

Possible Funding Sources in the Natural and Social Sciences

The following is a list of independent and company-sponsored foundations that offer fellowships and research awards in various areas of the natural and social sciences. The purpose of this list is to provide the natural and social sciences faculty with a sense of what types of funding are available, and to provide inspiration in order to begin thinking about projects with funding potential.

American Honda Foundation
1919 Torrance Blvd., M.S. 100-1W-5A
Torrance, CA 90501

<http://corporate.honda.com/america/philanthropy.aspx?id=ahf>

- Broad interest in supporting scientific education at all levels. Interested in physical sciences, life sciences, mathematics, and the environment.
- Provides funding for continuing support, curriculum development, general/operating support and program development.

The Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation
100 Academy Drive
Irvine, CA 92617

www.beckman-foundation.com

- Supports basic scientific research, primarily in the fields of chemistry, biochemistry and medicine.
- Awards the prestigious Beckman Young Investigator (BYI) awards, and also provides research grants to institutions.
- Site contains a list of links to foundations throughout the nation that support scientific research and education.

The Dorr Foundation
P.O. Box 328
Eastchester, NY 10709

- Grants are made primarily for programs designed to develop new and innovative science curricula through the college level. Interests include: biological sciences, chemistry, and physical and earth sciences.
- Awards grants for curriculum development, equipment, research and seed money.

The Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation, Inc.
555 Madison Ave., Ste. 1305
New York, NY 10022-3301

<http://www.dreyfus.org>

- Aims to advance the sciences of chemistry, biochemistry, chemical engineering, and related sciences as a means of improving human relations and circumstances throughout the world.
- Supports equipment, program development, research, scholarships--to individuals, seed money.

The William T. Grant Foundation
570 Lexington Avenue, 18th floor
New York, NY 10022-6837
www.wtgrantfoundation.org

- Invests in research in the social and behavioral sciences.
- Sponsors a Faculty Scholars Program which awards four to six \$300,000 five-year awards to post-doctoral, pre-tenure scholars from a variety of disciplines who investigate topics relevant to understanding adolescents and youth.

The Grass Foundation
400 Franklin St., Ste. 302
Braintree, MA 02184
<http://www.grassfoundation.org>

- Encourages research in neurophysiology and the neurosciences.
- Provides funding for fellowships, professorships, research and program development.

The Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation
527 Madison Ave., 15th Floor
New York, NY 10022-4304
www.hfg.org

- Grants for research at the postdoctoral level directed toward providing a better understanding of violence, aggression, and dominance in relation to social change.
- Provides funding for research, fellowships and grants to individuals.

Heineman Foundation for Research, Educational, Charitable and Scientific Purposes, Inc.
c/o Brown Brothers Harriman Trust Co.
63 Wall Street
New York, NY 10005

- Primary areas of interest include the medical sciences and physics. Supports research programs in mathematical sciences and medicine.
- Funds endowments, fellowships, program development, research and seed money.

SC Johnson Wax Fund, Inc.
1525 Howe Street
Racine, WI 53403
www.scjohnson.com/community

- Areas of interest include chemistry and biology.
- Provides funding for curriculum development, research, fellowships, conferences/seminars, endowments and professorships.

The Lalor Foundation, Inc.
c/o Ms. Pamela Labonte Maksy, Foundation Administrator
Grants Management Associates
77 Summer Street, 8th Floor
Boston, Massachusetts 02110-1006
www.lalorfound.org

- Principle areas of support include branches of life sciences wherein application of chemical and physical methods of research are used.
- Makes grants to institutions for basic postdoctoral research in mammalian reproductive biology as related to the regulation of fertility.
- Offers fellowships and research grants.

The Leakey Foundation
1002A O'Reilly Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94129-0346
www.leakeyfoundation.org

- Supports research in human origins and anthropology. Recent priorities include research into the environments, archeology, and human paleontology; into the behavior, morphology, and ecology of the great apes and other primate species; and into the behavioral ecology of contemporary hunter-gatherers.
- Grants are limited to funding for expenses directly related to research projects.
- The majority of the Foundation's General Research Grants to doctoral students are in the \$3,000-to a maximum of \$13,500 range; the limit of funding for a single proposal submitted by a post-doctoral applicant or a senior scientist is \$22,000.

The National Academy of Education
500 Fifth Street NW, #1049
Washington, DC 20001
www.nae.nyu.edu

- Awards fellowships to recent recipients of Ph.D., Ed.D. or equivalent degrees planning to study matters relevant to the improvement of education in all its forms.

The National Geographic Society
Committee on Research and Exploration
1145 17th Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20090-8249
www.nationalgeographic.com

- Provides grants for scientific field research in the areas of anthropology, archaeology, astronomy, biology, botany, geography, geology, oceanography, paleontology, and zoology.
- All proposed projects must have both a geographical dimension and relevance to other scientific fields. In addition, the Committee is currently emphasizing multidisciplinary projects that address environmental issues (e.g., loss of biodiversity and habitat, effects of human-population pressures).

The Social Science Research Council
810 Seventh Avenue
New York, NY 10019
www.ssrc.org

- An independent, nonprofit organization that seeks to advance social science by supporting research, education and scholarly exchange throughout the world.
- Offers numerous fellowship awards as well as research grants in diverse areas of inquiry.

The Spencer Foundation
875 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 3930
Chicago, IL 60611-1803
www.spencer.org

- Supports research aimed at expanding knowledge, understanding, and practice of education.
- Funds scholarships, professorships and fellowships.
- The Major Grants program currently accepts applications that fit within one or more of four areas of inquiry: The Relation between Education and Social Opportunity; Organizational Learning in Schools, School Systems, and Higher Education; Institutions; Teaching, Learning, and Instructional Resources; and, Purposes and Values of Education.
- In addition to proposals in areas of inquiry, the foundation will continue to provide an opportunity to submit field-initiated proposals outside these areas.

The Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, Inc.
470 Park Avenue South, 8th Floor
New York, NY 10016-6819
www.wennergren.org

- Supports all branches of anthropology including cultural/social anthropology, ethnology, biological/physical anthropology, archaeology and anthropological linguistics.
- Provides funding for conferences/seminars, fellowships and research.

Charles K. Williams II Trust
c/o Mellon Financial Corp.
1735 Market St.
Philadelphia, PA 19101

- Awards fellowships and postgraduate scholarships limited to archeology and science.