1. **Chamber Music America (CMA) – New Jazz Works: Commissioning and Ensemble Development**

Through the New Jazz Works: Commissioning and Ensemble Development program, Chamber Music America (CMA) supports professional jazz ensembles in the creation, performance, and cultivation of original work over a three-year project period.

The New Jazz Works program is funded through the generosity of the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation. Eligible applicants are professional jazz ensembles led by (or including) a composer/performer. Ensembles must be CMA members at the Organization Level and consist of a core group (from two to ten musicians) with a demonstrated history of performing original music featuring jazz improvisation. Grants range up to $15,000 for the composition and performances of the new work.

- **Funding Opportunity Number:** N/A
- **Award Ceiling:** $16,000
- **Application Checklist:** [Guidelines](#)
- **Deadlines:**
  - Proposal Submission: March 9, 2012

2. **Gerald R. Ford Foundation – Research Travel Grants**

The Gerald R. Ford Foundation accepts applications for Research Travel Grants Program for research trips to the Ford Library in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Library collections focus on Federal policies, institutions, and politics in the 1970s. Selected strengths of the holdings are domestic affairs and policies, economics, the 1976 presidential campaign, media relations, White House management and decision making, congressional relations, and foreign policy. Awards are up to $2,000 each.

- **Funding Opportunity Number:** N/A
- **Award Ceiling:** $2,000
- **Deadlines:**
  - Proposal Submission: March 15, 2012

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3. **American Psychological Foundation (APF) – Visionary and Weiss Grants**

APF Visionary and Weiss Grants seek to seed innovation through supporting research, education, and intervention projects and programs that use psychology to solve social problems in the following priority areas:

- Understanding and fostering the connection between mental and physical health to ensure well-being;
- Reducing stigma and prejudice to promote unity and harmony;
- Understanding and preventing violence to create a safer, more humane world; and
- Supporting programs that address the long-term psychological needs of individuals and communities in the aftermath of disaster.

- **Funding Opportunity Number:** N/A
- **Award Floor:** $5,000
- **Deadlines:**


The Office of Citizen Exchanges’ Youth Programs Division announces an open competition for the American Serbia and Montenegro Youth Leadership Exchange (A-SMYLE) Program. The A-SMYLE program enables high school students from Serbia and Montenegro to spend one academic year in the United States, living with American host families and attending high school. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 USC 501(c)(3) may submit proposals to recruit and select high school students aged 15-17 from Serbia and Montenegro, place them with host families and schools for the 2013-14 academic year of study in the United States, provide activities that will enable the students to learn about leadership, civic responsibility, community activism, democracy, and American society, educate Americans about their countries and cultures, and support alumni in projects in the students’ home countries.

- **Funding Opportunity Number:**
- **Award Ceiling:** $1,150,000
- **Application Checklist:** [Guidelines](#)
- **Deadlines:**

5. **Administration for Children and Families (ACF) – Ethnic Community and Self Help Program**

The Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) invites ethnic community based organizations as well as ethnic organizations that are faith-based to submit competitive grant applications for funding of the Ethnic Community Self-Help Program to provide services to

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newly arrived refugees. The objective of this program is to strengthen organized ethnic communities comprised and representative of refugee populations to ensure ongoing support and services to refugees within five years after initial resettlement. The populations targeted for services and benefits in the application must represent refugee communities which have arrived in the U.S. within the last five years (no earlier than 2005). Applicants should view these resources as a temporary augmentation of funds to meet emerging organizational and other needs of the arriving populations and should plan to move toward non-ORR funding sources beyond the project period.

- **FUNDING OPPORTUNITY NUMBER:** N/A
- **AWARD CEILING:** $250,000
- **APPLICATION CHECKLIST:** GUIDELINES
- **DEADLINES:**
  - Proposal submission: **March 13, 2012**

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6. **CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS FOUNDATION – LOUIS STOKES URBAN HEALTH POLICY FELLOWSHIP**

The Louis Stokes Urban Health Policy Fellows Program is a 12-month policy training and leadership development program that targets early to mid-level policy professionals who are committed to eliminating health disparities nationally and globally. CBCF Louis Stokes Fellows receive health policy training while working in a CBC Member’s personal and committee office. Typically, they spend five months working in a congressional member’s office and the remaining seven months working on a congressional committee that focuses on health-related issues. CBCF complements the fellows’ policy training on the Hill by providing opportunities to improve and develop leadership skills so they can be more effective in their professional roles. The program also includes educational enrichment opportunities through seminars on policy and politics. Fellows are also exposed to the history and work of the Congressional Black Caucus, and prepared to analyze the impact of policies on African Americans and other minority groups.

- **FUNDING OPPORTUNITY NUMBER:** N/A
- **AWARD CEILING:** $40,000
- **DEADLINES:**
  - Proposal Submission: **March 20, 2012**

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7. **BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE – BJA FY 12 ADULT DRUG COURT DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM**

BJA is accepting applications for FY 2012 grants to establish new drug courts or enhance existing drug court services, coordination, and offender management and recovery support services. The purpose of the Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program (42 U.S.C. 3797u et seq.) is to provide financial and technical assistance to states, state courts, local courts, units of local government, and Indian tribal governments to develop and implement drug courts that effectively integrate evidenced-based substance abuse treatment, mandatory drug testing, sanctions and incentives, and transitional services in a
judicially supervised court setting with jurisdiction over substance-abusing offenders.

- **FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:** BJA-2012-3120
- **APPLICATION CHECKLIST:** GUIDELINES
- **AWARD CEILING:** $350,000
- **DEADLINES:**
  - Proposal Submission: **March 8, 2012**

8. **ASHOKA CHANGEMAKERS – ACTIVATING EMPATHY: TRANSFORMING SCHOOLS TO TEACH WHAT MATTERS**

Ashoka Changemakers has announced the launch of Activating Empathy: Transforming Schools to Teach What Matters, a global competition seeking solutions that help young people learn and practice empathy in school so they are equipped to succeed in a rapidly changing world.

The collaborative competition is designed to identify ideas, programs, and learning models from around the world that encourage social and emotional development; unlock new ways of viewing problems; address bullying or aggression in ways that advance understanding of others' perspectives; promote community diversity and a respect for differences; and champion children as real-world problem solvers rather than simply bystanders.

The competition is open to all individuals, organizations, and collaborations from all countries. Entries are sought from teachers, principals, parents, students, and other innovators with a project, a program, or a new learning experience that can advance empathy in education. The competition will consider all entries that reflect the theme of the competition; identify solutions that enable children to be effective citizens, leaders, and changemakers by equipping them with the skills to understand the perspectives of others; indicate growth beyond the conceptual stage; and can demonstrate impact and sustainability. While the program supports new ideas at every stage, the judges are better able to evaluate programs that are beyond the conceptual stage and have demonstrated proof of impact.

- **AWARD AMOUNT:** Not Specified
- **DEADLINES:**
  - Letter of Inquiry: **March 30, 2012**

9. **FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE: HUMANITY RESEARCH GRANTS**

The Foundation for the Future conducts and funds a Research Grants Program to provide financial support to scholars undertaking research that promotes and facilitates understanding of the human genome and its importance for and effects upon the long-range future of humanity. The Future of Humanity Grants are $5,000–$25,000 only for subjects that are of interest to the Foundation.

- **AWARD CEILING:** $25,000
- **AWARD FLOOR:** $5,000

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• APPLICATION CHECKLIST: GUIDELINES
• DEADLINES:
  o Proposal Submission: April 30, 2012


The Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America invites scholars who are conducting oral history interviews relevant to the history of women or gender in the United States to apply for support of up to $3,000. This grant stipulates that the interviews take place in accordance with guidelines of the Oral History Association, that consent is obtained from interviewees for their words to be viewed by researchers worldwide, and that true copies or transcripts of the original recording of the oral interviews, as well as copies of the consent forms, be deposited in the Schlesinger Library. Applicants may request support to cover travel expenses, living expenses (up to $125 per diem), transcription services, and incidental research materials, but not the purchase of durable equipment.

• AWARD AMOUNT: $3,000
• DEADLINES:
  o Proposal Submission: March 16, 2012

11. Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation - US Artists International (USAI) Grants (Dance, Music and Theatre at International Festivals)

US Artists International (USAI) is committed to ensuring that the impressive range of expression of the performing arts in the United States is represented abroad, and that the creative and professional development of American artists is enhanced through participation at significant international festivals. Performances at important festivals provide American artists with opportunities for the exchange of ideas and practices with their colleagues in other countries, as well as exposure to new and larger audiences. It is our hope that participation of exemplary artists from the United States in international festivals will help develop audiences for, and greater appreciation of, the excellence, diversity and vitality of the American performing arts.

Through USAI, grants are available to American dance, music and theater ensembles and solo performers that have been invited to perform at international festivals and engagements that represent extraordinary career opportunities anywhere in the world outside of the United States.

• DEADLINES:
  o Proposal Submission: April 20, 2012
12. **National Humanities Center - 2012 Summer Institutes in Literary Studies**

From June 24 to June 29, 2012, the National Humanities Center will offer two seminars on literary interpretation. Open to scholars who have received a Ph.D. within the last ten years and who teach in departments of literature or other relevant disciplines at colleges or universities in the United States, the seminars will concentrate on the detailed analysis of literary texts. Each seminar will include fourteen participants.

→ **Andrew Marvell: Lyric and Public Poems**
  Seminar Leader: Nigel Smith, William and Annie S. Paton Foundation Professor of Ancient and Modern Literature, Princeton University

→ **Form and Politics in the Work of J.M. Coetzee**
  Seminar Leader: Robert Pippin, Evelyn Stefansson Nef Distinguished Service Professor in the Committee on Social Thought, the Department of Philosophy, and the College at the University of Chicago

- **Award Ceiling:** Not Specified
- **Award Floor:** $1,500
- **Deadlines:**
  - Proposal Submission: March 23, 2012

13. **Princess Grace Foundation, USA - Awards Program for Study of Theatre, Playwriting, Dance and Choreography**

The Princess Grace Foundation accepts applications to the 2010 Princess Grace Awards in theater, playwriting, dance performance, choreography, and film for young artists. Awards are available in the following creative areas:

→ **Theater:** Scholarships for students at non-profit schools; apprenticeships and fellowships for artists at non-profit theaters. Scholarships are awarded to students through schools and are commensurate with tuition costs. Typically, scholarships have ranged from $5,000 to $25,000. **Deadline: Mar. 31, 2012**

→ **Playwriting:** One fellowship for an individual playwright, including residency at New Dramatists. One playwright will be selected to receive a grant in the amount of $7,500: **Deadline: Mar. 31, 2012**

→ **Dance Performance:** Scholarships for students at non-profit schools; fellowships for dancers at non-profit companies. Scholarships are awarded to students through schools and are commensurate with tuition costs. Typically, scholarships and fellowships have ranged from $5,000 to $25,000. **Deadline: Apr. 30, 2012**

→ **Choreography:** Fellowships for collaborations with non-profit dance companies. A fellowship for $10,000 is available. **Deadline: Apr. 30, 2012**

- **Award Ceiling:** $25,000
- **Award Floor:** $5,000
- **Application Checklists:** [Guidelines](#)
- **Deadlines:**
  - Proposal Submission: March 31, 2012 / April 30, 2012

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USDA - NIFA Response: Building upon the four “New Biology for the 21st Century” challenges, above, USDA-NIFA has refocused its mission to direct agricultural sciences research, education, and extension programs on addressing the following five Priority Areas:

1. Food Security and Hunger  
2. Climate Change  
3. Sustainable Energy  
4. Childhood Obesity  
5. Food Safety

The Higher Education Challenge (HEC) Grants Program is a NIFA-administered competitive grants program focused on improving formal, postsecondary-level agricultural sciences education. Guided by critical societal issues laid out in the “New Biology for the 21st Century” report, as well as the five, compelling NIFA Priority Areas, HEC-funded projects provide funding to eligible applicants to help ensure a competent, qualified and diverse workforce to serve the food and agricultural sciences system. At the same time, HEC-funded projects improve the economic health and viability of rural communities through the development of degree programs emphasizing new and emerging employment opportunities. Finally, HEC projects focus on the national challenge to increase the number and diversity (i.e., having an agricultural sciences workforce representative of the Nation's population) of students entering other food and agriculture-related science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines.

Therefore, applications submitted to this grants program must state how the funded project will address the two HEC Program Goals:

→ To increase the number and diversity of students who will pursue and complete a postsecondary degree in the food and agricultural sciences, and for FY 2012, encourage study in areas that contribute to any of the five NIFA Priority Areas listed above; and  
→ To enhance the quality of secondary and postsecondary instruction in order to help meet current and future national food and agricultural sciences workplace needs.

- **Award Ceiling:** $750,000  
- **Award Floor:** $30,000  
- **Application Checklist:** [Guidelines]  
- **Deadlines:**  
  - Proposal Submission Deadlines: March 30, 2012

15. **Searle Freedom Trust Grants (Research on Public Policy)**

The Searle Freedom Trust aims to foster research and encourage public policies that promote individual freedom and economic liberty while at the same time advancing a commitment to personal responsibility and a respect for traditional American values. One of the Foundation’s chief objectives is to help develop policies that advance liberty...
without encouraging license, and that demand personal responsibility without compromising freedom.

- **AWARD AMOUNT:** Not Specified
- **APPLICATION CHECKLIST:** GUIDELINES
- **DEADLINES:** Proposal Submission: April 13, 2012

16. **Preservation of American Modernists – Course Development Grants**

Through an annual series of Course Development Grants, SPAM supports the course development by educators at the college level in the history of public and private support for the arts in the United States.

Course Development Grants are intended to expand college and university teaching of the history of support for the arts in the U.S. Applicants, who may come from disciplines other than art history, must demonstrate that the proposed course is entirely new or substantially revised from old course offerings at their school.

- **AWARD AMOUNT:** Not Specified
- **DEADLINES:** Proposal Submission: April 1, 2012

17. **NSF – Assembling the Tree of Life**

A flood of new information, from whole-genome sequences to detailed structural information to inventories of earth's biota to greater appreciation of the importance of lateral gene transfer in shaping evolutionary history, is transforming 21st century biology. Along with comparative data on morphology, fossils, development, behavior, and interactions of all forms of life on earth, these new data streams make even more critical the need for an organizing evolutionary context. Phylogeny, the genealogical map for all lineages of life on earth, provides an overall framework to facilitate biological information retrieval, prediction and analysis. Assembly of a framework phylogeny, or Tree of Life, for all major lineages of life requires a greatly magnified effort, often involving large teams working across institutions and disciplines. This is the overall goal of the Assembling the Tree of Life activity. The National Science Foundation announces its intention to continue support of creative and innovative research that will resolve evolutionary relationships for large groups of organisms throughout the history of life. Investigators also will be supported for projects in data acquisition, analysis, algorithm development and dissemination in computational phylogenetics and phyloinformatics.

- **FUNDING OPPORTUNITY NUMBER:** NSF 10-513
- **AWARD CEILING:** $2,000,000
- **APPLICATION CHECKLIST:** GUIDELINES
- **DEADLINES:**
  - Proposal Due: March 26, 2012

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18. **ROBERT NOYCE TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program seeks to encourage talented science, technology, engineering, and mathematics majors and professionals to become K-12 mathematics and science teachers. The Noyce Scholarship Track provides funds to institutions of higher education to support scholarships, stipends, and academic programs for undergraduate STEM majors and post-baccalaureate students holding STEM degrees who earn a teaching credential and commit to teaching in high-need K-12 school districts. The NSF Teaching Fellowship/Master Teaching Fellowship Track provides funding to support STEM professionals who enroll as NSF Teaching Fellows in master's degree programs leading to teacher certification by providing academic courses, professional development, and salary supplements while they are fulfilling a four-year teaching commitment in a high-need school district. This track also supports the development of NSF Master Teaching Fellows by providing professional development and salary supplements for exemplary mathematics and science teachers to become Master Teachers in high-need school districts. Each track supports Capacity Building Projects to develop the capacity for institutions to provide innovative teacher preparation programs to enable increasing numbers of STEM majors and STEM professionals to become effective K-12 mathematics and science teachers and to develop the capacity to prepare Master science and mathematics teachers.

- **FUNDING OPPORTUNITY NUMBER:** NSF 12-525
- **AWARD CEILING:** $3,250,000
- **AWARD FLOOR:** $150,000
- **APPLICATION CHECKLIST:** [GUIDELINES](#)
- **DEADLINES:**
  - Proposal Due: March 26, 2012

19. **RESEARCH GRANTS FOR PREVENTING VIOLENCE AND VIOLENCE RELATED INJURY**

The purposes of the NCIPC extramural violence prevention research program are to:

→ Build the scientific base for the prevention of violence by helping to expand and advance our understanding of the primary prevention of interpersonal and self-directed violence.

→ Encourage professionals from a wide spectrum of disciplines of epidemiology, behavioral and social sciences, medicine, biostatistics, public health, health economics, law, and criminal justice to perform research in order to prevent violence more effectively.

→ Encourage investigators to propose research that involves the development and testing of primary prevention strategies as well as research on methods to enhance the adoption and maintenance of effective strategies among individuals, organizations, or communities.

- **FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:** RFA-CE-12-002
- **AWARD AMOUNT:** $400,000
- **DEADLINES:**
  - Proposal Submission: March 16, 2012

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20. **NSF - Math and Science Partnership (MSP)**

The Math and Science Partnership (MSP) program is a major research and development effort that supports innovative partnerships to improve K-12 student achievement in mathematics and science. MSP projects are expected to raise the achievement levels of all students and significantly reduce achievement gaps in the STEM performance of diverse student populations. MSP projects contribute to what is known in K-12 STEM education. All STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) fields supported by NSF may be involved in this work, with special encouragement to areas that are gaining increased traction at the K-12 level, such as computer science and engineering, in addition to mathematics and science.

Through this solicitation, NSF seeks to support two levels of Targeted Partnership awards, Implementation and Prototype. Implementation awards are intended to develop and put into practice innovative approaches and strategies in education. Prototype awards explore potentially innovative approaches and strategies in education. Both types of Partnerships incorporate significant new innovations to STEM education, linked to a strong educational research agenda, in one of four focal areas: Community Enterprise for STEM Learning; Current Issues Related to STEM Content; Identifying and Cultivating Exceptional Talent; and K-12 STEM Teacher Preparation. In addition, there are three types of Research, Evaluation and Technical Assistance (RETA) project opportunities in this solicitation: research related to sustainability, or policies, or state plans for STEM education; technical assistance for evaluators of MSP projects; and the STEM Education Resource Collaboratory.

- **Funding Opportunity Number:** NSF 12-518
- **Award Ceiling:** $8,000,000
- **Award Floor:** $1,200,000
- **Application Checklist:** [Guidelines](#)
- **Deadlines:**
  - Proposal Due: March 5, 2012

21. **Cancer Research Institute – Student Training and Research in Tumor Immunology (STaRT) Grant**

Through its Student Training and Research in Tumor Immunology (STaRT) Program, the Cancer Research Institute seeks to attract bright young minds to rewarding careers as cancer immunologists. STaRT Grants provide up to two years of support for graduate students conducting thesis research in the area of tumor immunology. A panel of scientists drawn from the Institute’s Scientific Advisory Council rigorously evaluates each candidate, the thesis advisor and training environment, and the nature and feasibility of their research.

- **Award Amount:** $30,000
- **Application Checklist:** [Guidelines](#)
- **Deadlines:**
  - Proposal Submission: March 1, 2012

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22. **American Cancer Society – Institutional Research Grants**

Institutional Research Grants are awarded to institutions as block grants to provide seed money for newly independent investigators to initiate research projects. Grants are made for one to three years, and average $120,000 per year. These grants are renewable.

The purpose of the Institutional Research Grants program is:
→ to support the development of new investigators to conduct independent cancer research;
→ to foster direct relationships between funded institutions and the local American Cancer Society; and
→ to support research by newly independent investigators in areas of special interest to the society.

- **Award Amount:** $360,000
- **Application Checklist:** [Guidelines](#)
- **Deadlines:**
  - Proposal Submission: April 2, 2012

23. **National Science Foundation – Research Initiation Grants in Engineering Education (RIGEE)**

Engineering faculty possess both deep technical expertise in their engineering discipline and the primary responsibility for educating future engineers. As such, engineering faculty are in a unique position to help address critical challenges in engineering education. The Research Initiation Grants in Engineering Education (RIGEE) program enables engineering faculty who are renowned for teaching, mentoring, or leading educational reform efforts on their campus to initiate collaborations with colleagues in the learning and cognitive sciences to address difficult, boundary-spanning problems in how we educate engineers.

- **Funding Opportunity Number:** NSF 11-507
- **Award Ceiling:** $150,000
- **Application Checklist:** [Guidelines](#)
- **Deadlines:**
  - Proposal Due: April 2, 2012

24. **Burroughs Wellcome Fund – Career Guidance for Trainees**

The BWF Board of Directors approved a new program to provide up to $250,000 over a one-year period to support demonstration projects that will model affordable approaches to improving trainees’ readiness for stable, fulfilling careers, whether by clarifying and improving their basic “PhD-level” skills, by helping them identify how they can best use their skills and interests to serve the needs of potential employers, by providing them approaches to thinking through their career options, or by other strategies. It is anticipated that the average project budget will be $30,000, not to exceed $50,000 per award.

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• AWARD CEILING: $50,000
• AWARD FLOOR: $30,000
• APPLICATION CHECKLIST: GUIDELINES
• DEADLINES:
  o Proposal Submission: March 15, 2012

25. **DOD - AIR FORCE OFFICE OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH - UNIVERSITY CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR INTEGRATED COMPUTATIONAL MATERIAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING OF STRUCTURAL MATERIALS**

This is a special BAA in support of the AFRL’s University Center of Excellence for Integrated Computational Material Science and Engineering of Structural Materials. In collaboration with AFRL Materials and Manufacturing Directorate (Wright Patterson AFB, OH), AFOSR invites proposals for research in the areas described in detail below. The schedule for this announcement is given in Section II, Award Information. This research effort will consist of interdisciplinary teams of researchers with the skills needed to address the relevant research challenges necessary to meet the program goals. Multi investigator and/or multi university teaming is encouraged but not required. Proposals should describe cutting-edge efforts on basic scientific problems. Further, in order to satisfy AFOSR Policy on University CoE (e.g. “Educate students within the US in vital technology areas and offer opportunities for AFRL new employee recruitment”) students involved in the program will be US nationals or permanent residents.

The duration of the proposed effort is three years. Also, only one award is anticipated. The amount of resources made available to this BAA will depend on the quality of proposals received and the availability of funds, but probably will not exceed $1,000,000/year. Proposers are highly encouraged to confer with the designated points of contact as soon as possible. Their contact information can be found in the text of the published BAA. White Papers briefly summarizing your ideas and why they are different from what others are doing are highly encouraged, but not required. Coordination with the AFOSR and the Materials and Manufacturing Directorate is highly encouraged but not required.

• FUNDING OPPORTUNITY NUMBER: BAA-AFOSR-2012-03
• AWARD CEILING: $3,000,000
• APPLICATION CHECKLIST: GUIDELINES
• DEADLINES:
  Proposal Due: April 2, 2012