

Grant Opportunities and Updates



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Happy holidays from the Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP). This will be our last newsletter until the Spring 2026 semester kicks off and we want to wish you a relaxing and enjoyable winter break.

OSP greatly appreciates your engagement with our newsletters, professional development, and various grant-related events this semester. We hope to see even more faculty and staff engagement in 2026!

GRANT AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

For Faculty and Staff

Arts

Arts Midwest: Shakespeare in American Communities

Posted: December 11, 2025

This program supports projects that connect young people across the U.S. to Shakespeare's plays. Grants support performances and workshops in schools and the justice system, and apprenticeships for early-career theater professionals. Applicants must choose one of the program tracks below:

- Schools Program: Supports Shakespeare-related performances and educational activities for middle and high school students
- Juvenile Justice Program: Brings Shakespeare-related theater experiences to juvenile justice facilities
- Apprenticeship Program: Provides paid apprenticeships for early-career theater professionals in administrative and technical roles; the programming that apprentices support does not have to be Shakespeare related

Letters of Intent Due: January 29, 2026

Funding Range: Up to \$30,000

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

Community Development

Labcorp Charitable Foundation: Foundation Grants

Posted: December 11, 2025

This program invests in community-based nonprofits advancing health, education, and well-being. Projects of interest include those that

- Broaden access to STEM education programming
- Support food pantries and summer meal programs for children
- Provide access to healthcare and patient support services for the underserved
- Provide ongoing support for medical research, screenings, and programs that promote a healthy lifestyle

Proposals Due: Rolling

Funding Range: \$5,000 to \$25,000

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

The University of California Agriculture Research & Education Program: Sustainable Agriculture & Food Systems Small Grants Program

Posted: December 11, 2025

This program funds research, education and outreach, and planning projects that support the development of sustainable farming and food systems. Projects of special interest include those that build the capacity of farming and food systems businesses and organizations to become reflective, adaptive learning organizations that can respond effectively to ecological, economic, and social change and disruption.

Proposals Due: January 14, 2026

Funding Range: Up to \$10,000

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

Education

Caplan Foundation: Early Childhood Grants

Posted: December 11, 2025

This program supports promising research and development projects that appear likely to improve the welfare of young children, from infancy through seven years, in the United States. Funding areas include:

- Parenting Education - projects to help parents create nurturing environments for their children through projects that teach parents about developmental psychology, cultural child rearing differences, pedagogy, and/or provide cognitive or emotional support
- Early Childhood Welfare - projects to perfect child rearing practices and to identify models that can provide caring environments in which all children thrive
- Early Childhood Education and Play - projects to improve the quality of both early childhood teaching and learning through the development of innovative curricula and research-based pedagogical standards as well as the design of imaginative play materials and learning environments

Proposals Due: January 31, 2026

Funding Range: Unspecified

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

Fellowship

Future of Life Institute: Vitalik Buterin Postdoctoral Fellowship in Artificial Intelligence (AI) Existential Safety

This program is designed to support promising researchers for postdoctoral appointments who plan to work on AI existential safety research. Research should analyze the most probable ways in which AI technology could cause an existential catastrophe and which types of research could minimize existential risk of such catastrophes. Example research projects include:

- Outlining a set of technical problems and arguments that their solutions would reduce existential risk from AI, or arguing that existing such sets are misguided.
- Concretely specifying properties of AI systems that significantly increase or decrease their probability of causing an existential catastrophe, and providing ways to measure such properties.

Proposals Due: January 5, 2026

Funding Range: Up to \$90,000

Click here for more information on application guidelines.

Health & Nursing

Burroughs Wellcome Fund: Climate Change and Human Health Seed Grants

Posted: December 11, 2025

This program seeks to support activities that build connections between basic and early biomedical scientific approaches and ecological, environmental, geological, geographic, and planetary-scale thinking, as well as with population-focused fields, including epidemiology and public health, demography, economics, and urban planning. Also of interest to this program is work piloting new approaches or interactions aimed at reducing the impact of health-centered activities, such as developing more sustainable systems for healthcare, care delivery, and biomedical research. Public outreach, climate communication, and education efforts focused on the intersection of climate and health are also appropriate for this program.

Proposals Due: January 22, 2026

Funding Range: Up to \$50,000

Click here for more information on application guidelines.

Humanities

American Council of Learned Societies: The Robert H.N. Ho Family Foundation New Professorships in Buddhist Studies

Posted: December 11, 2025

This program offers multi-year grants to colleges and universities wishing to establish or expanding teaching in Buddhist Studies. The grant supports a new, permanent position at institutions without Buddhist Studies curriculum. Award funds should be used for the salary, benefits, and research expenses associated with the new position.

Proposals Due: January 27, 2026

Funding Range: Up to \$300,000

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

STEM

Whitehall Foundation: Research Grants

Posted: December 11, 2025

This program supports scholarly research in the life sciences, particularly dynamic areas of basic biological research that are not heavily supported by federal agencies or other foundations. The Foundation is currently interested in basic research in neurobiology, defined as follows: invertebrate and vertebrate (excluding clinical) neurobiology, specifically investigations of neural mechanisms involved in sensory, motor, and other complex functions of the whole organism as these relate to behavior. The overall goal should be to better understand behavioral output or brain mechanism of behavior.

Proposals Due: January 15, 2026

Funding Range: Up to \$300,000

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

Simons Foundation: Travel Support for Mathematics

Posted: December 11, 2025

This program seeks to stimulate collaboration in the mathematics field primarily by providing funding for travel and related expenses. Funding will be based on the quality and significance of the applicant's prior research and the likely impact the travel will have on future research, both for the applicant and the applicant's students.

Proposals Due: January 29, 2026

Funding Range: Up to \$8,400

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

REMINDER NOTICES

Arts

Adolph and Ester Gottlieb Foundation: Individual Support Grant

Posted: November 20, 2025

This program provides financial support to individual painters, sculptors, and printmakers who have worked in a mature phase of art...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: January 15, 2026

Funding Range: Unspecified

Les Paul Foundation: Foundation Grants

Posted: November 20, 2025

The Les Paul Foundation awards grants to programs and projects that encourage innovation in music production...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: January 15, 2026

Funding Range: \$2,000 (typically)

Community Development

The Convention & Visitors Bureau of Marion County, Inc.: Event Grant

Posted: November 6, 2025

The CVB reserves a portion of its advertising budget to assist fair, festival, and event planners in bolstering efforts to increase their...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: January 31, 2025

Funding Range: Up to \$5,000

The Tony Robbins Foundation: Foundation Grants

Posted: November 20, 2025

This Foundation supports programs that uplift youth, seniors, unhoused people, and incarcerated individuals worldwide...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: Rolling

Funding Range: Unspecified

Ester & Harold Mertz Foundation: Foundation Grants

Posted: November 6, 2025

This program supports educational, recreational, medical, and faith-based initiatives in communities that are underserved...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: Unspecified

Funding Range: Rolling

T-Mobile: Hometown Grants

Posted: November 6, 2025

This program funds projects that foster local connections, like technology upgrades, art and community centers, historic buildings, parks...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: Unspecified

Funding Range: Up to \$50,000

Health & Nursing

American College of Sports Medicine: Drinkwater Leadership Award in Women's Health, Sport, & Physical Activity

Posted: November 6, 2025

This award celebrates a mid-career woman who demonstrates exceptional leadership in the area of women's health, sport, and physical...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: April 4, 2026

Funding Range: \$5,000

National Institutes of Health: Community-Partnered Nursing Research Centers

Posted: October 9, 2025

This program supports the development of innovative research centers to foster nursing-led programs that promote community-partner...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: May 7, 2028

Funding Range: Up to \$500,000

The Goodness Web: Multiyear Funding for Youth Mental Health Programs

Posted: October 23, 2025

The Goodness Web provides multiyear, unrestricted grants to nonprofits working to improve youth mental health and well-being...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: Rolling

Funding Range: \$200,000 to \$3,000,000

Humanities

National Endowment for the Humanities: National Digital Newspaper Program

Posted: September 11, 2025

This program creates a national digital resource of historically significant newspapers published between 1690 and 1963 from...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: January 15, 2026

Funding Range: Up to \$325,000

National Endowment for the Humanities: Rediscovering Our Revolutionary Tradition

Posted: November 6, 2025

This program seeks to preserve and improve access to primary source materials that document the history of America's founding era...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: January 15, 2026

Funding Range: Up to \$750,000

National Security & Intelligence

Department of Defense: Cornerstone: Young Faculty Award (YFA) 2026

Posted: October 23, 2025

This program aims to identify and engage rising stars in junior research positions in academic and equivalent positions at...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: January 20, 2026

Funding Range: Unspecified

Social & Behavioral Sciences

American Psychological Foundation: F.J. McGuigan Early Career Investigator Research Grant on Understanding the Human Mind

Posted: October 23, 2025

This grant is awarded biennially to recognize the support the efforts of an early career psychologist scientist who is pursuing research...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: June 5, 2026
Funding Range: Unspecified

STEM

National Science Foundation: Accelerating Research Translation

Posted: October 23, 2025

This program seeks proposals that have a blend of: (1) activities that will help build and/or strengthen the institutional infrastructure; (2) educational/training opportunities; and (3) specific, research...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: January 15, 2026

Funding Range: Up to \$8M

National Science Foundation: Improving Undergraduate STEM Education: Directorate for STEM Education (IUSE: EDU)

Posted: September 11, 2025

This program supports projects designed to contribute to a future in which all undergraduate students are fully engaged with...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: January 21, 2026

Funding Range: Varies

National Science Foundation: Computer and Information Science and Engineering: Future Computing Research (Future CoRe)

Posted: October 23, 2025

This program welcomes research that fits within a single program as well as interdisciplinary research that spans more than...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: February 5, 2026

Funding Range: Varies

Department of Energy: FY 2026 Continuation of Solicitation for the Office of Science Financial Assistance Program

Posted: November 6, 2025

This program supports work in the following program areas: Advanced Scientific Computing Research, Basic Energy Sciences...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: September 30, 2026

Funding Range: \$50,000 to \$5,000,000

National Science Foundation: NSF National Innovation Corps Teams (NSF National I-Corps™ Teams) Program

Posted: November 6, 2025

The goals of this program are to spur translation or foundational research, to encourage collaboration between academia and...[Read more](#)

Proposals Due: Rolling

Funding Range: At least \$50,000

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