Selected Requests for Proposals (RFPs)

Science/Technology/Engineering/Medicine
The National Academies - Jefferson Science Fellowships
Deadline: January 14, 2013
Award: $50,000 salary for one year + $10,000 travel support

The Jefferson Science Fellows (JSF) program serves as an innovative model for engaging the American academic science and engineering communities in U.S. foreign policy.

Tenured, or similarly ranked, academic scientists, engineers and physicians from U.S. institutions of higher learning, who are U.S. citizens, are eligible to apply for the Fellowship. Each Fellow will spend one year at the U.S. Department of State or USAID in Washington, D.C. The assignments may be coordinated with the relevant U.S. embassy overseas. All JSF assignments will be designed through a consultation that considers both the interests and expertise of the Fellow and the needs of the hosting office. Following the fellowship year, the Jefferson Science Fellow will return to his/her academic career, but will remain available to the U.S. government as an experienced consultant for short-term projects.

During the one-year assignment at the U.S. Department of State/USAID, the salary and benefits of the Fellow will be paid by the academic institution at which the appointment is held. The academic position of the Fellow, together with all the rights and privileges associated with that position, will be maintained during his or her assignment at the U.S. Department of State/USAID.

Applications are limited to scientists, technologists, engineers, and physicians holding a tenured, or similarly ranked, academic appointment at a U.S. college or university. Eligible applicants will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- Stature, recognition, and experience in the national and international scientific or engineering community.
- Ability to rapidly and accurately understand scientific advancements outside his or her discipline area and to effectively integrate this knowledge into U.S. Department of State/USAID policy discussions.
- Ability to articulate science and technology issues to non-specialist audiences.
- Interest and experience in policy issues, and open-mindedness toward policy discussions at the U.S. Department of State/USAID.


Visual Arts
National Gallery of Art – Center for the Advanced Study of Visual Arts Visiting Senior Fellowship Program, 2013-2014
Deadline: March 21, 2013
Award: Stipends for two-month fellowships range from $6,000 to $8,000.

The Paul Mellon and Ailsa Mellon Bruce Visiting Senior Fellowships are for full-time research, and scholars are expected to reside in Washington and to participate in the activities of the Center throughout the fellowship period. Lectures, colloquia, and informal discussions complement the fellowship program. Those who relocate to Washington will be provided with housing in apartments near the Gallery, subject to availability. Applications will be considered for research in the history, theory, and criticism of the visual arts (painting, sculpture, architecture, landscape architecture, urbanism, prints and drawings, film, photography, decorative arts, industrial design, and other arts) of any geographical area and of any period. Applications are also solicited from scholars in other disciplines whose work examines artifacts or has implications for the analysis, interpretation, and criticism of visual form.

See the CASVA website for more details and link to applications.
A Word from Jane Kenyon  
**Director, Corporate and Foundation Relations**

Visit the [Grant Resources webpage](#) for Jane’s feature-length article, *Winning the Grant is One Thing—Spending it is Another.*

You’ll find valuable advice on creating a project progress report in the midst of shifting circumstances that inevitably occur once a project is underway.

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**Grants.gov News**

The latest RFP updates, changing deadlines, new opportunities, and timely information related to federal grants can be found at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

In order to apply for a grant, you and/or your organization must complete the Grants.gov registration process. The registration process for an organization or an individual can take three to five business days or as long as four weeks if all steps are not completed in a timely manner, so register early!

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**Selected RFPs**

**Research Travel Support – Eastern Europe and Eurasia**  
**International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX) – Short-Term Travel Grants**

**Deadline:** February 6, 2013  
**Award:** Varies; see website for award provisions

The Short-Term Travel Grants Program (STG) supports postdoctoral scholars and professionals to conduct independent or collaborative research in Eastern Europe and Eurasia. With its flexible format and quick turnaround time, this program meets an important need for the scholarly and policy communities, and makes a direct impact on the formation of U.S. foreign policy through the support of policy-relevant, "open-source" research on current regional issues of importance to the United States. STG is designed to allow scholars to conduct short, targeted projects without significantly affecting their teaching and work schedules.

Scholars interested in STG can apply to conduct research in up to two countries for up to eight weeks. As part of the STG fellowship, participants are provided with visa assistance, international round-trip transportation, a monthly allowance for housing and living expenses, and emergency evacuation insurance. STG fellows also have access to resources available in any of IREX’s field offices.

Eligible Countries of Research: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan

See the IREX website for application details.

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**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.

Applications for **Release Time** are due February 1.

Applications for **Trimble Asian Studies Professional Development Awards** are due February 1.

Application forms are located in [University Resources for Faculty Professional Development](#). Forms and information are also available for:

- Burlington Northern Curriculum Development Conference Participation
- Conference Participation: Pedagogy
- Cultural Currency
- Course and Seminar Enrichment
- Grant-Assisted Leave
- Martin Nelson Award for Summer Research
- Sabbatical Leave
- Presidential Discretionary Hewlett Fund
- John Lantz Senior Fellowship
- John Lantz Sabbatical Enhancement

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

**Sunil Kukreja**, Associate Dean (Fall)  
879-3588

**Sarah Moore**, Associate Dean (Spring)  
879-3207

**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 RFPs

**Biological Research**

**Whitehall Foundation – Research Grants and Grants-in-Aid**

**Deadline**: Letter of intent January 15; full proposal June 1 for Summer Session. Letters of intent accepted January 15, April 15, and October 1 annually; see website for current research interests.

**Award**: $30,000 to $75,000

The Whitehall Foundation, through its program of grants and grants-in-aid, assists scholarly research in the life sciences. It is the Foundation’s policy to assist those dynamic areas of basic biological research that are not heavily supported by federal agencies or other foundations with specialized missions. In order to respond to the changing environment, the Whitehall Foundation periodically reassesses the need for financial support by the various fields of biological research.

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 mechanisms of behavior.

The Foundation emphasizes the support of young scientists at the beginning of their careers and productive senior scientists who wish to move into new fields of interest. The chief criteria for support are the quality and creativity of the research as well as the commitment of the Principal Investigator (a minimum time allocation of 20% is required).

The **Grants-in-Aid program** is designed for researchers at the assistant professor level who experience difficulty in competing for research funds because they have not yet become firmly established. Grants-in-Aid can also be made to senior scientists. All applications will be judged on the scientific merit and innovative aspects of the proposal, as well as on past performance and evidence of the applicant’s continued productivity. Grants-in-Aid are awarded for a one-year period and do not exceed $30,000.

[Link to the Whitehall Foundation website here for complete details.]

### 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](mailto:), or Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations [Jane Kenyon](mailto:). For assistance with grant budget proposals, contact Senior Accountant [Stefanie Lund](mailto:).

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.
Education Research

The Spencer Foundation – Small Grants in Organizational Learning

Small Grants for Field-Initiated Proposals

**Deadline:** proposals due by February 11, 2013

**Award:** up to $40,000

The Spencer 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. 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.

See The Spencer Foundation website for proposal guidelines.

Life Sciences

The National Geographic Society – Scientific Field Research Grants

**Deadline:** pre-applications should be submitted 10 months in advance of project dates

**Award:** $15,000 to $20,000

The National Geographic Society awards grants for scientific field research and exploration through its Committee for Research and Exploration. All proposed projects must have both a geographical dimension and relevance to other scientific fields and be of broad scientific interest. Applications are generally limited to the following disciplines: anthropology, archaeology, astronomy, biology, botany, geography, geology, oceanography, palentology, and zoology. In addition the committee is emphasizing multidisciplinary projects that address environmental issues (e.g., loss of biodiversity and habitat, effects of human-population pressures).

Funding is not restricted to United States citizens. Researchers planning work in foreign countries should include at least one local collaborator as part of their research teams. The committee will not consider applications seeking support solely for laboratory work or archival research. While grants are awarded on the basis of scientific merit and exist independent of the Society's other divisions, grant recipients are expected to provide the Society with rights of first refusal for popular publication of their findings.

As a general rule, all applicants are expected to have published a minimum of three articles in peer-reviewed scientific journals.

As National Geographic Society funds are intended to function as complementary support, the committee strongly encourages applicants to seek additional, concurrent funding from other funding agencies. Committee grants tend to act as seed money and are given for one year's research. Sometimes, but rarely, the committee will fund a maximum of two years of research. If the project director in your project feels that there are distinctive and substantive reasons for submitting a two-year application, he or she should understand that competition is keen, and awards for two years are scarce.

See the National Geographic Society website to apply.

Visual and Theatre Arts, Literature, Music Composition

MacDowell Colony

**Deadline:** Open application periods: October 15, 2011 - January 15, 2012; February 15 - April 15 2012; and July 1 - September 15, 2012, and each date annually thereafter

**Award:** Five- to eight-week residencies

The MacDowell Colony provides time, space, and an inspiring environment to artists of exceptional talent. A MacDowell residency consists of exclusive use of a studio, accommodations, and three prepared meals a day for up to eight weeks. There are no residency fees. Fellows are selected by our admissions panels, which are comprised of a revolving group of distinguished professionals in each artistic discipline who serve anonymously for three years.

The Colony accepts applications from artists working in the following disciplines: architecture, film/video arts, interdisciplinary arts, literature, music composition, theatre, and visual arts. The sole criterion for acceptance is artistic excellence, which the Colony defines in a pluralistic and inclusive way. MacDowell encourages applications from artists representing the widest possible range of perspectives and demographics, and welcomes artists engaging in the broadest spectrum of artistic practice and investigating an unlimited array of inquiries and concerns. To that end, emerging as well as established artists are invited to apply.

Artists may apply only once every 12 months; the Colony will only accept applications for the next deadline. Please refer to the application dates in the guidelines for open application time periods.

Visit the MacDowell website for application guidelines.