Brought to you by the Office of Associate Deans and the Office of Corporate and Foundation Relations. Our goal is to share with you a variety of opportunities and search tools that may be helpful in your research or stimulate new ideas.

**Selected Requests for Proposals (RFPs)**  Remember to submit a [Grants Notification](#) form before contacting any granting agency.

**Global Health**

**Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation – Grand Challenges Explorations Round II**

**Deadline:** May 7, 2013

**Award:** Phase 1 projects of $100,000 are awarded initially; recipients have one opportunity to apply for Phase 2 follow-up of up to $1,000,000.

Grand Challenges Explorations (GCE) supports hundreds of early-stage research projects – including many ideas that have never before been tested – and scientists from a wide range of disciplines and regions. The Explorations initiative funds innovative ideas that could lead to new vaccines, diagnostics, drugs, and other technologies targeting diseases that claim millions of lives every year.

GCE is an extension of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation’s commitment to the Grand Challenges in Global Health, which was launched in 2003 to accelerate the discovery of new technologies to improve global health. To date, the foundation has committed over $450 million to support hundreds of projects on topics such as making childhood vaccines easier to use in poor countries, and creating new ways to control insects that spread disease.

We review for novel ideas that show great promise. Our review process is based on reviewers with a track record in identifying innovative ideas selecting the proposals they find most pioneering - no consensus or peer review is needed.

**Eligibility Criteria**

Grand Challenges Explorations is open to both foreign and domestic non-profit organizations, for-profit companies, international organizations, government agencies and academic institutions. **Grants will not be provided to individuals.**

**Tips for Grant Seekers**

- Your proposal must represent an innovative approach that is responsive to the topic. The foundation has a number of other avenues of funding for the equally important research that is within currently accepted paradigms. Such work will not be funded under Grand Challenges Explorations.

- Applications are sent to reviewers without personal or organizational information. **Do not include this information in the body of your proposal.** Proposals that include personal or organizational information in the body of the proposal are at risk of being automatically removed from the review.

- Your proposal will be reviewed by a panel with broad expertise and a track record in identifying innovations – these reviewers may not be deep domain experts in your field. You must describe your idea in clear language without the use of jargon unique to your field.

The work proposed in your application must include a clear set of key experiments or activities that test your idea in a way that could provide sufficient evidence to motivate Phase II funding. Proposals with vague descriptions or vague testing methodologies will not be funded.

**Instructions are available at the Grand Challenges website.**
Best of Luck

to Julia Looper, who submitted a proposal to the Cerebral Palsy International Research Foundation, “Effects of home-based treadmill training in pre-ambulatory children with cerebral palsy on walking attainment and physical activity.” Looper’s project aims to determine an optimal PT training schedule that will increase positive neuroplastic changes and accelerate acquisition of motor milestones for children with CP under age three.

And to Andreas Madlung, who submitted a proposal to the National Science Foundation’s RUI program, titled: “Comparative transcriptomic and proteomic analysis of phytochrome responses in tomato.” Madlung’s project aims to gain knowledge of gene interactions responsible for floral reversion in Arabidopsis suecica, which could ultimately have long-term impacts on crop seed yield and production. The project will be conducted primarily by undergraduates at the University of Puget Sound.

Selected RFPs

Creative Arts
Virginia Center for Creative Arts (VCCA) Artist Residencies
Deadline: May 15, 2013 (Also January 15 and September 15 annually thereafter.)
Award: Residencies of two-weeks to two-months in private studios in on the campus of Sweet Briar College in Amherst, VA

Serenity. Light. Space. Privacy. The ability to work uninterrupted for hours, days, weeks in a quiet studio cradled in 400 acres of rolling Blue Ridge farmland. These are just a few of the reasons why more than 300 of the world’s foremost writers, composers, and visual artists come to VCCA each year. Every residency includes a comfortable, private bedroom, three meals a day, and a private studio.

Admission to VCCA is highly selective, based on a review of applications by panels of professional artists. There are separate panels for each category (poets, fiction writers, nonfiction writers, playwrights, performance, film and video artists, painters, sculptors, photographers, installation artists, composers and cross-disciplinary artists) with over fifty panelists serving at any one time. These panelists undergo periodic review to ensure that selection to VCCA is being made by the highest caliber artists in each discipline. Panelists are also rotated regularly to ensure that particular styles or tastes are not continuously represented. The basis for admission by an application is professional achievement or promise of achievement.

The artists who come to VCCA produce some of the most important artworks in the country. Among our Fellows are recipients of fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts, the American Academy in Rome, the Pollock-Krasner Foundation, as well as winners of National Book Awards, Pulitzer Prizes, and MacArthur genius awards. More than 4,000 artists have benefited from residencies at VCCA over the years, making it, in the words of one of our Fellows, “one of the most important sources of art in the world.”

Visit the VCCA website for guidelines on how to apply.

Internal Opportunities

University Enrichment Committee (UEC)
The UEC provides funds to support faculty for research, sabbaticals, course development, travel and conference participation. Look here every month for upcoming deadlines and reporting reminders for active grants.

Conference Participation Second Trip applications are due May 16.

Application forms are located in University Resources for Faculty Professional Development. Forms and information are also available for:

Burlington Northern Curriculum Development
Conference Participation: Pedagogy
Course and Seminar
Cultural Currency
Enrichment
Faculty Research
Grant-Assisted Leave

Martin Nelson Award for Summer Research
Presidential Discretionary Hewlett Fund
Release Time
Sabbatical Leave
John Lantz Senior Fellowship
John Lantz Sabbatical Enhancement
Trimble Asian Studies Professional Development

If you have questions regarding University Enrichment Committee grants, please contact:

Sunil Kukreja, Associate Dean
879-3588

Lisa Hutchinson, Academic Support Specialist
879-3429
These search engines are a good place to start a discipline-specific funding search

Michigan State University Libraries: Posted grant opportunities and grant-related resources organized by discipline. Also general information on proposal writing and grant research.

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA): NEA supports nine disciplines in the arts and arts education, including literature, poetry, preservation, access, and translation.

Grants.gov: The primary source to find and apply for federal grants.

The National Academies: Sciences, Engineering, Medicine and Research. Links to associateship and fellowship opportunities, especially for young scientists.

US Department of Education (ED): Search the Forecast of Funding Opportunities for upcoming RFPs.

Decade of Behavior (FundSource) For research in behavioral and social sciences

Duke University Funding Opportunities For all disciplines, with advanced search options

The Grant Advisor A leading source of information on grant, research, and fellowship opportunities in the United States.

National Institutes of Health Extramural Nexus Subscribe to this monthly newsletter for updates to NIH policies and activities.

More selected RFPs

Community engagement
Greater Tacoma Community Foundation Spark Grants
Deadline: May 1, 2013
Award: $1500 micro-grants

Spark Grants is a grant program designed to help bring people-powered ideas to life within Pierce County, WA. This is not your typical grant—it’s designed to support everyday people who want to spark positive change. The program leverages $1,500 “micro-grants” to fuel go-getters, grassroots organizers and connoisseurs of community who have great ideas on how to make their neighborhood a better place. Projects funded by this program are inspiring, actionable, and relevant to their local community. We’re open to funding a wide variety of projects, though priority will be given to ideas that:

- Bring diverse people together
- Inspire community action
- Present a solid strategy that is realistic and achievable
- Are led by organizers who are trusted and recognized as connectors
- Provide matching resources

The Spark Grants program is made possible through funding provided by The Greater Tacoma Community Foundation and One Nation—a philanthropic collaborative founded by George F. Russell Jr. One Nation partners with community foundations in cities across America to create locally focused civic engagement programs that connect diverse communities to work with common purpose for the common good. More information about One Nation is available at: onenationfoundation.org/.

Apply for a Spark Grant online.

Important information for grant seekers

Puget Sound faculty intending to submit a proposal for funding to an outside agency must complete and submit this form to ensure internal review by offices responsible for grant review and administration. Please allow 10 business days for review and approval.

Completion of the notification form helps Puget Sound grants administrators facilitate a relationship between the proposed funding agency and faculty applicants, and also avoid potential conflicts of interest between applicant goals and university funding goals.

Please direct questions to Associate Dean Martin Jackson or Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations Jane Kenyon. For assistance with grant budget proposals, contact Senior Accountant Stefanie Lund.

Be sure to visit the Grant Resources webpage. The site provides resources to assist faculty in procuring funds to support research, programs, projects and initiatives to achieve the university’s mission.
Scientific research – multiple disciplines

Cottrell College Science Awards  Single-Investigator Grants

Deadline: June 15, 2013

Award: $35,000; requires institutional matching funds of $10,000. (Faculty wishing to apply for CCSA should contact the Associate Dean to discuss the process for obtaining matching funds.)

Cottrell College Science Awards support significant research that contributes to the advancement of science and to the professional and scholarly development of faculty at undergraduate institutions along with their students

Eligibility Applications will be accepted from faculty members at public and private institutions of higher education in the United States. The applicant’s home department must offer at least the baccalaureate, but not doctoral, degrees in the applicant’s discipline. The institutional commitment to research is an important consideration in evaluating the potential of the proposal.

Faculty Requirements The principal investigator must have a faculty appointment in a department of astronomy, chemistry or physics, or, if from another department, propose research that significantly overlaps with research in one of these disciplines. Faculty who have had a previous CCSA award, or whose appointment is in a department or school of engineering or medicine, are not eligible. At the time of application the applicant must be within the first three years of his/her first tenure-track appointment, and within 12 years of receiving his/her doctoral degree. Applicants cannot have a pending MI-CCSA submission or an active MI-CCSA award at the time of application for an SI-CCSA.

While the program is intended primarily to assist early career faculty often seeking their first external funding, applicants may hold other grants when multiple sources of support are clearly needed for full effectiveness. There will, however, be cases in which funds sufficient for the research are received during the evaluation period. In such cases, a CCSA proposal to RCSA should be withdrawn. Such cases should always be discussed with a Program Officer.

Budgets The total funding requested from RCSA is $35,000. An institutional matching contribution to the project of $10,000 is required for all applicants. SI-CCSAs provide for only those direct expenses necessary for the conduct of the proposed research and within the five budgetary categories described below. While these awards are designed to provide primarily summer support, continuation of the research throughout the academic year is expected. Budgets should be tailored to individual circumstances. Awards are approved for two years with a single, one-year extension possible to expend remaining funds.

What is Funded

● Equipment: computers and specialized permanent equipment costing more than $1,000.

● Supplies: (up to $6,000/year) small equipment, chemicals and other materials essential for the proposed research.

● Student stipends: up to $3,500 may be requested for summer employment for each student involved in the research program. Students are expected to work fulltime for 10 weeks during the summer.

● Faculty stipends: A summer stipend of up to $7,500 may be paid to the principal investigator based on eight weeks of direct participation in the project. Stipends should be prorated for shorter periods. Institutional matching funds may be used to bring the stipend above this level.

Travel costs limited to $2,500 per year may be requested to use facilities not available at the home institution, or for other purposes clearly necessary to accomplish the research. Arrangements should be made at the closest and most convenient site.

Visit the Cottrell College Science Award website for complete guidelines.

Academic media and technology

Consortium of College and University Media Centers (CCUMC)

Donald A. Rieck Research Grant

Deadline: June 3, 2013

Award: $20,000

CCUMC invites faculty, staff, graduate, and undergraduate students to submit research proposals for the 2013 Donald A. Rieck Research Grant. Proposals will be considered for funding (up to $20,000) that will improve the quality, effectiveness, and efficiency of higher education by developing new knowledge and practices that improve leadership, knowledge, accessibility, and utilization of media and academic technology to improve teaching and learning.

Successful proposals will articulate a focus on needs or opportunities related to educational media production, selection, management, or utilization, the distribution and support of digital content, or the innovative use or support of technology to enhance higher education learning outcomes. Greater consideration will be given to studies with general application to the field. CCUMC encourages the partnering of media and academic technology professionals, students, and faculty as co-principal investigators.

See the CCUMC website to apply.