

Grant Opportunities and Updates



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GRANT AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

For Faculty and Staff

FEATURED OPPORTUNITIES

Appalachian Regional Commission



The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) is an economic development partnership entity of the federal government and 13 state governments focusing on 423 counties across the Appalachian Region. ARC's mission is to innovate, partner, and invest to build community capacity and strengthen economic growth in Appalachia. Fairmont State is a proud recipient of two ARC POWER grants: a Planning Grant for \$34,604 in 2023 and an Implementation Grant of \$1.9M in 2024 that is ongoing until 2028.

Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce Economic Revitalization Initiative (POWER)

This program targets federal resources to expand economic opportunities for communities and regions affected by job losses in coal mining, coal power plant operations, and coal-related supply chain or logistics industries. ARC seeks projects that will create high-quality, in-demand jobs, attract new sources of private investment, and provide comprehensive workforce services and skills training.

Letters of Intent Due: September 12, 2025

Funding Range: Up to \$10M

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

To learn more about a pre-application webinar, [click here](#).

Appalachian Regional Initiative for Stronger Economies (ARISE)

This program is a multi-state initiative that aims to drive large-scale, regional economic transformation through collaborative projects. ARISE encourages initiatives that go beyond borders and help the 13 Appalachian states advance as one, united Appalachia. Projects supported by this initiative are those that aim to strengthen Appalachian business and industry, and grow and support the development of new opportunities across economic sectors.

Proposals Due: Upcoming

Funding Range: Up to \$10M

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

Community Development

Toyota: Toyota Effect Grants

Posted: August 28, 2025

Toyota seeks to expand access to opportunities that improve people's lives and create a culture of inclusion--strengthening the communities where we live, work, and play. STEM education and workforce readiness are programmatic focus areas Toyota is especially interested in sponsoring.

Proposals Due: October 1, 2025

Funding Range: Unspecified

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

West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture, and History: Survey and Planning Grants

Posted: August 28, 2025

This program is for conducting architectural/archaeological surveys, National Register nominations, predevelopment plans, heritage education projects, etc. The funding source for this grant program is the Historic Preservation Fund, National Park Service.

Proposals Due: December 1, 2025

Funding Range: Up to \$300,000

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

The Kroger Co. Zero Hunger Zero Waste Foundation: Innovation Fund

Posted: August 28, 2025

This program is designed to provide strategic grant funding for solutions to end hunger and waste at national and local levels. Innovation Fund grants support nonprofits with creative ideas to reduce food loss and waste in the food system. Projects focused on improving food security will also be considered.

Proposals Due: Rolling

Funding Range: Unspecified

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

The Teagle Foundation: Cornerstone: Learning for Living

Posted: August 28, 2025

This program aims to revitalize the role of the humanities in general education. This initiative is dedicated to the proposition that transformative texts--regardless of authorship, geography, or the era that produced them--perform a democratizing function in giving students the analytical tools and historical awareness to interrogate themselves as well as the culture and society by which we are all partially formed.

Proposals Due: December 1, 2025

Funding Range: Up to \$300,000

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Social & Behavioral Sciences

American Psychological Foundation: Division 56 CHANGE Grant

Posted: August 28, 2025

The Division 56 Cultivating Healing, Advocacy, Nonviolence, Growth, and Equity (CHANGE) Grant supports early graduate student or early-career psychologist-led collaborative projects aimed at identifying and dismantling all forms of systemic racism, discrimination, and violence.

Proposals Due: October 9, 2025

Funding Range: \$20,000

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

American Psychological Foundation: John and Polly Sparks Grant for Rural First-Responders Mental Health Interventions

Posted: August 28, 2025

The John and Polly Sparks First-Responders Grant for Rural First-Responders Mental Health Interventions will fund the research of psychologists for evidence-based research and intervention in providing mental health training dissemination to first responders in rural areas.

Proposals Due: October 23, 2025

Funding Range: \$34,000

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

Simons Foundation: Simons Collaborations in Mathematics and the Physical Sciences (MPS)

Posted: August 28, 2025

The aim of the Simons Collaborations in MPS program is to stimulate progress on fundamental scientific questions of major importance in mathematics, theoretical physics, and theoretical computer science. Questions addressed by the proposed collaboration may be concrete or conceptual, but there should be little doubt that answering them would constitute a major scientific milestone. The project should have clearly defined initial activities and goals by which progress and success can be measured.

Proposals Due: October 29, 2025

Funding Range: Up to \$2M

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

Simons Foundation: Targeted Grants in Mathematics and Physical Sciences

Posted: August 28, 2025

This 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. This program provides funding for up to five years and funds may be used to cover expenses such as domestic or international travel, salary support and related benefits, conferences and working meetings, research equipment, and more.

Proposals Due: Rolling

Funding Range: Unspecified

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National Science Foundation: Computer Science for All (CSforAll): Research and RPPs)

Posted: August 28, 2025

This program aims to provide all U.S. students with the opportunity to participate in computer sciences (CS) and computational thinking (CT) education in their schools at the preK-12 levels. The Research Strand of this program focuses on Institutions of Higher Education who develop projects to build strategically instrumental, or "high leverage" knowledge, about the learning and teaching of introductory computer science to support key CS and/or CT understandings and abilities for

all students.

Proposals Due: February 11, 2025

Funding Range: Varies

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Community Development

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: Exploring Equitable Futures

Posted: July 17, 2025

The purpose of this program is to support projects that seed new and unconventional ideas that could radically advance health equity for generations to come...*Read more*

Proposals Due: October 15, 2025

Funding Range: Unspecified

Health & Nursing

National Institutes of Health: Support for Research Excellence - First Independent Research (SuRE-First) Award

Posted: July 17, 2025

This program aims to develop and sustain research excellence by supporting investigator-initiated research with strong student...*Read more*

Proposals Due: September 29, 2025

Funding Range: Up to \$750,000

Humanities

National Endowment for the Humanities: Humanities Research Centers on Artificial Intelligence

Posted: July 17, 2025

The purpose of this program is to support the establishment of new

collaborative humanities research centers focused on gaining...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: October 1, 2025

Funding Range: Up to \$750,000

Outdoor Recreation & Leadership

Athletic Brewing Co: Two for the Trails Grant

Posted: August 14, 2025

This program provides grants to nonprofit organizations for trail maintenance, urban greenspace improvement, waterway...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: September 30, 2025

Funding Range: Up to \$10,000

Research

Department of Defense: Information Innovation Office (I2O) Office-Wide

Posted: July 17, 2025

This program seeks revolutionary research ideas for topics not being addressed by ongoing I2O programs or other published...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: October 29, 2025

Funding Range: Unspecified

Social & Behavioral Sciences

American Psychological Foundation: John and Polly Sparks Grant for Rural First-Responders Mental Health Interventions

Posted: July 17, 2025

This program will fund the evidence-based research and intervention in providing mental health training dissemination to...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: October 23, 2025

Funding Range: \$34,000

STEM

Simons Foundation: Simons Fellows in Mathematics

Posted: August 14, 2025

This program aims to make sabbatical research leaves more productive by extending them from a single term to a full academic year...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: October 1, 2025

Funding Range: Up to \$162,000

National Science Foundation: Mathematical Foundations of Artificial Intelligence (MFAI)

Posted: July 17, 2025

The overall goal is to establish innovative and principled design and analysis approaches for AI technology using creative...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: October 10, 2025

Funding Range: \$500,000 to \$1M

Simons Foundation: Simons Collaborations in Ecology and Evolution

Posted: August 14, 2025

The Simons Foundation is seeking Letters of Intent for idea-generating research that focuses on the basic principles of ecological...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: October 16, 2025

Funding Range: Up to \$4M

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