

Foundation Funding Opportunities for the Social & Behavioral Sciences

The following funding opportunities are presented with a link to their websites and their focus areas. We will do our best to keep this site up-to-date but website links and organizations can change quickly so if you run across any information that needs updating, please let us know.

If you have had experience with any of these foundations, or others not listed, and would be willing to provide information to new faculty applicants, please use the contact link below.

This list is a work in progress. If you would like to share other opportunities that should be included, please use the contact link below.

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American Association of University Women (AAUW)

<https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/>

- American Fellowships: Women pursuing full-time study to complete dissertations, conducting postdoctoral research full time, or preparing research for publication for eight consecutive weeks
- Career Development Grants: Women pursuing a certificate or degree to advance their careers, change careers, or reenter the workforce and whose bachelor's degree was received at least five years before the award period
- Community Action Grants: Individuals, AAUW branches and states, and nonprofit organizations to fund innovative programs or nondegree research projects that promote education and equity for women and girls
- International Fellowships: Women pursuing full-time graduate or postdoctoral study in the United States who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents
- International Project Grants: Alumnae of AAUW's International Fellowships program who are living in their home countries and pursuing community-based projects to improve the social advancement and economic empowerment of women and girls
- Research Publication Grant in Engineering, Medicine, and Science: Women conducting basic research in engineering, medicine, or the physical or biological sciences and who have a doctorate degree in one of those fields. The grantee is required to publish their research in a scholarly scientific publication and be listed as a primary author.
- Selected professions Fellowship: Women pursuing full-time study in a master's or professional degree program in which women are underrepresented, including STEM, law, business, and medicine

American Council of Learned Societies

<https://www.acls.org/fellowship-grant-programs/>

Formed a century ago, ACLS is a nonprofit federation of 79 scholarly organizations. As the preeminent representative of American scholarship in the **humanities and related social sciences**, ACLS holds a core belief that knowledge is a public good. As such, ACLS strives to promote the circulation of humanistic knowledge throughout society. In addition to stewarding and representing its member organizations, ACLS employs its \$180 million endowment and \$30 million annual operating budget to support scholarship in the humanities and social sciences and to advocate for the centrality of the humanities in the modern world.

American Councils for International Education

<https://www.studyabroad.americancouncils.org/research-abroad>

American Councils offers comprehensive research, study abroad and internship programs in many of the most intriguing corners of the world. From language immersion and area studies to business and international affairs, American Councils has a program to advance your education and career.

American Educational Research Association

<https://www.aera.net/Education-Research>

The American Educational Research Association (AERA), a national research society, strives to advance knowledge about education, to encourage scholarly inquiry related to education, and to promote the use of research to improve education and serve the public good.

American Scandinavian Foundation

<http://www.amscan.org/>

- Fellowships and grants given to Americans and Scandinavians engaged in study, research or creative arts projects.
- Annual competition recognizes outstanding translations of Scandinavian literature authored by a Scandinavian writer born after 1900.

Paul M. Angell Family Foundation

<http://pmangellfamfound.org/for-applicants/what-we-fund/>

Priority Areas:

- Ocean conservation
- Social causes – root causes of poverty and inequality, particularly in urban areas

Vera and Donald Blinken Open Society Archives

<http://www.osaarchivum.org/about-us>

<http://www.osaarchivum.org/work-with-us/fellowship>

The Vera and Donald Blinken Open Society Archives (OSA) at Central European University (CEU) is a complex archival institution. OSA is both a repository of important collections, primarily related to the history of the Cold War and grave international human rights violations, and a laboratory of archival experiments on new ways of assessing, contextualizing, presenting, and making use of archival documents.

Caplan Foundation for Early Childhood

<http://earlychildhoodfoundation.org/>

An incubator of promising research and development projects that appear likely to improve the welfare of young children, from infancy through 7 years, in the United States. Welfare is broadly defined to include

- physical and mental health
- safety
- nutrition
- education
- play
- familial support
- acculturation
- societal integration
- childcare

Carnegie Corporation of New York

<https://www.carnegie.org/grants/grantseekers/>

Programs:

- Education
- Democracy
- Higher Education and Research in Africa
- International Peace and Security

Center for LGBTQ Studies

<http://clags.org/>

The Center for LGBTQ Studies provides a platform for intellectual leadership in addressing issues that affect lesbian, gay, bisexual transgender, and queer individuals and other sexual and gender minorities. As the first university-based LGBTQ research center in the United States, CLAGS nurtures cutting-edge scholarship, organizes events for examining and affirming LGBTQ lives, and fosters network-building among academics, artists, activists, policy makers, and community members. CLAGS stands committed to maintaining a broad program of public events, online projects, and fellowships that promote reflection on queer pasts, presents, and futures.

The Commonwealth Fund

<https://www.commonwealthfund.org/grants>

The mission of the Commonwealth Fund is to promote a high-performing, equitable health care system that promotes better access, improved quality, and greater efficiency in health care, particularly for society's most vulnerable, including people of color, people with low income, and those who are uninsured.

Council on Foreign Relations

<https://www.cfr.org/fellowships>

Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) fellowships offer unique opportunities for U.S. citizens with a demonstrated commitment to a career in foreign policy to gain experience in a new environment. Selected fellows broaden their perspective of foreign affairs either by pursuing work in a policymaking setting or research in an academic environment. CFR is committed to fostering a foreign policy community in the United States that is more representative of American society as a whole.

DAAD

<https://www.daad.org/en/>

German Academic Exchange Service

Doris Duke Charitable Foundation

<https://www.dorisduke.org/funding-areas/>

Areas of interest:

- Performing Arts
- Medical Research
- Environment
- Child Well-Being
- Building Bridges – Increasing understanding between Muslim and non-Muslim communities

Engagement Scholarship Consortium

<https://engagementscholarship.org/>

- Researching and studying the scholarship of engagement throughout the world.
- Encouraging the realization that the scholarship of engagement is a critical aspect of university responsibility.
- Promoting education, research, and study of the effects of engaged scholarship on community-campus partnerships.
- Promoting research and study of the impacts of community-campus partnerships.

Ford Foundation

<https://www.fordfoundation.org/work/our-grants/>

To address and respond to these drivers, we work and make grants in seven interconnected areas that together, we believe, can help challenge inequality.

- Civic Engagement and Government
- Creativity and Free Expression
- Disability Inclusion
- Future of Work(ers)
- Gender, Racial, and Ethnic Justice
- International Cooperation and Global Governance
- Mission Investments
- Natural Resources and Climate Change
- Technology and Society

Fulbright Scholar Program

<https://cies.org/>

U.S. Scholars: The Fulbright Scholar Program offers U.S. faculty, administrators and professionals grants to lecture, conduct research in a wide variety of academic and professional fields, or to participate in seminars. The Fulbright Program, the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government, is designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries.

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

<https://www.gatesfoundation.org/about/how-we-work/grant-opportunities>

Program Strategies:

- Gender Equality
- Global Development
- Global Growth & Opportunity
- Global Health
- Global Policy & Advocacy
- U.S. Program – Data; Early Learning Solutions; Economic Mobility and Opportunity; K-12 Education; Pathways; Postsecondary Success; Washington State

Getty Scholar Grants

http://www.getty.edu/foundation/initiatives/residential/getty_scholars.html

Getty Scholar Grants are for established scholars, or writers who have attained distinction in their fields. Recipients are in residence at the Getty Research Institute or Getty Villa, where they pursue their own projects free from academic obligations, make use of Getty collections, join their colleagues in a weekly meeting devoted to an annual research theme, and participate in the intellectual life of the Getty.

Eligibility

Applications are welcome from researchers of all nationalities who are working in the arts, humanities, or social sciences.

William T. Grant Foundation

<http://wtgrantfoundation.org/grants/william-t-grant-scholars-program>

The William T. Grant Scholars Program supports career development for promising early-career researchers. The program funds five-year research and mentoring plans that significantly expand researchers' expertise in new disciplines, methods, and content areas.

The Foundation's mission is to support research to improve the lives of young people ages 5-25 in the United States. We pursue this mission by supporting research within two focus areas.

- Reducing Inequality
- Improving the Use of Research Evidence

Greater Manhattan Community Foundation

<https://www.mcfks.org/apply-for-a-grant.cfm>

Grants are focused on the arts and humanities, basic human needs, children/youth, community development and leadership, conservation/preservation/beautification, education, the elderly, health care and mental health.

The Greenwall Foundation

<https://greenwall.org/about-us>

The Greenwall Foundation seeks to make **bioethics** integral to decisions in health care, policy, and research.

Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation

<https://www.hfg.org/programs/>

The Foundation is interested in violence related to many subjects, including, but not limited to, the following:

- War
- Crime
- Terrorism
- Family and intimate-partner relationships
- Climate instability and natural resource competition
- Racial, ethnic, and religious conflict
- Political extremism and nationalism

The Foundation supports research that investigates the basic mechanisms in the production of violence, but primacy is given to proposals that make a compelling case for the relevance of potential findings for policies intended to reduce these ills. Likewise, historical research is considered to the extent that it is relevant to a current situation of violence. Examinations of the effects of violence are welcome insofar as a strong case is made that these outcomes may serve, in turn, as causes of future violence.

John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation

<https://www.gf.org/about/>

The Foundation offers Fellowships to further the development of scholars and artists by assisting them to engage in research in any field of knowledge and creation in any of the arts, under the freest possible conditions and irrespective of race, color, or creed. The Foundation receives approximately 3,000 applications each year. Although no one who applies is guaranteed success in the competition, there is no prescreening: all applications are reviewed. Approximately 175 Fellowships are awarded each year.

Hanley Family Foundation

<http://www.hanleyfamilyfoundation.org/grantmaking-procedures/>

Support for programs that help individuals to recover from substance use disorder

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation

<https://hewlett.org/about-us/our-programs/>

Core funding areas:

- Education
- Environment
- Gender Equity and Governance
- U.S. Democracy
- Effective Philanthropy - strengthen the capacity of Hewlett Foundation grantees and philanthropy in general
- Cyber Initiative
- Economy & Society Initiative

Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

<https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/>

To promote academic cooperation between excellent scientists and scholars from abroad and from Germany. Whether you are a postdoc at the beginning of your academic career or already a world authority in your discipline – we have the right programme for you.

Institute for Citizens & Scholars (formerly The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation)

<https://citizensandscholars.org/fellowships/all-fellowships/>

Citizens & Scholars fosters future generations of informed, engaged, hopeful citizens who reflect the diversity of our democracy. We leverage and connect Fellows in our vast networks in the continued creation of a diverse knowledge base and fostering of a robust exchange of ideas.

Each Fellowship program is a part of a long tradition of Citizens & Scholars investing in the best and brightest people and ideas. We offer a variety of Fellowships for leaders and scholars across multiple disciplines.

Institute for Education Sciences

<https://ies.ed.gov/funding/>

The Institute of Education Sciences (IES) funds research that contributes to improved education outcomes for all learners, and particularly for those whose education prospects are hindered by inadequate education services and conditions associated with poverty, race/ethnicity, limited English proficiency, disability, and family circumstance.

Institute for Human Studies

<https://www.theihs.org/funding-opportunities/>

Addressing complex social, economic, and collective action problems facing modern societies requires leading-edge thinking and fresh application of the principles that drive human progress. The Institute for Humane Studies is building an academic network of high-impact scholars through in-person and online research communities that span generational, disciplinary, ideological, and professional divides to develop and advance the ideas that support thriving, free societies and widespread human flourishing. IHS will concentrate its activities and investments from 2022 to 2026 across seven focus areas.

- Liberalism, Pluralism, and Democracy
- Free Speech and Open Inquiry
- Equality and Prosperity
- Race in America
- Peace and International Cooperation
- Immigration and Freedom
- Business and the Good Society

Jacobs Research Funds

<http://depts.washington.edu/jacobsf/apply.php>

Grants are only for studying aboriginal languages and cultures of the Americas.

Japan Foundation New York

<https://www.jfny.org/grants/>

Grants programs:

- Arts & Cultural Exchange
- Japanese Studies
- Global Partnerships

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

<https://www.rwjf.org/en/grants.html>

We fund programs that inspire bold ideas and encourage solutions rooted in health equity.

Kansas Health Foundation

<https://kansashealth.org/opportunities/>

Program Areas

- Healthy Equity
- Access to Care
- Healthy Behaviors
- Civic and Community Engagement
- Educational Attainment

Kauffman Foundation

<https://www.kauffman.org/grants>

To create equitable, comprehensive, and sustainable change, we first listen to the communities in which we work, develop shared learning and knowledge, and bring people together. Through these collaborations, we champion ideas and support solutions designed to:

- improve education
- boost entrepreneurship
- help communities and individuals thrive

W. K. Kellogg Foundation

<https://www.wkkf.org/grantseekers/>

Interconnected Priorities:

- Thriving Children: We support a healthy start and quality learning experiences for all children.
- Working Families: We invest in efforts to help families obtain stable, high-quality jobs.
- Equitable Communities: We want all communities to be vibrant, engaged and equitable.

Kellogg Institute for International Studies – University of Notre Dame

<https://kellogg.nd.edu/opportunities/>

The Kellogg Institute offers faculty, graduate and undergraduate students, and visiting scholars opportunities to be exposed to new research and ideas, to engage with one another, and to fund their research on Kellogg themes (**Democracy; Human Development**), among a multitude of other ways to enrich their academic and professional work.

Kettering Family Foundation

<https://www.cfketteringfamilies.com/philanthropy/kff>

The Foundation trustees have historically approved grants in those areas where family members reside. At the same time 90%+ of the grants approved in recent years have been trustee endorsed, some of which are in areas that may be located outside of family residence areas. Family members live throughout the US, but there are larger concentrations between New York and New Hampshire, in addition to Colorado. We strongly recommend that you contact the Foundation's office to discuss your proposed program before you start the application process. Please send an e-mail to info@ketteringfamilyphilanthropies.org. The Kettering Family Foundation (KFF) will consider activities in the following categories:

Primary Areas of Support:

- Arts, Culture, and Humanities
- Education
- Environment
- Health/Medical
- Human Services
- Public/Society Benefit

The John W. Kluge Center at the Library of Congress

<https://www.loc.gov/programs/john-w-kluge-center/about-this-program/>

The John W. Kluge Center brings together the world's best thinkers to contribute to the conversation about the challenges facing democracies in the 21st century. Chairs, fellowships, and scholar in residence opportunities.

Knight Foundation

<https://knightfoundation.org/apply>

Seeking innovative ideas that advance informed and engaged communities. Some opportunities may only be open to certain communities listed below. However, they may support some programs outside of those communities. Submit a simple letter of inquiry to see if they have interest in your idea.

Program areas:

- Journalism
- Communities
- Arts
- Learning and Impact

Focus communities: Aberdeen, South Dakota; Biloxi, Mississippi; Boulder, Colorado; Bradenton, Florida; Columbia, South Carolina; Columbus, Georgia; Duluth, Minnesota; Ft. Wayne, Indiana; Gary, Indiana; Grand Forks, North Dakota; Lexington, Kentucky; Long Beach, California; Milledgeville, Georgia; Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; Palm Beach County, Florida; State College, Pennsylvania; Tallahassee, Florida;
Wichita, Kansas

Charles Koch Foundation

<https://charleskochfoundation.org/focus-areas/>

Focus areas:

- Criminal Justice
- Economic Progress
- Education
- Foreign Policy
- Free Speech & Peace
- Health Care
- Immigration
- Liberalism

The Leakey Foundation

<https://leakeyfoundation.org/grants/>

The Leakey Foundation exclusively funds research related to human origins.

Funding priorities (as of June 2023):

- Paleoanthropology of the Miocene, Pliocene, and Pleistocene
- Primates: Evolution, behavior, morphology, ecology, endocrinology, genetics, isotope studies
- Modern hunter-gatherer groups

Lilly Endowment Inc

<https://lillyendowment.org/for-grantseekers/guidelines/>

The Endowment gives priority to efforts that improve the quality of life in Indianapolis and Indiana. This priority applies especially to grants for community development and elementary/secondary education. Exceptions include occasional funding on an invitational basis for national programs that complement or relate to our work in Indiana or further a compelling cause aligned with our founders' interests.

Areas of Interest:

- **Community Development** - Nationally, the Endowment provides support on an invitational basis for compelling other causes that are consistent with our areas of interest, such as disaster relief and recovery efforts, programs for veterans' affairs and their families, and selective research projects and educational programs focused on efforts to promote the effectiveness of charitable organizations and enhance and increase charitable giving.
- **Education and Youth** - Nationally, we support on an invitational basis programs that expand and enhance higher education opportunities for African Americans, Native Americans and Latino Americans.
- **Religion**

Henry Luce Foundation

<https://www.hluce.org/programs/>

The Luce Foundation pursues its mission through eight grant-making programs.

- American Art
- Asia
- Clare Boothe Luce Program for Women in Science
- Indigenous Knowledge
- Luce Scholars Program
 - Forge stronger relationships across geographic borders by creating opportunities for young Americans to deepen their ties and understanding of the countries, cultures, and people of Asia.
- Public Policy
- Religion & Theology

John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

<https://www.macfound.org/info-grantseekers/>

Grant opportunities (as of June 2023):

- Climate Solutions
- Criminal Justice
- Nuclear Challenges
- On Nigeria
- Journalism & Media
- Technology in the Public Interest

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation

<https://www.mellon.org/grant-programs>

Grantmaking Areas:

- Arts & Culture
- Higher Learning
- Public Knowledge
- Humanities in Place

National Geographic Society

<https://www.nationalgeographic.org/society/grants-and-investments/>

- Ocean
- Land
- Wildlife
- Human Histories and Cultures
- Human Ingenuity

Newberry Library

<https://www.newberry.org/research>

Founded in 1887, the Newberry is one of Chicago's most historic cultural institutions. Curious people from all over visit to research topics of interest, discover their family history, take classes, or learn something new and unexpected.

Opportunities for research and discovery multiply when people come together. The Newberry offers several programs that support scholars, students, teachers, writers, artists, and others who ground their work in the humanities.

Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study

<https://ndias.nd.edu/fellowships/>

Dedicated to fostering and supporting integrative scholarship addressing ultimate questions at the intersection of the arts, engineering, the humanities, law, and the formal, natural, and social sciences, especially those that transcend disciplinary boundaries.

In order to facilitate collaboration and foster interdisciplinary discussion, the Notre Dame Institute for Advanced study chooses an annual theme to organize its research efforts.

David & Lucile Packard Foundation

<https://www.packard.org/grants-and-investments/for-grantseekers/>

Interest Areas:

- Conservation & Science (Climate; Ocean; Science; and Agriculture, Livelihoods, and Conservation)
- Children, Families, and Communities
- Reproductive Health
- Civil Society and Leadership

Caroline Peine Charitable Foundation

<http://peinefoundation.org/>

Exists to improve the quality of life in the City of Manhattan, Kansas, to benefit the KONZA Prairie and to provide for recreational development in the town of Keats, Kansas.

Radcliffe Institute for Advance Study – Harvard University

<https://www.radcliffe.harvard.edu/radcliffe-fellowship/become-a-radcliffe-fellow>

The Harvard University Radcliffe Institute Fellowship Program awards 50 fellowships each academic year. Applicants may apply as individuals or in a group of two to three people working on the same project. Radcliffe fellows are exceptional scientists, writers, scholars, public intellectuals, and artists whose work is making a difference in their professional fields and in the larger world. Based in Radcliffe Yard—a sanctuary in the heart of Harvard University—fellows join a uniquely interdisciplinary and creative community. A fellowship at Radcliffe is an opportunity to step away from usual routines and dive deeply into a project. With access to Harvard’s unparalleled resources, Radcliffe fellows develop new tools and methods, challenge artistic and scholarly conventions, and illuminate our past and our present.

Rockefeller Brothers Fund

<https://www.rbf.org/programs>

Program Areas:

- Democratic Practice
- Sustainable Development
- Peacebuilding

Rogovy Foundation

<https://rogovy.org/>

Our principal activity is the Miller / Packan Film Fund. The Foundation sees documentary film as a potent medium to disseminate information and relate stories which broaden our vision and change our perspectives. We provide support to filmmakers who open our eyes.

The Frontier Grant provides discretionary grants for ground-breaking ideas and strategies. The Fund’s program interests are in Education, raising our appreciation for the Humanities; Civics, promoting democratic ideals and the inspiration from others; and the Environment, emphasizing sustainable practices and compassion for our natural world.

The Focus Grant provides discretionary grants in support of urgent current issues, civics and investigative journalism. Our goal is to provide relief and encourage exposure and awareness for topics that include serious crimes, corruption or conflicts of interest. We hope to strengthen public knowledge and transparency, recognizing journalism’s essential role in a functioning democracy.

Russell Sage Foundation

<https://www.russellsage.org/about/what-we-do>

It dedicates itself to strengthening the methods, data, and theoretical core of the social sciences in order to better understand societal problems and develop informed responses. The foundation supports visiting scholars in residence and publishes books and a journal under its own imprint. It also funds researchers at other institutions and supports programs intended to develop new generations of social scientists.

RSF funds research projects in four principal programs—

- Behavioral Economics
- Future of Work
- Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration
- Social, Political, and Economic Inequality

School for Advanced Research

<https://sarweb.org/about/>

RESEARCH—We support leading-edge research in anthropology and related disciplines through our resident scholar program, academic seminars, and SAR Press.

NATIVE AMERICAN ARTS—We offer resident fellowships to Native American artists and, working collaboratively with descendant communities, steward one of the nation’s finest collections of Native American art from the Southwest at the Indian Arts Research Center.

PUBLIC EDUCATION—We provide our members and the public with access to informed discussions on topics of broad social concern through lectures, salons, classes, artist studio talks, scholar colloquia, and field trips.

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation

<https://sloan.org/grants/apply>

In selecting projects for funding, the Foundation seeks proposals for original initiatives led by outstanding individuals or teams. We are interested in projects that have a high expected return to society, exhibit a high degree of methodological rigor, and for which funding from the private sector, government, or other foundations is not yet widely available.

Programs in these broad categories with subcategories of interest on the website (these topics change over time):

- Research
 - Economics
 - Energy and Environment
 - Matter-to-life
 - Sloan Digital Sky Survey
 - Small-Scale Fundamental Physics
- Higher Education
- Technology
 - Better Software for Science
 - Data & Computational Research
 - Exploratory Grantmaking in Technology
 - Scholarly Communication
- Public Understanding of Science & Technology
 - Books, film, new media, radio, television, theater

Smith Richardson Foundation

<https://www.srf.org/our-mission-history/>

The mission of the Smith Richardson Foundation is to contribute to important public debates and to address serious public policy challenges facing the United States. The Foundation seeks to help ensure the vitality of our social, economic, and governmental institutions. It also seeks to assist with the development of effective policies to compete internationally and to advance U.S. interests and values abroad.

The Foundation advances its mission through its two principal grant making programs: the International Security and Foreign Policy Program and the Domestic Public Policy Program. The Foundation believes that conflict and change in the international environment continually create needs in the U.S. policy community for analysis and guidance on critical foreign and defense policy issues. In the domestic arena, the Foundation believes that policy makers are seeking innovative and pragmatic solutions to the long-term challenges affecting the well being of all Americans.

Social Science Research Council

<https://www.ssrc.org/our-work/>

The Council nurtures the excellent, the experimental, and the innovative. A research area that is critical today may have been emerging just a few years ago, and the scope of the SSRC's work reflects the ever-changing nature of human life and society. Our work is currently organized around the following general focus areas.

- Emergent Technologies & Democracy
- Health & Society
- Inequality & Inclusion
- Global Scholarship & Collaboration

Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD)

<https://www.srcd.org/professional-advancement/srcd-us-policy-fellowship-programs>

SRCD offers two different policy fellowship programs: Federal and State. Both policy fellowship programs offer immersive opportunities for researchers to learn about policy development, implementation, and evaluation, and to use developmental science to inform public policy at either the federal or state level.

Sociological Initiatives Foundation

<http://www.sifoundation.org/guidelines/>

The Sociological Initiatives Foundation supports social change by linking research to social action. It funds research projects that investigate laws, policies, institutions, regulations, and normative practices that may limit equality in the U.S. It gives priority to projects that seek to address racism, xenophobia, classism, gender bias, exploitation, or the violation of human rights and freedoms. It also supports research that furthers language learning and behavior and its intersection with social and policy questions.

The Foundation supports research that focuses on improving services and systems and increasing positive social and physical conditions through:

- Policy development
- Placement and shaping of the policy agenda
- Policy adoption or implementation
- Policy blocking
- Increasing advocacy capacity and political influence
- Shaping public sentiment
- Addressing challenges related to language and literacy

Language issues include literacy, language loss and maintenance, language policy, language and national security, bilingualism, language and gender, language and law, language disabilities, language and health, language and education, different language cultures, and second language acquisition.

In the context of social and racial inequality dating back centuries, 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 can help specific groups and or communities expand opportunities and challenge injustices.

Spencer Foundation

<https://www.spencer.org/why-we-grant>

Program Goals:

- Invest in education research that is transformative, methodologically rigorous, and helps create a better society.
- Support high-quality education research training.
- Broaden the diversity of scholars and scholarship in education research.
- Strengthen the impact of education research for improving educational practice.
- Made education research more accessible to public audiences.

The Sumners Foundation

<https://www.sumnersfoundation.org/grants/>

The purpose of the Sumners Foundation is to encourage the study, teaching, and research into the science and art of self-government, to the end that the American people may understand the fundamental principles of democracy and be guided thereby in shaping governmental policies.

Sunflower Foundation

<https://sunflowerfoundation.org/our-approach/>

Kansas based foundation focused on:

- Healthy communities
- Health systems

Surdna Foundation

<https://surdna.org/prospective-grantees/>

Program areas:

- Inclusive Economies
- Sustainable Environments
- Thriving Cultures

John Templeton Foundation

<https://www.templeton.org/>

Funding Areas:

- Character Virtue Development
- Culture and Global Perspectives
- Human Sciences
- Individual Freedom & Free Markets
- Life Sciences
- Mathematical & Physical Sciences
- Philosophy & Theology
- Public Engagement

Tinker Foundation

<https://tinker.org/institutional-grants/>

The Foundation's Institutional Grants program seeks to support changes to policy and practice that improve the lives of Latin Americans. The Foundation's funding encompasses three program areas in which research, innovation, scaling of proven models, and exchange of ideas have the potential to make significant, positive impact.

- Democratic Governance
- Education
- Sustainable Resource Management

Washington Center for Equitable Growth

<https://equitablegrowth.org/elevating-research/funded-research/>

Our funding interests are organized around the following four drivers of economic growth: **macroeconomics and inequality, market structure, the labor market, and human capital and wellbeing**. We consider proposals that investigate the consequences of economic inequality, as well as group dimensions of inequality; the causes of inequality to the extent that understanding these causal pathways will help us identify and understand key channels through which inequality may affect growth and stability; and the ways in which public policies affect the relationship between inequality and growth.

Wenner-Gren Foundation

<https://wennergren.org/>

For anthropological research

Whitehall Foundation

<http://www.whitehall.org/about/>

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.

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

<https://www.wilsoncenter.org/fellowship-application-guidelines#eligibility>

Through an international competition, the Center offers 9-month residential fellowships. The Wilson Center invites scholars, practitioners, journalists and public intellectuals to take part in its flagship international Fellowship Program. Fellows conduct research and write in their areas of interest, while interacting with policymakers in Washington and Wilson Center staff and other scholars in residence. The Center accepts policy-relevant, non-advocacy fellowship proposals that address key challenges confronting the United States and the world.
