, healthy, and resilient Great Lakes ecosystem at difference scales; -Strengthen efforts to address environmental harms and adapt to future challenges faced by Great Lakes communities and ecosystems.	CLAS; 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 economic mobility. Priorities include educational/career pathways; improving K-12 outcomes for students from underserved backgrounds; postsecondary success; economic mobility; improving education/workforce data; and early learning. Outside of the U.S. Program, the foundation supports initiatives with international impact.	CEDU; CLAS; Academic Affairs; Student Affairs; ADEI; OERD
Gerber Foundation	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

Gerda Henkel Stiftung	General Research Grants: Projects	Open Call or RFP	11/20/2025	Not specified	Support is primarily provided for the historical humanities, in particular to support research projects in the fields of Archaeology, Art History, Historical Islamic Studies, History, History of Law, History of Science, Prehistory and Early History. Candidates can apply regardless of their nationality and place of work. Grants cover costs for personnel, travel, materials and/or other costs.	CLAS; CLAW; VPA
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.	CEDU; CEET; CHHS; CLAS; NICCS; OERD
Great Lakes Protection Fund	Grants	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	\$400,000-\$1M	The mission of the Fund is to support programs and actions that have the potential for large scale, positive impact on the health of the Great Lakes. The Fund operates more like a venture fund, and is looking for new innovative teams with big ideas that shift systems and create meaningful improvements to the Great Lakes basin's health. The strategy for 2024-2028 is to support collaborative teams who take tangible, real-world actions; launch a cascade of changes in markets, policies, and/or social expectations; and catalyze significant shifts in the systems affecting the health of the Lakes.	CEET; CHHS; CLAS; CLAW; COB; NICCS

Henry Luce Foundation	Henry Luce Foundation/ACLS Program in China Studies	Open Call or RFP	11/5/2025	Varies	The program seeks to maintain the vitality of the field of China studies in the US by awarding fellowships and grants designed primarily for scholars early in their careers. It offers short and long term fellowships to support research, writing, and publicly engaged and creative scholarship in the humanities and interpretive social sciences. The 11/5 deadline is for travel and fellowships (\$5K-\$45K); the deadline for collaborative grants (\$150K) is 4/1/26.	CLAS
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
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 is an entrepreneurial private foundation that does high-engagement grant-making in order to create a just, unified, and hopeful world. Its focus areas include educational opportunity for under-served communities (with particular interest in access to science and technology); immigration and human rights; environmental protection; preservation of cultural heritage; and health. Invited proposals are due in Fall and Spring cycles.	CEDU; CEET; CHHS; CLAS; CLAW; COB; NICCS; VPA

Khyentse Foundation	Academic Development Grants	Open Call or RFP	Submit LOI in advance of 12/15/25 proposal deadline	Not specified	The Academic Development Grants strive to support and advance authentic Buddhist studies at the highest level of academic excellence. Two annual grant cycles.	CHHS; CLAS; VPA
Lalor Foundation	The Anna Lalor Burdick Program	Open Call or RFP	May 1 or Nov. 1 (concept paper deadline)	\$10,000-\$30,000	The Anna Lalor Burdick (ALB) Program supports programs that offer sexual and reproductive health education to women. It is interested in programs serving women who are disadvantaged by poverty, discrimination, geographic isolation, lack of comprehensive sex education, hostile public policy, or other factors leading to inadequate sexual and reproductive health.	CHHS; CLAS
Leakey Foundation	Research Grants on Human Origins	Open Call or RFP	January 10 or July 15	Up to \$30,000	This program exclusively funds research related to human origins, including dissertation research and exploratory studies. The disciplines supported include archaeology, biological anthropology, paleoanthropology, primate behavioral ecology, genetics, geology, anatomy, morphology, paleobotany, and paleoclimatology. Funding focus areas include: -Paleoanthropology of the Miocene, Pliocene, and Pleistocene -Primates: Evolution, behavior, morphology, ecology, endocrinology, genetics, isotope studies -Modern hunter-gatherer groups	CLAS
Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation	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

McKnight Foundation	Neuroscience Scholar Awards	Open Call or RFP	12/1/2025	\$ 225,000	The McKnight Scholar Awards are given to exceptional young scientists who are in the early stages of establishing an independent laboratory and research career. The intent is to foster the commitment by these scientists to research careers that will have an important impact on the study of the brain. Applicants must be independent investigators and must hold a faculty position at the rank of Assistant Professor and must have served at that rank for less than five years at the application deadline.	CHHS; CLAS
Medline	Grants	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Not specified	Supports investigator-initiated studies (IIS), fellowships, and educational programs. Applications are reviewed based on scientific, medical and health economic merit, and alignment with Medline's strategic business interests. 4 deadlines annually.	CHHS; CEET; CLAS
Mellon Foundation	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
Morton Cure Paralysis Fund	Grant Applications	Open Call or RFP	3/31/2026	Up to \$75,000	The Morton Cure Paralysis Fund (MCPF) is committed to developing effective therapies (cures) for paralysis associated with spinal cord injury and other disorders of the central nervous system (CNS). Basic research will be supported if it has clear potential to accelerate progress at the applied end of the continuum and/or if it reflects innovative research or a 'change of direction.' Biannual deadlines.	CHHS
Nathan Cummings Foundation	Funding Grants	Open Call or RFP	Application portal reopens October 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 Academy of Education/Spencer Foundation	NAEd/Spencer Postdoctoral Fellowship	Open Call or RFP	11/13/2025	\$ 70,000	This non-residential fellowship supports early career scholars working in critical areas of education research. Through professional development, funding, and mentorship from senior scholars, it enhances the career and research opportunities of the fellow. As a highly competitive initiative, this fellowship annually identifies and supports 25 of the most exceptional researchers conducting postdoctoral studies relevant to education. The research topic must focus primarily on education, but the fellowship welcomes postdocs from any academic discipline or professional field.	CEET; CHHS; CLAS; CEDU; CLAW; COB; VPA
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
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
RRF Foundation for Aging	RRF Foundation for Aging Grants	Open Call or RFP	LOI due 11/1/2025	Varies	The Retirement Research Foundation's priority areas include Caregiving, Economic Security in Later Life, Housing, and Social and Intergenerational Connectedness. Five types of grants are awarded to advance these areas: Advocacy, Direct Service, Professional Education/Training, Research, and Organizational Capacity Building. 3 annual deadlines.	CLAS; CHHS

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. Three deadlines (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. Three deadlines (Mar, Sept, Dec).	VPA
Samuel H. Kress Foundation	Digital Art History Grants	Open Call or RFP	LOIs 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. Two deadlines (Mar, Sept).	VPA
Simons Foundation	Scientific Software Research Faculty Award	Open Call or RFP	1/21/2026	Varies	SSRF Applications should be for funding to support new research professor positions in existing academic departments (the “host institutions”) to be filled by scientific software-focused researchers. The SSRF Award will support researchers who have a strong track record of leadership in scientific software development. The aim of this program is to stimulate the development and maintenance of core scientific software infrastructure in academic environments through creating a new, long-term, faculty-level career path.	CLAS; CEET
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 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 & 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
Social Science Research Council	Economic Research Rescue Fund	Open Call or RFP	Rolling; funds are limited – apply ASAP	\$25,000 to \$250,000	Emergency grants available to economics-related research projects that have had NSF funding terminated.	CLAS; COB

Society of Family Planning	Bridging investments in abortion and contraception research	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Up to \$100,000	The Society of Family Planning deeply understands the potential loss of knowledge if NIH grants are ended abruptly without resources. As such, the purpose of this funding opportunity is to support the completion or partial completion of terminated NIH grants focused on abortion and/or contraception in the US, ensuring that research efforts still have their intended impact on just and equitable abortion and contraception informed by science.	CHHS; CLAS
State Farm <i>(managed relationship; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or</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
Takeda <i>(Contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	U.S. Growing Communities Grant	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Not specified	Takeda’s purpose of “better health for people, brighter future for the world” serves as the inspiration for our U.S. philanthropic giving efforts. We seek to reduce the social disparities affecting underrepresented populations in our communities by supporting meaningful programs in two focus areas: Food is Health and Building STEM Foundations.	CEET; CHHS; CLAS; OERD
Terra Foundation for American Art	Convening Grants	Open Call or RFP	2/16/2026	\$10,000-\$25,000	Grant support is available for programs that foster exchange and collaboration, such as workshops, symposia, and colloquia. Programs should advance innovative and experimental research and professional practice in American art and address critical issues facing the field. This deadline is for programs taking place after November 1, 2026.	VPA
The Commonwealth Fund	Grants for Healthcare Practice and Policy	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Varies	The Fund carries out its mission by supporting independent research on health care issues and making grants to improve health care practice and policy. It supports research in the following programmatic areas: Advancing Health Equity; Advancing Medicare; Controlling Health Care Costs; Federal and State Health Policy; Health Care Coverage, Access, and Tracking; Health Care Delivery System Reform; International Health Policy and Practice Innovations; Medicaid; Behavioral Health; and Climate Change and Health Care.	CHHS; 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
United States-Japan Foundation	Grants Program	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Not specified	The grants program seeks to empower the community to illuminate and confront shared challenges and seek ways where the U.S. and Japan can work together to address problems in each country, in the region, and around the world. Quarterly LOI deadlines.	CEET; CLAS; COB; CVPA; OERD

VNA Foundation (<i>managed relationship + limited submission policy; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission</i>)	Grants (Chicago; Cook + collar counties)	Open Call or RFP	Paused until May 2026	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.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
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
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	Transforming early intervention for anxiety, depression and psychosis in young people	Open Call or RFP	11/1/2025	£200,000	The Foundation Phase awards support teams that include researchers and implementation partners to build their teams and develop a detailed proposal for their research study over 12 months. This proposal must be for a definitive effectiveness study and assessment of strategies for implementation and scaling of a psychological and/or a social intervention. If selected for the Foundation Phase award, grantees may apply for the Impact Phase award in February 2027 for a grant ranging from £5M - £8M.	CHHS; CLAS
Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research	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 for Anthropological Research	Conference and Workshop Grants - Anthropology	Open Call or RFP	12/1/2025	\$ 20,000	Priority for conference and workshop grants will be given to events that foster the creation of an international community of research scholars in anthropology and advance significant and innovative anthropological research. It is expected that workshops will result in a publication. Applications are accepted on June 1 and December 1 annually.	CLAS
Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research	Conference and Workshop Grant	Open Call or RFP	12/1/2025	\$ 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. Workshops, defined as working meetings that focus on developing and debating topical issues in theoretical anthropology, will involve a small group of scholars meeting for a sufficient period of time to deal intensely with the project. It is expected that workshops will result in a publication. Applications are accepted on June 1 and December 1 annually.	CLAS
Whitehall Foundation	Research Grants (Neurobiology)	Open Call or RFP	1/15/2026	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	1/15/2026	\$ 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	Anticipated January deadline	\$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	Anticipated January deadline	\$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