

Grant Opportunities and Updates



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Upcoming Webinar



SuRE Resource Center

The University of Kentucky's SuRE Resource Center will host a webinar titled "How to Carve Out Time for Research at Primarily Undergraduate Institutions (PUIs)" on April 15, 2026, from 3:00 - 4:00 PM EST.

A major challenge for faculty and staff with a high teaching load at PUIs is finding time for research. This one-hour webinar will discuss strategies to successfully conduct research that involves students and is competitive for National Institutes of Health (NIH) R16 funding.

Brett Spear, Ph.D., Program Co-Director of the SuRE Resource Center, will be joined by three established faculty members from various institutions of higher education who will share their perspectives on successfully balancing research and teaching, as well as mentorship of other faculty.

[Click here](#) for more information and to register for the upcoming webinar.

GRANT AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

For Faculty and Staff

NEW NOTICES

Community Development

It Gets Better: Changemaker Grants

Posted: April 9, 2026

This program seeks to fund exceptional projects led by LGBTQ+ youth (13-18) in collaboration with a partner organization aiming to make their communities a bolder, safer, and prouder place for all. The program provides essential financial resources, training, and mentorship to younger leaders continuing their paths forward.

Proposals Due: May 3, 2026

Funding Range: \$5,000 or \$10,000

[Click here](#) for more information on application guidelines.

Education

Department of Labor: Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC) Program

Posted: April 9, 2026

This program is soliciting applications in support of the administration of the Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC) Program on behalf of the U.S. Department of Education. The purposes of the EOC program are to:

provide information regarding financial and academic assistance available for qualified individuals who want to enter or continue to pursue a program of postsecondary education; provide assistance to those individuals in applying for admission to institutions that offer programs of postsecondary education; and improve the financial and economic literacy of program participants.

Proposals Due: May 14, 2026

Funding Range: \$238,000 to \$3,000,000

[Click here](#) for more information on application guidelines.

Environment

American Horticultural Society: Julia Rappaport Growing Gardens Endowment

Posted: April 9, 2026

This program offers annual grants for educators to initiate or enhance gardening projects in schools and communities. This program aims to provide youth with hands-on gardening experiences to inspire a lifelong passion for gardening, the natural world, and horticulture.

Proposals Due: April 26, 2026

Funding Range: \$1,000 to \$5,000

[Click here](#) for more information on application guidelines.

The New York Community Trust: National Environment Grants

Posted: April 9, 2026

This program seeks to mitigate climate change, make communities more resilient to climate change, protect public health from the hazards of toxic chemicals and pollutants, and preserve biological diversity. Grants are made to support projects that do the following:

- Promote more environmentally sustainable, resilient, and just communities that mitigate climate change
- Make communities, especially the most disadvantaged, more resilient to a changing climate
- Protect public health from the hazards of toxic pollutants
- Preserve biological diversity through habitat conservation

Proposals Due: April 27, 2026

Funding Range: Unspecified

[Click here](#) for more information on application guidelines.

Higher Education

College Life Protected: Grants Supporting Student Success and Higher Education

Posted: April 9, 2026

College Life Protected invites the higher education community to apply for grants that are consistent with their mission to promote greater confidence in the value of higher education and advance knowledge. Grants are available for graduate research in topics such as student mental health, campus safety issues, student collections, and on-campus housing; professional development opportunities; and programs or projects that equip students with financial literacy skills.

Proposals Due: May 1, 2026

Funding Range: \$1,500 (approx.)

[Click here](#) for more information on application guidelines.

Humanities

Amazon: Amazon Literary Partnerships

Posted: April 9, 2026

This program provides annual grants to nonprofit literary organizations whose core mission is to develop emerging writers, build the careers of working writers, and connect them with readers. Funding supports organizations across all genres and formats, including fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and translation. This includes writing centers, residencies, literary magazines, independent publishers, and national storytelling organizations.

Proposals Due: May 1, 2026

Funding Range: \$5,000 or \$20,000

[Click here](#) for more information on application guidelines.

Justice

National Institute of Justice: NIJ FY25 Research and Evaluation on Violence Against Women

Posted: April 9, 2026

This program seeks applications for grant funding to conduct research and evaluation projects examining a broad range of topics to reduce violence against women, including the crimes of domestic violence and family violence; intimate partner violence; rape, sex trafficking, sexual violence; stalking; and teen dating violence, along with the trauma that results from these crimes and the associated criminal justice system response, procedures, and policies. NIJ also seeks to invest in high-quality evaluations focused on testing programs, practices, models, or interventions aimed at (1) enhancing engagement with the justice system for women and girls who have been victimized and (2) improving accountability within the criminal justice system from individuals who engage in or perpetrate violence against women and girls.

Proposals Due: May 11, 2026

Funding Range: Up to \$3,700,000

[Click here](#) for more information on application guidelines.

STEM

National Science Foundation: TechAccess: AI-Ready America

Posted: April 9, 2026

This program is a national-scale initiative to accelerate Artificial Intelligence (AI) readiness and adoption across the U.S. by strengthening coordination, leveraging partnerships and resources, filling gaps, and scaling what works--so local and state priorities can lead in shaping an AI-driven economy that benefits all Americans. The program also emphasizes practical implementation through hands-on assistance and workforce upskilling, including experiential learning such as internships, project-based work, and apprenticeships, to ensure stakeholders can effectively apply and innovate with AI.

Specific program tracks include:

1. Coordination Hubs - one in every state, connecting partners, strengthening planning and development, and rapidly scaling approaches
2. National Coordination Lead - facilitating collaboration and knowledge sharing among Coordination Hubs, coordinating priority economic sectors, and informing national AI strategies
3. AI-Ready Catalyst Award Competitions - a series of topic-driven competition issued over the course of the program to pilot and scale innovative approaches that address critical national AI readiness needs

Proposals Due: July 16, 2026

Funding Range: \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000

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REMINDER NOTICES

Arts

National Endowment for the Arts: Grants for Arts Projects (GAP)

Posted: March 12, 2026

This program is committed to supporting excellent art projects that enable Americans throughout the nation to experience the arts, foster...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: July 9, 2026

Funding Range: Up to \$100,000

Community Development

Peoples Bank Foundation: Foundation Grant

Posted: March 26, 2026

This Peoples Bank Foundation funds projects in community investment and economic development, youth education, health and...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: June 30, 2026

Funding Range: Unspecified

Health & Nursing

Milbank Foundation: Foundation Grants

Posted: February 5, 2026

Funding priorities include disability inclusion, veteran support, mental health, substance use prevention, aging in place, and...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: Rolling

Funding Range: Varies

Humanities

National Endowment for the Humanities: Collections Stewardship

Posted: March 26, 2026

This program funds projects to preserve and make available physical and digital collections important for research, teaching, and...[Read More](#)

Proposals Due: May 11, 2026 and December 15, 2026

Funding Range: Up to \$500,000

National Endowment for the Humanities: Media Projects

Posted: March 26, 2026

This program supports the development, production, and distribution of radio programs, podcasts, documentary films, and...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: June 25, 2026

Funding Range: Up to \$75,000 or \$700,000

International Collaboration

Department of State: FY 2026 English Access Scholarship Program

Posted: March 12, 2026

This program promotes economic self-reliance which strengthens American national security and economic prosperity through educational...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: May 1, 2026

Funding Range: \$12,477,500

Department of State: FY 2026 Study of the U.S. Institutes for Scholars

Posted: March 26, 2026

This program invites proposal submissions from U.S. public and private academic and cultural institutions for the design and...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: May 11, 2026

Funding Range: \$1,500,000

National Institutes of Health: NIH Collaborative International Research Project

Posted: March 12, 2026

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) seeks to advance its mission by maintaining strong and productive international research...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: May 7, 2029

Justice

Department of Justice: NIJ FY25 Research and Evaluation on Violence Against Women

Posted: March 26, 2026

This program seeks applications for grant funding to conduct research and evaluation projects examining a range of topics to reduce...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: May 11, 2026

Funding Range: Up to \$3,700,000

National Security & Intelligence

Department of State: FY 2026 National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y)

Posted: March 12, 2026

This program increased the number of youths who learn critical foreign languages in support of bolstering U.S. national security...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: May 31, 2026

Funding Range: \$5,000,000

STEM

United Engineering Foundation: UEF Grants Program

Posted: March 26, 2026

This program seeks to fund projects that advance the engineering arts and sciences for the welfare of humanity. It supports engineering...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: May 1, 2026

Funding Range: Unspecified

National Science Foundation: Pathways to Enable Secure Open-Source Ecosystems (PESOSE)

Posted: February 26, 2026

This program supports the translation of open-source science and engineering-focused research products into safe and...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: September 1, 2026
Funding Range: Unspecified

National Science Foundation: EPSCoR Research Infrastructure Improvement Program: EPSCoR Research Fellows (ERF)

Posted: February 26, 2026

This opportunity aims to increase the competitiveness of EPSCoR-eligible institutions by catalyzing and strengthening the research...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: September 1, 2026
Funding Range: Unspecified

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