



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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1. HISTORICAL SOCIETY - RELIGION AND INNOVATION IN HUMAN AFFAIRS (RIHA) PROGRAM

With generous funding from the John Templeton Foundation, the Historical Society is launching the Religion and Innovation in Human Affairs (RIHA) Program. It will provide up to \$2 million in research support for empirical, conceptual, and interpretive work exploring interconnections between religion and innovation in history and human affairs. The RIHA Program encourages applications from investigators (individuals or teams) interested in undertaking conceptually-oriented research on the role religion(s) may or may not play in the generation and receptivity of new ideas and practices leading to progress in human history.

Investigators from a variety of disciplines (archaeology, history and the social sciences, religious studies, the philosophy of science, and other allied fields) may request up to \$100,000 for two-year projects that will enhance our understanding of how religion relates to innovation in human affairs. Exceptionally, larger amounts (up to \$250,000 for two years) will be awarded particularly for proposals that involve fieldwork.

- **FUNDING OPPORTUNITY NUMBER:** N/A
- **AWARD CEILING:** N/A
- **APPLICATION CHECKLIST:** [GUIDELINES](#)
- **DEADLINES:**
 - Pre-Proposal Submission: *November 1, 2011*
 - Full Proposal: *December 15, 2011*

2. NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION - COMPUTING EDUCATION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY (CE21)

The *Computing Education for the 21st Century (CE21) program* aims to build a computationally savvy 21st century workforce that positions the US to demonstrate a leadership role in the global economy. Innovations in computing and more broadly, information technology (IT), drive our economy, underlie many new advances in science and engineering, and contribute to our national security. Projected job growth in IT is very strong. While interventions in primary education are within scope, the CE21 program focuses special attention on activities targeted at the middle and high school levels (i.e., secondary education) and in early undergraduate education.

- **FUNDING OPPORTUNITY NUMBER:** NSF 10-619
- **AWARD CEILING:** \$10,000,000.00
- **AWARD FLOOR:** \$1,000,000.00
- **APPLICATION CHECKLIST:** [GUIDELINES](#)
- **DEADLINES:**
 - Proposal Submission: *February 28, 2012*

3. ASSOCIATION FOR INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH - RESEARCH GRANTS/DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIPS

With support from the National Science Foundation (NSF), the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) of the Institute of Education Sciences, and the National Postsecondary Education Cooperative (NPEC), the Association for Institutional Research (AIR) operates two grant programs that support research on a wide range of issues of critical importance to U.S. higher education. The program has two separate purposes:

Two levels of grants are supported:

1. **Research Grants:** Faculty and practitioners are eligible for research grants of up to \$40,000 for one year of independent research. (Note: These research grants are not available to students). All grant recipients must be affiliated with a U.S. postsecondary institution or relevant nonprofit higher education organization.
2. **Dissertation Grants:** Doctoral students are eligible for dissertation grants of up to \$20,000 for one year to support dissertation research and writing under the guidance of a faculty dissertation advisor.

- **FUNDING OPPORTUNITY NUMBER:** N/A
- **AWARD CEILING:** \$40,000
- **AWARD FLOOR:** \$20,000
- **DEADLINES:**
 - Proposal Submission: *January 6, 2012*

4. AARON COPLAND FUND FOR MUSIC - MUSIC RECORDING PROGRAM

The **Aaron Copland Fund for Music** accepts grant proposals for the *Music Recording Program*.

The program has several objectives:

1. To document and provide wider exposure for the music of contemporary American composers;
2. To develop audiences for contemporary American music through record distribution and other retail markets;
3. To support the release and dissemination of recordings of previously unreleased contemporary American music and the reissuance of recordings that are no longer available.

- **FUNDING OPPORTUNITY NUMBER:** EPA-OAR-ORIA-11-09
- **AWARD CEILING:** \$20,000
- **AWARD FLOOR:** \$0
- **APPLICATION CHECKLIST:** [*GUIDELINES*](#)
- **DEADLINES:**
 - Proposal Submission: *January 17, 2012*

5. NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES - DIGITAL HUMANITIES IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS

This program is designed to fund the implementation of innovative digital-humanities projects that have successfully completed a start-up phase and demonstrated their value to the field. Such projects might enhance our understanding of central problems in the humanities, raise new questions in the humanities, or develop new digital applications and approaches for use in the humanities. The program can support innovative digital-humanities projects that address multiple audiences, including scholars, teachers, librarians, and the public. Applications from recipients of NEH's Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants are welcome.

Unlike NEH's start-up grant program, which emphasizes basic research, prototyping, experimentation, and potential impact, the Digital Humanities Implementation Grants program seeks to identify projects that have successfully completed their start-up phase and are well positioned to have a major impact.

- **FUNDING OPPORTUNITY NUMBER:** 20120124-HK
- **AWARD CEILING:** \$325,000
- **AWARD FLOOR:** \$100,000
- **APPLICATION CHECKLIST:** [GUIDELINES](#)
- **DEADLINES:**
 - Proposal Submission: *January 24, 2012*

6. USAID & NSF PARTNERSHIPS FOR ENHANCED ENGAGEMENT IN RESEARCH (PEER)

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) is exploring new opportunities to use science and technology to meet the world's development challenges. As part of its science and technology strategy, USAID is developing mechanisms to leverage the investments that other U.S. government agencies make in scientific research and training. Following the signing of a memorandum of understanding between USAID and the National Science Foundation (NSF), the two agencies implemented a [pilot program](#) to assess the potential for USAID-funded collaborative research projects. Based on the program's success, USAID and NSF are now pleased to announce the launching of a new and broader program called Partnerships for Enhanced Engagement in Research (PEER). This competitive grants program will allow scientists in developing countries to apply for funds to support research and capacity-building activities in partnership with their NSF-funded collaborators on topics of importance to USAID. Areas in which both NSF and USAID have strong mutual interests include, but are not limited to, the following:

- **FUNDING OPPORTUNITY NUMBER:** N/A
- **AWARD CEILING:** \$300,000
- **AWARD FLOOR:** \$30,000
- **APPLICATION CHECKLIST:** [GUIDELINES](#)
- **DEADLINES:**
 - Proposal Submission: *November 30, 2011*

7. GATES FOUNDATION VACCINE INNOVATION AWARD

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is now accepting nominations for the Gates Vaccine Innovation Award to recognize, celebrate, and spur transformative ideas for achieving impact through the delivery of vaccines. The award winner will be recognized with \$250,000 (U.S.), featured on our website, and personally acknowledged by Gates Foundation leadership.

It is open to individuals from any discipline who works on delivery of vaccines. Candidates from academic institutions, governments, health care facilities, research institutions, non-profit organizations and for-profit companies may be nominated. We recognize that innovation in the delivery of vaccines can take many shapes. Rather than limit what innovation can mean, we welcome a diverse array of ideas. As long as the innovation has resulted in tangible health impact related to vaccine delivery, it is eligible for consideration.

- **FUNDING OPPORTUNITY NUMBER:** N/A
- **AWARD CEILING:** \$250,000
- **AWARD FLOOR:** \$0
- **APPLICATION CHECKLIST:** [NOMINATION FORM](#) & [GUIDELINES](#)
- **DEADLINES:**
 - Proposal Submission: *November 17, 2011*

8. TRANSFORMING UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS (TUES)

The vision of the TUES program is excellent STEM education for all undergraduate students. To achieve this vision, the program supports efforts that bring advances in STEM disciplinary knowledge into the undergraduate experience. It also supports the creation and adaptation of learning materials and teaching strategies that embody what we know about how students learn. It encourages projects that develop faculty expertise, promote widespread implementation of educational innovations, and prepare future K-12 teachers. The program supports projects that enhance our understanding of how students learn STEM topics and how faculty members adopt instructional approaches. It invites projects that build capacity to assess learning and evaluate educational innovations. It also supports projects that further the work of the program itself, for example, synthesis and dissemination of findings across the program.

The goals of this program reflect national concerns about producing skilled STEM professionals (including K-12 teachers) and citizens knowledgeable about STEM and how it relates to their lives. The program seeks to build on the community of faculty committed to improving undergraduate STEM education. A representative list of resources that describe effective teaching practices, literature about learning, and information about ongoing projects.

- **FUNDING OPPORTUNITY NUMBER:** NSF 10-544
- **AWARD CEILING:** \$5,000,000
- **AWARD FLOOR:** \$200,000
- **APPLICATION CHECKLIST:** [GUIDELINES](#)
- **DEADLINES:**
 - Proposal Submission: *January 13, 2012*

9. [SPENCER FOUNDATION GRANTS](#)

The Foundation's research grants are organized under four areas of inquiry that identify broad topics we believe have fundamental and abiding importance for educational improvement.

- The Relation Between Education and Social Opportunity
- Organizational Learning in Schools, School Systems, and Higher Education Systems
- Teaching, Learning, and Instructional Resources
- Purposes and Values of Education

We also welcome proposals that do not fit one of the four areas listed through our [Field-Initiated Proposal](#) program. The Foundation's Strategic Initiatives reflect our commitment to specific, measureable investigations that range from five to ten years.

- [The New Civics Initiative](#)
- [Data Use and Educational Improvement](#)
- [Philosophy in Educational Policy and Practice](#)

We also support short-term projects that address particular questions relevant to our work, as well as Exploratory Projects that have potential of developing into strategic initiatives.

- [Forum for Excellence and Innovation in Higher Education](#)
- [Joint Project for the Measurement of Classroom Quality](#)
- [Joint Project for Undergraduate Education](#)
- [Educational Inequality Task Force](#)

- **FUNDING OPPORTUNITY NUMBER:** N/A
- **AWARD CEILING:** \$500,000
- **AWARD FLOOR:** \$0
- **APPLICATION CHECKLIST:** [GUIDELINES](#)
- **DEADLINES:**
 - Letter of Inquiry: *December 3, 2011*

10. [NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES ADVANCED FELLOWSHIPS FOR RESEARCH IN TURKEY](#)

The American Research Institute in Turkey takes pleasure in inviting applications for two or three advanced fellowships made possible by support from the [National Endowment for the Humanities](#). The fields of study cover all periods of history in the general range of the humanities and include humanistically oriented aspects of the social sciences, prehistory, history, art, archaeology, literature, and linguistics, as well as interdisciplinary aspects of cultural history. The fellowships for research in Turkey may be held for four to twelve continuous months during 2012-2013. Stipends in the range of \$16,800 to \$50,400 are available on the basis of individual proposals.

- **FUNDING OPPORTUNITY NUMBER:** N/A
- **AWARD CEILING:** \$50,400
- **AWARD FLOOR:** \$16,800
- **APPLICATION CHECKLIST:** [GUIDELINES](#)
- **DEADLINES:**
 - Proposal Submission: *November 1, 2011*

11. [THE SOCIOLOGICAL INITIATIVES FOUNDATION](#)

The Sociological Initiatives Foundation was established to support research that furthers social change, including language learning and behavior and its intersection with social and policy questions. The Foundation supports projects that address institutional rather than individual or behavioral change. It seeks to fund research and initiatives that provide insight into sociological and linguistic issues that may be useful to specific groups and or communities.

- **FUNDING OPPORTUNITY NUMBER:** N/A
- **AWARD CEILING:** \$20,000
- **AWARD FLOOR:** \$10,000
- **APPLICATION CHECKLIST:** [GUIDELINES](#)
- **DEADLINES:**
 - Proposal Submission: *November 15, 2011*

12. [CREATIVE CAPITAL: MULTI-ARTS PROGRAM](#)

MAP works to build a thriving, risk-welcoming contemporary performance field by providing project-specific funding to playwrights, choreographers, directors, composers and performers experimenting in any performance tradition or discipline. MAP believes that exploration drives human progress, in art as in science and medicine. Sometimes the path of progress is lighted by an act of the imagination on the part of the artist. MAP exists to facilitate these acts and help bring them to their fullest realization.

- **FUNDING OPPORTUNITY NUMBER:** N/A
- **AWARD CEILING:** \$45,000
- **AWARD FLOOR:** \$10,000
- **APPLICATION CHECKLIST:** [GUIDELINES](#)
- **DEADLINES:**
 - Proposal Submission: *December 12, 2011*

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