



## CORPORATE & FOUNDATION RELATIONS FUNDING DIGEST - OCTOBER 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.

Foundation/Company	Opportunity	Process/Access	Deadline(s)	Est. Amount	Description	Aligning Colleges, Units, Divisions
Deadline Approaching – November 2024						
Gerber Foundation	<a href="#">Research Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	May 15 or Nov. 15	Up to \$350,000	The Foundation's priority is given to projects that improve the nutrition, care and development of infants and young children from the first year before birth to three years of age. It is particularly interested in fresh approaches to solving common, everyday problems or emerging issues within our defined focus area. Projects should focus on issues faced by care providers that, when implemented, will improve the health, nutrition and/or developmental outcomes for infants and young children. The board is particularly looking for practical solutions that can be easily and rapidly implemented on a broad scale with a predictable time frame to clinical application.	CHHS; CLAS
Gerda Henkel Stiftung	<a href="#">General Research Grants: Projects</a>	Open Call or RFP	11/22/2024	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
Henry Luce Foundation	<a href="#">Henry Luce Foundation/ACLS Program in China Studies</a>	Open Call or RFP	11/14/2024	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.	CLAS

McKnight Foundation	<a href="#">Neurobiology of Brain Disorders Awards</a>	Open Call or RFP	11/4/2024	\$ 300,000	The McKnight Neurobiology of Brain Disorders Award assists scientists working to apply the knowledge achieved through basic research to human brain disorders, and who demonstrate a commitment to equitable and inclusive lab environments. The Foundation is interested in proposals that address the biological mechanisms of neurological and psychiatric disorders.	CHHS; CLAS
National Academy of Education	<a href="#">Postdoctoral Fellowship - Education/Learning Sciences</a>	Open Call or RFP	11/7/2024	\$ 70,000	The NAE/Spencer Postdoctoral Fellowship supports early career scholars working in critical areas of education research. Through professional development, funding, and mentorship from senior scholars, the fellowship 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.	CEDU; CLAS
RRF Foundation for Aging	<a href="#">RRF Foundation for Aging Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	11/1/2024	Varies	The Retirement Research Foundation's priority areas include Caregiving, Economic Security in Later Life, Housing, and Social and Intergenerational Connectedness. There are five types of grants awarded to advance these areas: Advocacy, Direct Service, Professional Education/Training, Research, and Organizational Capacity Building.	CHHS
The Nature Conservancy	<a href="#">Science for Nature and People Partnership (SNAPP)</a>	Open Call or RFP	11/1/2024	Up to \$250,000	SNAPP, a first-of-its-kind scientific joint venture between The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), is a tool for developing sustainable solutions to global conservation challenges. Since inception, SNAPP, through its working groups, has provided science and user-friendly tools backed by hard data to identify and quantify nature's role and value in preventing and solving some of the most complex challenges the world faces around food and water security, climate change, and energy. Each year, SNAPP provides up to US \$1 million total across 4-6 approved working groups, led by academic, governmental agency, multilateral, or nonprofit institutions. Concept notes are due by Nov 1.	CLAS
W. M. Keck Foundation <i>(limited submission; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	<a href="#">W. M. Keck Research Program</a>	Open Call or RFP	May 1 or Nov. 1	Up to \$5,000,000	The program seeks to benefit humanity by supporting Medical Research and Science & Engineering projects that are distinctive and novel in their approach, question the prevailing paradigm, or have the potential to break open new territory in their field. Two grant cycles annually.	CEET; CHHS; CLAS

Wellcome	<a href="#">Mental Health Award: Accelerating scalable digital mental health interventions</a>	Open Call or RFP	Scope check due Nov. 15	3 to 7 million euros	This call will fund research to evaluate and further develop scalable digital interventions to advance early intervention in depression, anxiety and psychosis. Teams must have the research expertise required to drive the proposed research, an organisation which can take the intervention to scale (whether a company or not-for-profit) and lived experience experts.	CHHS; CLAS
Wenner-Gren Foundation	<a href="#">Post-Ph.D. Research Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	May 1 or Nov. 1	\$ 25,000	This grant program funds individual research projects undertaken by doctorates in anthropology or a closely related field. Its goal is to support vibrant and significant work that furthers our understanding of what it means to be human. There is no preference for any methodology, research location, topic, or subfield. It particularly welcomes proposals that integrate two or more subfields and pioneer new approaches and ideas.	CLAS

Funding Opportunities - Subsequent and Rolling Deadlines						
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Alfred P. Sloan Foundation	<a href="#">Energy and Environment program grants</a>	Letters of inquiry accepted	Rolling	Varies	The program looks to shape the direction of energy systems decarbonization research by examining a wide range of questions through collaborative and interdisciplinary scholarship across the social and natural sciences. Many of the grants awarded advance projects led by early- and mid-career researchers, strengthen the link between research and practice, seed new efforts and extend work in new directions, and facilitate partnerships with other funders.	CEET; CHHS; CLAS; COB
Allstate Foundation <i>(managed relationship; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	<a href="#">Allstate Grants</a>	By Invitation Only	Rolling	Varies	Allstate Foundation makes grants to organizations working to advance racial equity at a societal level, prepare youth to lead and succeed, and disrupt the cycle of relationship abuse.	All
Alphawood Foundation <i>(managed relationship; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	<a href="#">Alphawood Foundation Grants</a>	By Invitation Only	Rolling	Varies	Funding priorities include arts empowerment; LGBTQ+ health/HIV prevention; LGBTQ+ rights/education; empowering communities of color; legal services and advocacy; preserving the built environment; Maya archeology; and general interest.	ADEI; VPA; CLAS; CLAW
American Council of Learned Societies	<a href="#">The Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation Translation Grants in Buddhist Studies</a>	Open Call or RFP	12/3/2024	Up to \$50,000	These grants support translations of important Buddhist texts for the benefit of contemporary audiences who currently do not have access to them in their own languages. Applicants may propose the translation of works from any genre of Buddhist literature from any period and region.	CLAS; VPA

Arnold Ventures	<a href="#">Causal Research on Community Safety and the Criminal Justice System</a>	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Varies (\$500,000 expected)	The goal of this RFP is to build credible evidence on policies, practices, and interventions that can improve crime and justice system outcomes and grow the number of policies and practices rigorously shown to produce improvements in community safety and to make the justice system fairer and more effective. Submissions are welcome across all issues of crime and criminal justice that meet the above criteria. Suggestions for the LOI: <a href="https://www.arnoldventures.org/stories/funding-strong-causal-evidence-on-what-works-q-a-with-jennifer-doleac">https://www.arnoldventures.org/stories/funding-strong-causal-evidence-on-what-works-q-a-with-jennifer-doleac</a>	CEDU, CLAW, COB, CLAS
Arnold Ventures	<a href="#">Strengthening Evidence—Support for RCTs to Evaluate Social Programs and Policies</a>	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
Brady Education Foundation	<a href="#">Proposals for Program Evaluations</a>	Open Call or RFP	12/1/2024, 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>	<a href="#">Education Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Varies	Brinson Foundation's education grantmaking priorities include health care career development; high school, college, and career success; liberaty, 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 ( <a href="https://brinsonfoundation.org/scientific-research/">https://brinsonfoundation.org/scientific-research/</a> ) but by invitation only.	All

Burroughs Wellcome Fund	<a href="#">Climate Change and Human Health Seed Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	\$2,500- \$50,000	This program aims to stimulate the growth of new connections between scholars working in largely disconnected fields who might together change the course of climate change's impact on human health. Proposals accepted quarterly through summer 2026.	CEET; CHHS; CLAS
CDW <i>(managed relationship; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	<a href="#">Digital Equity Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Varies	CDW's Social Impact program has a commitment to digital equity, and its top priorities are providing access, supporting education, and building our workforce. They look to invest not just financials, but coworker time/talent and technological expertise.	All
CME Group Foundation <i>(managed relationship + limited submission; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	<a href="#">Early Childhood &amp; K-12 Grants</a>	By Invitation Only	Rolling	Varies	Early childhood priorities include kindergarten readiness via improved KIDS assessment scores for Black, Latinx, and low-income children in Illinois. K-12 priorities include computer science education, professional development for school leaders/teachers on improving student outcomes using technology and personalized learning, and improved financial education.	COB, CEDU, OERD, CLAS
Council on Library & Information Resources	<a href="#">Recordings At Risk</a>	Open Call or RFP	Next cycle launches Jan. 2025	\$10,000-\$50,000	Recordings at Risk is a national regrantee 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>	<a href="#">Crown Family Philanthropies Grants</a>	By Invitation Only	Rolling	Varies	CFP partners with organizations and communities to further social impact in the areas of education; the environment; health and human services; gun violence prevention; the Jewish Community; and more. By invitation only. Chicago metro geographic focus.	All
Deloitte Foundation <i>(managed relationship; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	<a href="#">Local Impact Grants</a>	By Invitation Only	Rolling	Varies	Local impact grants support 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	<a href="#">Dr. Scholl Foundation Grants</a>	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.	All
Driehaus Foundation <i>(managed relationship; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	<a href="#">Driehaus Foundation Grants</a>	By Invitation Only	Rolling	Varies	The Foundation's three priorities are the built environment, arts and culture in Chicago, and investigative journalism for government accountability.	CLAS; OERD; VPA
Dunham Foundation <i>(managed relationship; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	<a href="#">Dunham Foundation Grants (Aurora/Fox Valley)</a>	Open Call or RFP	Feb. 1 or June 1 for requests exceeding \$50,000	Varies	The Dunham Foundation supports education, economic growth, and community-serving initiatives benefitting the people of the Fox Valley/Aurora region.	All

ECMC Foundation <i>(managed relationship; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	<a href="#">Postsecondary Persistence and Degree Completion</a>	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.	All
Elizabeth Morse Genius Charitable Trust	<a href="#">Grants (Chicago/Cook County)</a>	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Varies	Grants must align with the Foundation's values: promoting thrift, humility, industry, self-sacrifice, and/or self-sufficiency; relieving human suffering; developing self-esteem and dignity; encouraging vigorous athletic activity; and/or developing regional solutions to Chicago's regional challenges.	All
Field Foundation of Illinois <i>(managed relationship + limited submission policy; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	<a href="#">Journalism &amp; Storytelling Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Varies	Grantmaking is focused on the city of Chicago. Journalism & Storytelling grantmaking is focused on efforts to build and sustain media equity.	CLAS, OERD
Frankel Family Foundation <i>(managed relationship + limited submission policy; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	<a href="#">Frankel Family Foundation Grants</a>	By Invitation Only	Annual grant cycles launch in June.	\$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>	<a href="#">Research Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	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 (spring/fall) 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>	<a href="#">U.S. Program Grants</a>	By Invitation Only	Rolling	Varies	The Gates Foundation's U.S. Program focuses primary 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

Gladys Kriebel Delmas Foundation	<a href="#">Humanities Program</a>	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Varies	The Foundation supports projects which address the concerns of the historical studia humanitatis: a humanistic education rooted in the great traditions of the past; the formation of human beings according to cultural, moral, and aesthetic ideals derived from that past; and the ongoing debate over how these ideals may best be conceived and realized. Programs in the following areas are eligible: history; archaeology; literature; languages, both classical and modern; philosophy; ethics; comparative religion; the history, criticism, and theory of the arts; and those aspects of the social sciences which share the content and methods of humanistic disciplines. The geographical concentration is primarily but not exclusively European and American history and letters, broadly defined. Grants tend to range from \$5,000 to \$30,000.	CLAS; VPA
Great Lakes Protection Fund	<a href="#">Grants</a>	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; COB; CLAW
Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation	<a href="#">Harry Frank Guggenheim Distinguished Scholar Awards</a>	Open Call or RFP	Apply between May 1 and Aug 1	Up to \$90,000	The Foundation welcomes proposals from any of the natural and social sciences and aligned disciplines that promise to increase understanding of the causes, manifestations, and control of violence and aggression. Highest priority is given to research that addresses urgent, present-day problems of violence—what produces it, how it operates, and what prevents or reduces it.	CHHS; CLAS; CLAW
Help for Children	<a href="#">Annual Grant Cycle</a>	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	<a href="#">Clara Luce Booth Program - Women in STEM</a>	Open Call or RFP	Next cycle launches Feb. 2025 (anticipated)	Up to \$750,000	The Clara 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	<a href="#">Religion &amp; Theology - Responsive Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Varies	The Religion and Theology Program cultivates diverse knowledge communities to advance more nuanced public understanding of religion. It supports knowledge makers who reconsider accepted histories, weave new narratives, and imagine alternative futures.	CLAS
Henry Luce Foundation	<a href="#">Democracy, Ethics &amp; Public Trust - Responsive Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Varies	This initiative considers proposals in three focus areas: information ecosystems, community and governments, or confidence in democracies.	All
Henry Luce Foundation	<a href="#">Asia Program - Responsive Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Varies	Responsive Grants provide opportunities to build knowledge and increase understanding of East and Southeast Asia through scholarship and exchange, with an emphasis on strengthening capacity in the US. They typically support research and training, the creation of scholarly and public resources, and intellectual and cultural exchange between Americans and Asians.	CLAS
Institute for Citizens and Scholars	<a href="#">Mellon Emerging Faculty Leaders Award</a>	Open Call or RFP	12/1/2024	\$ 20,000	The Mellon Emerging Faculty Leaders (MEFL) are building inclusive campus communities through their teaching, scholarship, and service. Awardees are early-career faculty whose research focuses on contemporary American history, politics, culture, and society. In addition to bringing a diversity of perspectives to their fields, MEFL awardees are building support systems, networks, and affinity groups for their students and peers.	CEDU; CLAS, VPA
Joyce Foundation <i>(managed relationship; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	<a href="#">Joyce Foundation Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Varies	The 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.	All

Julian Grace Foundation <i>(managed relationship; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	<a href="#">Julian Grace Foundation Grants</a>	By Invitation Only	Rolling	Varies	This 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.	All
Masimo Foundation	<a href="#">Grants for Patient Safety &amp; Outcomes</a>	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	<a href="#">Neuroscience Scholar Awards</a>	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	<a href="#">Mellon Foundation Grants</a>	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
Motorola Solutions Foundation <i>(managed relationship + limited submission policy; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	<a href="#">Annual Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	Next grant cycle launches late-November 2024; LOIs typically due Feb. 1.	\$ 50,000	As a corporate foundation, the funder's giving furthers the philanthropic goals of the business, with a narrow focus on programs that support first responders and technology and engineering education.	CEET; CLAS; CHHS
Network for Landscape Conservation	<a href="#">Catalyst Fund 2025</a>	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
Open Philanthropy	<a href="#">AI Governance</a>	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Varies	The project aims to address an open question that is relevant for reducing the likelihood of global catastrophe from transformative AI systems, related to subject areas including: Technical AI governance, Policy development, Frontier company policy, International AI governance, Law, and Strategic analysis and threat modeling.	CEET; CLAS; CLAW; COB

PNC Foundation	<a href="#">Early Childhood Education and/or Economic Development Grants</a>	By Invitation Only	Rolling	Varies	The PNC Foundation supports a variety of nonprofit organizations with a special emphasis on those that work to achieve sustainability and touch a diverse population, in particular, those that support early childhood education and/or economic development. Must connect with company's state contact to be able to submit.	CEDU; OERD; VPA; CHHS; CLAW
Polk Bros. Foundation <i>(managed relationship + limited submission policy; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	<a href="#">Polk Bros. Foundation Grants (City of Chicago)</a>	Open Call or RFP	Oct. 1, Jan. 6, Apr. 1, or July 1	Varies	Polk Bros. Foundation supports initiatives that strengthen Chicago neighborhoods through workforce development, housing, community and economic development, legal services, and safety; promote healthy family relationships and youth development; ensure all Chicago Public School students are prepared for college/career success; expand school-based and community-based preventative/primary healthcare; increase arts access for Chicago Public School students; and more.	All
Rita Allen Foundation	<a href="#">Scholars Award in Pain</a>	Open Call or RFP	Next cycle anticipated opening in October; December deadline	\$ 150,000	The Foundation has awarded annually two grants or more in the amount of \$150,000 over three years to early-career investigators pursuing innovative research that focuses on basic science mechanisms of pain.	CHHS; CLAS
Robert R. McCormick Foundation <i>(managed relationship; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	<a href="#">Chicago Area Grants</a>	By Invitation Only	Rolling	Varies	Funding priorities include early childhood education, journalism, public safety, veterans, and thriving Chicago neighborhoods (Englewood, Little Village, United Way neighborhoods).	CEDU; CLAS; OERD
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	<a href="#">Pioneering Ideas: Exploring the Future to Build a Culture of Health</a>	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	<a href="#">Evidence for Action: Innovative Research to Advance Racial Equity</a>	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; CLAS; COB; CLAW; CHHS
Russell Sage Foundation	<a href="#">Core Research Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	3/11/2025	\$ 200,000	Grants will be made under the following programs: Behavioral Science and Decision Making in Context; Future of Work; Immigration and Immigrant Integration; Race, Ethnicity and Immigration; and Social, Political and Economic Inequality. In addition, RSF will also accept LOIs relevant to any of its core programs that address the effects of social movements, such as drives for unionization and mass social protests, and the effects of racial/ethnic/gender bias and discrimination on a range of outcomes related to social and living conditions in the US. There are three deadlines for LOIs throughout the year.	ADEI; COB; CHHS; CLAS; CLAW
Samuel H. Kress Foundation	<a href="#">History of Art Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	LOIs due 3/1, 9/1, or 12/15	Varies	The History of Art program supports scholarly projects that will enhance the appreciation and understanding of European art and architecture from antiquity to the early 19th century. There are three deadlines throughout the year (Mar, Sept, Dec).	VPA
Samuel H. Kress Foundation	<a href="#">Conservation Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	LOIs due 3/1, 9/1, or 12/15	Varies	The Conservation program supports the professional practice of art conservation, especially as it relates to European works of art from antiquity to the early 19th century. There are three deadlines throughout the year (Mar, Sept, Dec).	VPA

Samuel H. Kress Foundation	<a href="#">Digital Art History Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	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. There are two deadlines throughout the year (Mar, Sept).	VPA
Simons Foundation	<a href="#">Scientific Software Research Faculty Award</a>	Open Call or RFP	12/5/2024	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	<a href="#">Travel Support for Mathematicians</a>	Open Call or RFP	Next cycle launches Fall 2024, anticipated deadline in January 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	<a href="#">Targeted Grants in MPS</a>	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Varies	The program is intended to support high-risk theoretical mathematics, physics and computer science projects of exceptional promise and scientific importance on a case-by-case basis. Funding is for up to five years. A letter of intent (LOI), submitted online, is the first step in applying.	CLAS; CEET
Smith Charitable Foundation (managed relationship; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)	<a href="#">Grants for Environment, Education, or Arts &amp; Culture</a>	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	<a href="#">Research Grants on Education: Large</a>	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 <i>(managed relationship; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	<a href="#">Community Grants</a>	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	<a href="#">Grants</a>	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).	All
Teagle Foundation <i>(managed relationship; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	<a href="#">Knowledge for Freedom</a>	Open Call or RFP	Concept papers due by December 1, March 1, and August 1.	\$10,000-\$300,000	Knowledge for Freedom initiative supports programs that invite underserved high school students to college to study humanity's deepest questions about leading lives of purpose and civic responsibility. Institutions can pursue planning grants (\$10,000-\$25,000 for 6-12 months) or implementation grants (\$100,000-\$300,000 for 36 months).	CLAS
Teagle Foundation <i>(managed relationship; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	<a href="#">Cornerstone: Learning for Living</a>	Open Call or RFP	12/1/2024	\$25,000-\$300,000	The Cornerstone: Learning for Living initiative aims to reinvigorate the role of the humanities in general education, and in doing so, expose a broad array of students to the power of the humanities; help students of all backgrounds build a sense of belonging and community; strengthen the coherence and cohesiveness of general education; and increase teaching opportunities for humanities faculty. Institutions can pursue planning grants (\$25,000 for 6-12 months) or implementation grants (\$300,000 for 24 months).	Leadership; CLAS
Terra Foundation for American Art	<a href="#">Exhibition Grants</a>	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

Terra Foundation for American Art	<a href="#">Collections Grants</a>	Open Call or RFP	Annual LOI cycle anticipated deadline in August 2025	\$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
The Commonwealth Fund	<a href="#">Grants to Improve Health Care Practice and Policy</a>	Open Call or RFP	Rolling	Up to \$200,000	The mission of the Fund is to promote a high-performing, equitable health care system that promotes better access, improved quality, and greater efficiency in health care, particularly for society's most vulnerable, including people of color, people with low income, and those who are uninsured. The Fund makes grants to improve health care practice and policy in several programmatic areas. Preference is given to grant proposals that seek to: 1) clarify the scope of serious and neglected problems; 2) develop, test, and evaluate the impact of practical, innovative models to address those problems; 3) disseminate tools and models of care that have proven to be effective; 4) identify policy options to ameliorate key problems of interest; or 5) analyze the impact of specific policies or trends.	CHHS; CLAS
The Leakey Foundation	<a href="#">Research Grants</a>	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
Topfer Family Foundation	<a href="#">Grants</a>	By Invitation Only	Rolling	Varies	This funder supports initiatives in the Chicago metro region targeting child abuse prevention/treatment, youth enrichment, job training, children's health, and aging in place. Applicants must be invited to apply; the NIUF CFR team can assist in this process.	CHHS; CEDU

U.S.-Israel Binational Science Foundation	<a href="#">Start-Up Grant Program (Engineering, Computer and Data Science, Environment)</a>	Open Call or RFP	12/4/2024	\$ 75,000	The Start-Up Grant Program is meant to help newly appointed researchers who are beginning their independent research careers and may not yet have initial results to substantiate their application. Grants are for two years, in order to enable the grantees to submit a standard application to the next competition in their area of research. It is implemented within the framework of the regular BSF Research Grants program, i.e., it must exhibit scientific excellence, have a strong element of cooperation between Israeli and American scientists, and fall within the areas of research supported in that year by the BSF.	CEET; CLAS
U.S.-Israel Binational Science Foundation	<a href="#">BSF Climate Solutions in Memory of Prof. Anton Post</a>	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>	<a href="#">Grants (Chicago; Cook + collar counties)</a>	Open Call or RFP	4 LOI deadlines each year; next deadline 12/16/24	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. T. Grant Foundation	<a href="#">Research Grants on Reducing Inequality</a>	Open Call or RFP	2025 application dates will be posted in November 2024.	\$100,000-\$600,000	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. Major Research Grants range from \$100K to \$600K over 2-3 years, and Officers' Research Grants range from \$25K to \$50K over 1-2 years. There are typically 3 deadlines throughout the year (Jan, May, Aug).	All

W. T. Grant Foundation	<a href="#">Research Grants on Improving the Use of Research Evidence</a>	Open Call or RFP	2025 application dates will be posted in November 2024.	\$100,000-\$1,000,000	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. Major Research Grants range from \$100K to \$1M over 2-4 years, and Officers' Research Grants range from \$25K to \$50K over 1-2 years. There are typically 3 deadlines throughout the year (Jan, May, Aug).	All
W.K. Kellogg Foundation	<a href="#">Grants</a>	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.	All
Walton Family Foundation <i>(limited submission policy; contact CFR@niu.edu prior to outreach or submission)</i>	<a href="#">Education &amp; Environment Grants</a>	By Invitation Only	Rolling	Varies	Education funding strives to increase access to high-quality education, address opportunity gaps, and advance social mobility by supporting new ideas that have a measurable impact on student success. Environmental funding is geared toward water protection/preservation in the Colorado River Basin, Mississippi River Basin, and in our oceans. The Foundation seeks to ensure healthy, available water for people and nature.	CLAS; CEDU
Water Quality Research Foundation	<a href="#">Research Grant Program</a>	Open Call or RFP	12/20/2024	Up to \$100,000	The foundation invites researchers to submit concept papers on the efficacy of point-of-use (POU) and point-of-entry (POE) drinking water treatment technologies in real-world settings. Concepts must align with one or more of the following themes: Identifying Treatment Approaches for Emerging Contaminants; Removing Multiple Classes of Contaminants; or Integration of POU/POE Systems into a "One Water" Approach.	CLAS
Wenner-Gren Foundation	<a href="#">Conference and Workshop Grants - Anthropology - December</a>	Open Call or RFP	12/1/2024	\$ 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	<a href="#">Engaged Research Grant</a>	Open Call or RFP	August 2025 (anticipated)	\$ 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	<a href="#">Research Grants (Neurobiology)</a>	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).	CLAS
Whitehall Foundation	<a href="#">Grants-in-Aid (Neurobiology)</a>	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).	CLAS