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.

### National Endowment for the Humanities – Division of Education Programs

**Summer Seminars and Institutes**

**Deadline:** March 5, 2013

**Award:**
- Seminars - $70,000 to $140,000 for twelve months
- Institutes - $90,000 to $200,000 for fifteen months

These grants support faculty development programs in the humanities for school teachers and for college and university teachers. NEH Summer Seminars and Institutes may be as short as two weeks or as long as five weeks. NEH Summer Seminars and Institutes:

- extend and deepen knowledge and understanding of the humanities by focusing on significant topics and texts;
- contribute to the intellectual vitality and professional development of participants;
- build communities of inquiry and provide models of civility and excellent scholarship and teaching; and
- effectively link teaching and research in the humanities.

An NEH Summer Seminar or Institute may be hosted by a college, university, learned society, center for advanced study, library or other repository, a cultural or professional organization, or a school or school system. The host site must be suitable for the project, providing facilities for scholarship and collegial interaction. These programs are designed for a national audience of teachers.

In the last five competitions the Summer Seminars and Institutes program received an average of 145 applications. The program made an average of forty-eight awards per competition, for a funding ratio of 33 percent.

Visit the Summer Seminars and Institutes webpage for more information.

### Politics and Government

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

**Deadline:** March 15 and September 15, 2013 and annually thereafter

**Award:** $2,000 for travel, living, and photocopies

The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation awards grants of up to $2,000 each in support of research in the holdings of the Gerald R. Ford Library. A grant defrays travel, living, and photocopy expenses of a research trip to the Ford Library. Library collections focus on Federal policies, U.S. foreign relations, and national politics in the 1960s and 1970s. There are earlier and later materials depending upon your topic.

Before you apply, please contact the Library for information about holdings related to your project. To apply, please send the application form, a vita, and a two or three-page project proposal to the Library by mail, fax, or e-mail. The proposal should provide both a description of the project and the ways in which Ford Library resources can advance the research. Ask three professional references to send supporting letters of recommendation by mail, fax, or e-mail. Letters of recommendation must be received by the first day of the month after the application deadline (April 1 for the spring round and October 1 for the fall round). Grant applications lacking the full complement of recommendations by these dates may be deemed incomplete and held for consideration in a later round.

Grant recipients must begin Ford Library research within one year of receiving an award notice, acknowledge Foundation support in the resulting publication(s), and donate to the Library a copy of the publication(s). See the Ford Library Museum website for more information.
Selected RFPs

Anthropology

**Wenner Gren Foundation - Hunt Postdoctoral Fellowships**

**Deadline:** May 1 and November 1, 2013, and annually thereafter

**Award:** $40,000 for twelve months of full-time writing

**Hunt Postdoctoral Fellowships** support the writing-up of already completed research. The fellowship is awarded to scholars in the earlier stages of their careers, when they frequently lack the time and resources to develop their research for publication. Scholars with a Ph.D. in hand for no more than ten years (from the application deadline) are eligible to apply. A maximum of eight Hunt Postdoctoral Fellowships are awarded annually.

By providing funds for scholars to devote themselves full-time to writing, the Foundation aims to enable a new generation of scholars to publish significant works that will impact the development of anthropology. The program contributes to the Foundation’s overall mission to support basic research in anthropology and to ensure that the discipline continues to be a source of vibrant and significant work that furthers our understanding of humanity’s cultural and biological origins, development, and variation. The Foundation supports research that demonstrates a clear link to anthropological theory and debates, and promises to make a solid contribution to advancing these ideas. There is no preference for any methodology, research location, or subfield. The Foundation particularly welcomes proposals that employ a comparative perspective, can generate innovative approaches or ideas, and/or integrate two or more subfields.

Hunt Postdoctoral Fellowships are nonrenewable, and provide US $40,000 of financial support for twelve months of continuous full-time writing. Applicants requesting shorter time periods will receive a pro-rated award as appropriate (e.g., a six-month project would be awarded $20,000). It is Foundation policy that Institutional Overhead or Institutional Support is not covered under this fellowship. Applicants can apply regardless of institutional affiliation, country of residence, or nationality. Application deadlines are May 1 and November 1. Final decisions are made six months later.

Applicants must submit their applications using the Foundation’s online application submission procedure and must also send printed copies to the Foundation by regular mail.

[See the Wenner Gren Foundation website for evaluation criteria, FAQs, and application details.](#)

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.

Proposals for **Faculty Research** awards are due March 1.

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

- Conference Participation
- Conference Participation: Pedagogy
- Course and Seminar
- Cultural Currency
- Enrichment
- Grant-Assisted Leave
- Martin Nelson Award for Summer Research
- Presidential Discretionary Hewlett Fund
- Release Time
- Sabbatical Leave
- Trimble Asian Studies Professional Development
- John Lantz Senior Fellowship
- John Lantz Sabbatical Enhancement

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

**Sunil Kukreja**, Associate Dean  
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**Lisa Hutchinson**, Academic Support Specialist  
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**Applause**

For **Rachel Demotts**, who received a grant from **Elephants Without Borders**, with support from the **Paul G. Allen Family Foundation**, to undertake two projects in Botswana. DeMotts’ first project will study the ways in which local craft markets can provide important cultural and social space; the second will explore the changing patterns of interactions between elephants and people in Kazungula, Botswana.

**Best of Luck**

To **Amy Spivey** and **Amy Fisher**, who submitted a proposal to the **American Physical Society**, “Sparking Imaginations: The History and Technology of Electricity and Electrical Power.” Spivey and Fisher propose to create an exhibit on the history of electrical science and electrical power generation for exhibit in the Collins Memorial Library from January to March 2014. The exhibit will contain texts, scientific instruments, hands-on demonstrations, and digital materials designed to inform the public about the scientific discoveries behind electrical power, and describes how electrical power is produced and distributed today.

**Data Management for Federal grants**

Collins Library provides information on creating data management plans for both federal and private agency grants.

The DMPTool will help you get started, along with links to agency-specific resources, notably NIH and NSF.
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

Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
ASBMB Policy Fellowship Program
Deadline: March 29, 2013
Award: Competitive stipend, unspecified amount, and healthcare benefits; contact ASBMB for details

ASBMB's Science Policy Fellowship offers recently graduated PhDs exposure to a range of activities regarding science policy and congressional and government relations. Fellows work in the public affairs office of ASBMB's headquarters, located just outside of Washington D.C. Applications are accepted in early spring. The fellow begins his/her tenure on July 1, and serves for 12-24 months.

The primary goal of the fellowship program is to offer young scientists exposure work at the intersection of science communications, policy and social science. Decisions made by Congress, regulatory agencies and local government have profound effects on the conduct of science. Likewise, science provides many benefits to society, including innovation, treatments for public health threats and jobs conducting research and supporting laboratories. Scientists play a crucial role in educating the public about the benefits of science while advocating for policies that will facilitate the discoveries of the future.

The fellow will work closely with the ASBMB Director of Public Affairs, Benjamin Corb, and participate in a range of science-policy research communications and advocacy activities. He/she will spend time on Capitol Hill attending meetings and hearings, agency briefings, seminars and coalition sessions. He/she will participate in activities of the ASBMB Public Affairs Advisory Committee. Outside of the general responsibilities discussed below, the fellow will have significant freedom to follow specific topics and issues that are of interest to him/her.

See the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology website to apply.

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.
Science and Innovation Policy
National Science Foundation – Science of Science and Innovation Policy (SciSIP)
**Deadline:** September 9 annually
**Award:** $40,000 to $100,000+

The Science of Science & Innovation Policy (SciSIP) program supports research designed to advance the scientific basis of science and innovation policy.

Research funded by the program thus develops, improves and expands models, analytical tools, data and metrics that can be applied in the science policy decision making process. For example, research proposals may develop behavioral and analytical conceptualizations, frameworks or models that have applications across a broad array of SciSIP challenges, including the relationship between broader participation and innovation or creativity. Proposals may also develop methodologies to analyze science and technology data, and to convey the information to a variety of audiences.

Researchers are also encouraged to create or improve science and engineering data, metrics and indicators reflecting current discovery, particularly proposals that demonstrate the viability of collecting and analyzing data on knowledge generation and innovation in organizations. Among the many research topics supported are:

- examinations of the ways in which the contexts, structures and processes of science and engineering research are affected by policy decision,
- the evaluation of the tangible and intangible returns from investments in science and from investments in research and development,
- the study of structures and processes that facilitate the development of usable knowledge, theories of creative processes and their transformation into social and economic outcomes,
- the collection, analysis and visualization of new data describing the scientific and engineering enterprise.

The SciSIP program invites the participation of researchers from all of the social, behavioral and economic sciences as well as those working in domain-specific applications such as chemistry, biology, physics, or nanotechnology. The program welcomes proposals for individual or multi-investigator research projects, doctoral dissertation improvement awards, conferences, workshops, symposia, experimental research, data collection and dissemination, computer equipment and other instrumentation, and research experience for undergraduates. The program places a high priority on interdisciplinary research as well as international collaboration.

Investigators are encouraged to submit proposals of joint interest to the SciSIP Program and other NSF programs and NSF initiative areas. The program places a high priority on broadening participation and encourages proposals from junior faculty, women, other underrepresented minorities, Research Undergraduate Institutions, and EPSCoR states. The program also supports small grants that are time-critical and small grants that are high-risk and of a potentially transformative nature (see [Grants for Rapid Response Research (RAPID) and Early-concept Grants for Exploratory Research (EAGER)]).

Visit the SciSIP Program website for details.

Research instrumentation
LI-COR Now Accepting Applications for New Undergraduate Research Grant
**Award:** matching grant up to $18,400; applications ongoing

LI-COR is now accepting applications for its Science Undergraduate Research Grant (SURG) program. This program is designed for faculty researchers and their students to gain access to cutting edge life science technology and incorporate it into the classroom. LI-COR Biosciences is awarding a limited number of matching fund grants (value up to $18,400) to eligible academic institutions within the United States and Puerto Rico to be used toward the purchase of a LI-COR Odyssey® Fc Imaging System, including the instrument, software, and reagents. Also included with the system are Western blot and DNA gel imaging sample curriculum, installation, and training.

Learn more on the LI-COR website.

Literature
NEA Literature Fellowships – Prose
**Deadline:** February 28, 2013
**Award:** $25,000

The NEA Literature Fellowships program offers $25,000 grants in prose (fiction and creative nonfiction) and poetry to published creative writers that enable recipients to set aside time for writing, research, travel, and general career advancement. Applications are reviewed through an anonymous process in which the only criteria for review are artistic excellence and artistic merit. To review the applications, the NEA assembles a different advisory panel every year, each diverse with regard to geography, race and ethnicity, and artistic points of view. The NEA Literature Fellowships program operates on a two-year cycle with fellowships in prose and poetry available in alternating years. For FY 2014, which is covered by these guidelines, fellowships in prose (fiction and creative nonfiction) are available. Fellowships in poetry will be offered in FY 2015 and guidelines will be available in the fall of 2013. Electronic application via Grants.gov is mandatory. See the NEA website for details and to apply.