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Carol Dobrunz Endowment Fund

Funding agency: UW-L Foundation

Program summary: This fund supports conference costs for non-tenured faculty or instructional academic staff (IAS) with a continuing appointment. The recipient must meet the following criteria: 1) must be employed at UW-L with at least a 75 percent appointment; 2) must be either a non-tenured faculty member or a member of instruction academic staff without an indefinite appointment; 3) must be attending a national conference with her/his discipline; and 4) may not have previously received this award. The amount of each annual award is determined by the committee based on the amount available from the fund but will not exceed $1,000. To be eligible, the conference in the application must occur between July 1 and June 30 of the upcoming year.

Deadline: March 27, 2015

Full description: http://www.uwlax.edu/Grants/UW-La-Crosse-Foundation/

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Small Grants

Funding agency: UW-L Foundation

Program summary: Through its Small Grants program, the Foundation provides grants for instruction, research, and public service. Any member of the university community may apply. Applications from students and/or campus organizations must be endorsed by a UW-L faculty or staff member. Funding priorities include: demonstrating innovation and excitement for furthering specific aspects of the UW-L mission; supporting an innovative idea or project that is seeking seed money for a start-up, pilot, and/or “proof of concept”; supporting an institutional priority; encouraging future students’ interest in UW-L; encouraging potential donors’ interest in UW-L; impacting a large number of students, staff, and community members; and representing a project that would likely result in long-range support for UW-L (e.g., building relationships that could result in creating future donors and/or community collaborations).

Deadline: March 27, 2015

Full description: http://www.uwlax.edu/Grants/UW-La-Crosse-Foundation-Small-Grants-Program/

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Art Works

Funding agency: National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

Program summary: NEA supports activities to make the arts more widely available, especially in areas where the arts can strengthen communities and projects that extend to underserved populations. Funding is based on four goals: creation, engagement, learning, and livability. Grants generally range from approximately $10,000 to $100,000; a non-federal 1:1 match is required. There is a limited submission of one submission per organization. However, demonstrably separate components of an organization may apply.

Deadlines: February 19, 2015; July 23, 2015 (NOTE: All Artist Communities applicants must apply under the February 19, 2015, deadline; all Design applicants must apply under the July 23, 2015, deadline.)

Full description: http://arts.gov/grants/apply-grant/grants-organizations

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Creative Writing Fellowships: Prose

**Funding agency:** National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

**Program summary:** NEA fellowships are offered to published creative writers of exceptional talent in the areas of prose and poetry. The NEA advances its goal of encouraging and supporting artistic creativity and preserving our diverse cultural heritage by expanding opportunities for artists to interpret, explore, and create work. The program operates on a two-year cycle with fellowships in prose and poetry available in alternating years. The 2015 deadline is for prose.

**Deadline:** March 11, 2015 (anticipated date)

**Full description:** [http://arts.gov/grants-individuals/creative-writing-fellowships](http://arts.gov/grants-individuals/creative-writing-fellowships)

Curatorial Grant Program

**Funding agency:** Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts

**Program summary:** The foundation supports curatorial programs at museums, artists’ organizations, and other cultural organizations that originate innovative and scholarly presentations of contemporary visual art. Projects may include exhibitions, catalogs, education, audience development, and other related activities. This program also supports creation of work through artist-in-residence programs, the work of choreographers and performing artists when the visual arts are an element of a production, and equitable access to resources. Awards range from $10,000 to $200,000.

**Deadlines:** March 1, 2015; September 1, 2015 (annually reoccurring)

**Full description:** [http://www.warholfoundation.org/grant/overview.html](http://www.warholfoundation.org/grant/overview.html)

Early American Industries Research Grants Program

**Funding agency:** Early American Industries Association

**Program summary:** The association supports research or publication projects relating to the preservation and presentation of early-American historic trades, crafts, tools, and the interpretation of their impact on our lives. Eligibility is limited to graduate students and scholars. Individual grants up to $3,000 each are awarded.

**Deadline:** March 15, 2015 (annually recurring)

**Full description:** [http://eaiainfo.org/research/research-grants/](http://eaiainfo.org/research/research-grants/)

Archaeological Fellowships Programs

**Funding agency:** Archaeological Institute of America (AIA)

**Program summary:** AIA awards several fellowships for travel and study to deserving scholars. Individuals must be members of AIA. The Samuel H. Kress Grant for Research and Publication in Classical Art and Architecture funds publication preparation, or research leading to publication, undertaken by professional members of the AIA. Its purpose is to assist scholars in preparing, completing, and publishing results of their research in Classical Art and Architecture. The AIA Publication Subvention Program offers subventions from the AIA’s von Bothmer Publication Fund in support of new book-length publications in the field of Classical Archaeology (defined as Greek, Roman, and Etruscan archaeology and art history). Particularly welcome are projects that publish the work of first-time authors or represent the publication of final reports of primary data from sites already excavated or surveyed but are still unpublished.

**Deadline:** March 1, 2015

**Full description:** [http://www.archaeological.org/grants](http://www.archaeological.org/grants)
Furthermore Grants in Publishing

Funding agency: J.M. Kaplan Fund

Program summary: The J.M. Kaplan Fund supports publication of nonfiction books about the arts, history, and the natural and built environment. Works should appeal to an informed general audience; give evidence of high standards in editing, design, and production; and promise a reasonable shelf life. Grants range from $1,500 to $15,000, and apply to writing, research, editing, design, indexing, photography, illustration, and printing and binding. Proposals to which a publisher is already committed are usually preferred.

Deadlines: March 1, 2015; September 1, 2015 (annually recurring)

Full description: http://www.furthermore.org/

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History Research Grants and Fellowships

Funding agency: Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library on the History of Women

Program summary: The library sponsors grants to use its holdings. Research Support Grants are open to researchers from any college or university and to independent scholars. Oral history grants are open to scholars conducting oral history interviews.

Deadline: February 6, 2015

Full description: http://www.radcliffe.harvard.edu/schlesinger-library/grants/research-support-grants

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Institutes for Advanced Topics in the Digital Humanities

Funding agency: National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

Program summary: Grants of $50,000 to $250,000 are available to support national or regional (multi-state) training programs for faculty and graduate students to broaden and extend their knowledge of digital humanities. Multi-disciplinary teams are strongly encouraged, and programs should include computer scientists as well as humanities scholars. Projects are allowed to include a mixture of collaborators from the public and private sector and specialists from within and outside the US.

Deadline: March 10, 2015


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Institutional Grants to Improve the Lives of Latin Americans

Funding agency: Tinker Foundation, Inc.

Program summary: The foundation’s Institutional Grants program has as its goal the creation of effective policy changes to improve the lives of Latin Americans. The grants support conferences, workshops, and research projects that address Democratic Governance, Education, Sustainable Resource Management, US Policy toward Latin America (funding limited), and Antarctica Science and Policy (funding limited). The foundation encourages collaboration among organizations in the US, Latin America, Spain, and Portugal. Letters of intent are strongly encouraged before the annual deadlines.

Deadlines: March 1, 2015; September 15, 2015 (annually recurring)

Full description: http://www.tinker.org/content/institutional-grants

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Landmarks of American History and Culture: Workshops

Funding agency: National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

Program summary: NEH provides support for a series of one-week residence-based workshops at historic sites, such as presidential residences or libraries; colonial-era settlements; major battlefields; historic districts; parks and preserves; sites of key economic, social, political, and constitutional developments; and places associated with major writers, artists, and musicians. Workshops should be academically rigorous, focus on key primary sources and documents relevant to American history, and involve leading scholars as lecturers or seminar leaders. Awards range between $150,000 and $180,000.

Deadline: February 24, 2015


Library Resident Research Fellowships in Philosophy

Funding agency: American Philosophical Society (APS)

Program summary: APS supports residential fellowships for research in the library’s collections. Subject areas include early American history and culture; American Indian Language; 18th and 19th-century natural history; anthropology, biochemistry, physiology, and biophysics; 20th-century medical research; genetics and eugenics; and modern physics. Applicants must hold a PhD or the equivalent, and awards provide $3,000 per month for up to three months. Fellowships may be taken any time beginning June 1, 2015, and must be completed by May 31, 2016. Fellows are required to be in residence at the library for four to twelve consecutive weeks, depending upon the length of the award.

Deadline: March 2, 2015

Full description: http://www.amphilsoc.org/grants/resident

Millard Meiss Publication Grants

Funding agency: College Art Association (CAA)

Program summary: CAA supports book-length scholarly manuscripts that have been accepted by a commercial or university publisher but that cannot be published in the most desirable form without a subsidy. Works must focus on art history, visual studies, or related subjects. Ineligible projects include museum catalogues, excavation reports, articles, collections of previously published essays, or multi-author volumes. Awards are typically between $3,000 and $7,000. Commercial, university, and museum presses are all eligible. Applicants must hold CAA membership.

Deadlines: March 15, 2015 (spring meeting); September 15, 2015 (fall meeting)

Full description: http://www.collegeart.org/meiss/guidelines.html

Phillips Fund for Native American Research

Funding agency: American Philosophical Society (APS)

Program summary: The program provides up to $3,500 over one year for research in Native American linguistics and ethnohistory in the continental US and Canada. The program will not support work in archaeology, ethnography, psycholinguistics, or for the preparation of pedagogical materials. The funding opportunity covers travel, tapes, and informants’ fees, but not general maintenance or equipment purchase. Preference will be given to young PhD scholars. The average award is about $2,500, and grants do not exceed $3,500. Grants are given for one year following the date of the award.

Deadline: March 2, 2015 (annually reoccurring)

Full description: http://www.amphilsoc.org/grants/phillips
Public Scholar Program

*Funding agency:* National Endowment of the Humanities (NEH)

*Program summary:* The Public Scholar program supports well-researched books in the humanities intended to reach a broad readership. Books supported by this program must be grounded in humanities research and scholarship. They must address significant humanities themes likely to be of broad interest and must be written in a readily accessible style. In the early rounds of the competition, NEH especially welcomes applicants who are in the writing stages of their projects or who already have a commitment from a publisher. However, the Public Scholar program also supports projects in the early stages of development.

*Deadline:* March 3, 2015


Summer Seminars and Institutes: Host

*Funding agency:* National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

*Program summary:* NEH supports 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. An NEH Summer Seminar or Institute may be hosted by a college, university, learned society, center for advanced study, library or other repository, cultural or professional organization, or 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.

*Deadline:* February 24, 2015


Travel and Research Grants for Music

*Funding agency:* American Musicological Society (AMS)

*Program summary:* AMS provides several travel and research grants to advance research in the various fields of music. AMS supports individuals with expenses involved in the publication of works of musical scholarship. The goal is to defray costs not covered by publishers. Proposals that utilize newer technologies are encouraged. AMS also offers various travel and research grants throughout the year that provide funds for international travel, research, and publication. Most awards range from $500 to $2,000 each.

*Deadline:* Teaching Fund grants due March 1, 2015


Arthur H. Cole Grants-in-Aid

*Funding agency:* Economic History Association (EHA)

*Program summary:* EHA supports research in economic history, regardless of time period or geographic area. Awards typically are in amounts up to $5,000, although higher amounts may be awarded in exceptional cases. Applicants must be members of the association and must hold a PhD degree. Preference is given to recent PhD recipients.

*Deadline:* March 1, 2015

**Education Research Unsolicited Grant Opportunities**

*Funding agency:* US Department of Education (ED), Institute of Education Sciences (IES)

*Program summary:* The Institute of Education Sciences (IES) supports unsolicited proposals for research, evaluation, statistics, and dissemination projects to provide reliable information about the condition of education, education practices that improve academic achievement, and the effectiveness of education programs. Any project that addresses these issues and is not covered under any other IES grant competition is eligible. In fiscal year 2015, IES will also consider time-sensitive research projects. Awards typically range from $25,000 to $200,000 per year for one to three years. The deadline below refers to required six-page prospectus.

*Deadline:* March 5, 2015


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**Alcohol Education Project Grants**

*Funding agency:* National Institutes of Health (NIH)

*Program summary:* NIH Research Education program supports educational projects (R25) that focus on education activities in the mission areas of the NIH. The overarching goal of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) is to foster a better understanding of biomedical, behavioral, and clinical research and its implications. To accomplish the stated overarching goal, this program will support creative educational activities with a primary focus on curriculum or methods development and outreach activities for health professionals.

*Deadlines:* February 6, 2015; May 25, 2015; September 25, 2015; January 25, 2016 (annually reoccurring)


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**Biobehavioral and Technological Interventions to Attenuate Cognitive Decline**

*Funding agency:* National Institutes of Health (NIH)

*Program summary:* The program supports small-scale research projects (R15) and exploratory/developmental research projects (R21) to stimulate clinical research focused on biobehavioral or technological interventions to attenuate cognitive decline in individuals with dementia (such as Alzheimer’s disease, Lewy body dementia, vascular dementia), mild cognitive impairment (MCI), or disease- or age-related cognitive decline. There is particular interest in interventions that can be implemented in community settings by the affected individual, informal caregivers, or others in the community.

*Deadlines:* R15: February 25, 2015; June 25, 2015; October 25, 2015 (annually reoccurring)
R21: February 16, 2015; June 16, 2015; October 16, 2015 (annually reoccurring)


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**Searching for funding?**

UW-L faculty and staff have access to the Pivot and GRC GrantSearch databases, which detail funding sources for all project types. Pivot can be accessed by setting up an individual account. To access GRC, contact our office for the institutional log-in. Funding resources for your project are only a click away!
Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease in Older Adults

**Funding agency:** National Institutes of Health (NIH)

**Program summary:** This funding opportunity supports small research (R03) and exploratory/developmental (R21) grants that propose basic, clinical, and epidemiological outcomes research on the impact of age on the development of, diagnosis, and management of diabetes and cardiovascular disease (CVD) complications in older persons or animal models. Research is expected to elucidate the role of aging mechanisms that underlie the increased vulnerability of older adults to diabetes and its CVD complications.

**Deadlines:** February 16, 2015; June 16, 2015; and October 16, 2015 (annually recurring)

**Full descriptions:**

Fellowship Awards in the Neurosciences

**Funding agency:** The Esther A. & Joseph Klingenstein Fund, Inc.

**Program summary:** The funding opportunity supports projects which provide a better understanding of neurological and psychiatric disorders. Several areas within the neurosciences are of particular interest: cellular and molecular neuroscience, neural systems, and clinical research. Awards fund young investigators, within four years of receiving his/her first tenure-track appointment in a university or medical school doing basic research in neuroscience. A candidate must hold a PhD and/or MD and be tenure-track.

**Deadline:** March 10, 2015

**Full description:** [http://www.klingfund.org/](http://www.klingfund.org/)

Mechanisms of Behavior Change in the Treatment of Alcohol Use Disorders

**Funding agency:** National Institutes of Health (NIH)

**Program summary:** The program supports small research (R03) and exploratory/developmental (R21) grants to investigate the underlying mechanisms that facilitate behavior change within current empirically-supported behavioral treatments for alcohol use disorders. A further goal is to enhance translational research efforts by identifying potential neurobiological or cognitive processes that may act as potential mechanisms of therapeutic change or mediate the direct link between specific active ingredients and alcohol use treatment outcomes.

**Deadlines:** February 16, 2015; June 16, 2015; October 16, 2015 (annually reoccurring)

**Full descriptions:**

Clare Boothe Luce Program (Women in Science, Math, and Engineering)

**Funding agency:** Henry Luce Foundation

**Program summary:** The Clare Boothe Luce (CBL) program supports women in hard sciences (chemistry, physics, computer science, etc.), math, and engineering at three levels: 1) undergraduate scholarships and research awards; 2) graduate fellowships; and 3) term support for tenure-track appointments at the assistant or associate professorship level. All awards must be used in the US (not for travel or study abroad). Student recipients must be US citizens and faculty recipients must be citizens or permanent residents. Deadline refers to completion of required information form. Only universities, not individuals, may apply.

**Deadline:** March 2, 2015

**Full description:** [http://www.hluce.org/cblprogram.aspx](http://www.hluce.org/cblprogram.aspx)
Cooperative Grants Program

Funding Agency: Civilian Research and Development Foundation Global (CRDF)

Project summary: CRDF Global fosters cooperative research and development opportunities that enable scientists and engineers to address critical societal needs such as global health, climate change, and energy. Several opportunities are available.


Economic Fellowships

Funding agency: American Statistical Association (ASA)

Program summary: The ASA/NSF/Federal Statistics program supports fellowships for applicants with recognized research records for a 4-12 month fellowship with the Bureau of Economic Analysis in Washington, DC. Fellows will develop research that can assist with timely, reliable, and comprehensive estimates of measured economic activity. Research may be in any area related to measurement of economic activity, and may include conceptual or methodological studies. Stipends are commensurate with applicant qualifications and experience.

Deadline: February 16, 2015

Full description: http://www.amstat.org/careers/fellowshipsgrants.cfm

EHR Core Research (ECR)

Funding agency: National Science Foundation (NSF)

Program summary: The EHR Core Research program provides funding in foundational research areas that synthesize, build, and/or expand research in STEM learning, STEM learning environments, workforce development, and broadening participation of STEM. The program supports Core Research proposals (3-5 years/$500,000-$2.5 million) to study foundational and transformational STEM learning and educational questions. The program also supports Capacity Building proposals (2 years/$300,000) to support groundwork necessary for advancing research.

Deadlines: February 3, 2015; September 10, 2015 (annually recurring on second Thursday in September, thereafter)


Genealogy of Life (GoLife) Grants Program

Funding agency: National Science Foundation (NSF)

Program summary: GoLife represents the successor program to the Assembling the Tree of Life (AToL) program and has four main goals: 1) taxonomic completeness; 2) data completeness; 3) a dynamic and open structure; and 4) training of next generation phylogenetic biologists. Projects should train students for diverse careers by exposing them to the multidisciplinary areas of research within the proposal.

Deadline: March 25, 2015 (annually reoccurring)


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**Human Frontier Science Program**

*Funding agency:* International Human Frontier Science Program Organization (HFSP)

*Program summary:* The program supports interdisciplinary, international research on complex mechanisms of living organisms. Young Investigators and Program Research grants provide for teams of scientists from different countries to combine their expertise in approaches to questions that could not be answered by individual laboratories. Areas of interest are brain functions and molecular approaches to biological functions. Applicants must submit a letter of intent to apply for a research grant via the HFSP web site with a deadline at the end of March, and after review, selected teams will be invited to submit a full application.

*Deadlines:* You must register and obtain a 2016 reference number via the website by March 19, 2015. Letter of intent (LOI) is due March 31, 2015.

*Full description:* [http://www.hfsp.org/funding](http://www.hfsp.org/funding)

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**Incisive Analysis Data Development Grants**

*Funding agency:* Office of the Director of National Intelligence

*Program summary:* IARPA supports research leading to new sources of information from existing and novel data, and developing innovative analysis techniques. Common features for programs are to (1) create technologies that can earn the trust of the analyst user by providing the reasoning for results and (2) to address data uncertainty and provenance explicitly. Areas of interest include methods for estimation and communication of uncertainty and risk; for understanding the process of analysis and potential impacts of technology; and for measuring and improving human judgment and reasoning.

*Deadline:* March 9, 2015

*Full description:* [https://www.fbo.gov/?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=51984cda8004df6a94f8d6b11da0ee61&tab=core&cview=0](https://www.fbo.gov/?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=51984cda8004df6a94f8d6b11da0ee61&tab=core&cview=0)

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**Research on the Science and Technology Enterprise: Statistics and Surveys**

*Funding agency:* National Science Foundation (NSF)

*Program summary:* The National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NCSES) seeks to enhance its efforts to support analytic and methodological research in support of its surveys, and to engage in the education and training of researchers in the use of large-scale nationally representative datasets. NCSES invites proposals for individual or multi-investigator research projects, workshops, experimental research, survey research, and data collection and dissemination projects.

*Deadline:* February 18, 2015 (January 15 annually thereafter)


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Need a Funding Finder Friend?

Let our Funding Finder team help you explore potential funding opportunities for your project. Fill out the Funding Finder survey to learn about the funding search resources you can access directly and request a customized funding search conducted by the Funding Finders.
**Safe and Secure Operations Grants**

*Funding agency:* Office of the Director of National Intelligence

*Program summary:* The program supports research that explores or demonstrates the feasibility of revolutionary concepts in computation, trust establishment and maintenance, and detecting and deflecting hostile intent. Areas of interest include computational methods, including algorithms (optical, analog, biomolecular, neuromorphic, quantum, and hybrid computing systems), technologies enabling energy-efficient computation, approaches to operating securely with imperfect equipment, detection, classification, and mitigation of attempts by adversaries to compromise safety and security.

*Deadline:* March 9, 2015

*Full description:* [https://www.fbo.gov/?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=a764ab8aa604142bf3b6e091096f2466&tab=core&_cview=0](https://www.fbo.gov/?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=a764ab8aa604142bf3b6e091096f2466&tab=core&_cview=0)

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**Small Research Grant Program in Political Sciences**

*Funding agency:* American Political Science Association (APSA)

*Program summary:* This grant opportunity supports APSA members to conduct research in all areas of political science. The intent of these grants is to support the research of political scientists who are not employed at PhD granting institutions and to help further the careers of these scholars. Applicants must be APSA members. Individual grants may not exceed $2,500. Many recipients also managed to use APSA support as seed money to obtain additional grant funding.

*Deadline:* February 13, 2015

*Full description:* [http://www.apsanet.org/smallresearchgrant](http://www.apsanet.org/smallresearchgrant)

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**Software Infrastructure for Sustained Innovation (SI2) Grants Program**

*Funding agency:* National Science Foundation (NSF)

*Program summary:* SI2 is a long-term investment focused on catalyzing new thinking, paradigms, and practices in developing and using software to understand natural, human, and engineered systems. SI2 supports three classes of awards: Scientific Software Elements (SSE), Scientific Software Integration (SSI), and Scientific Software Innovation Institutes (SSI2).

*Deadline:* SSI proposals due June 26, 2015


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Humanities Funding: Fact or Fiction?

Like the mysterious sightings of Bigfoot and Nessy the Loch Ness Monster, finding funding in the humanities might seem like an elusive tall tale we chase in hopes of figuring out whether what we have heard is either fact or fiction. Fear not, seeker in the humble humanities, for there is truth out there in the mystical land of federal and private funding!

As was presented at the humanities-centered Regional Grant Funds & Community Collaborations Symposium in December, there are several local and regional foundations that emphasize the importance of humanities research, such as the following funding agencies:

- Franke Foundation
- Gundersen Health System
- Kohler Foundation
- La Crosse Community Foundation
- Otto Bremer Foundation
- Wisconsin Arts Board
- Wisconsin Humanities Council
- Xcel Energy

In addition to local and regional funding sources, there are federal and nationally-focused private funding opportunities available. Two federal agencies to consider in the upcoming months of substantive humanities funding cycles are the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). An overview of some of the funding available through these agencies is provided in the table on the following page. As a bonus, I have also included the NEA Foundation, which is an education-focused foundation to which any discipline can apply.

The table on the next page provides a quick summary of each funding agency’s purpose and a few examples of funding opportunities coming up within the next year. What is great about these three funding agencies is that 1) their priorities focus on the humanities from a broad perspective; 2) the funding opportunities have broadly focused goals, and can allow for various types of collaborative and/or interdisciplinary research and projects; 3) students and/or the public are primary focuses of many of the agencies’ priorities; and 4) each agency provides a variety of grant programs to meet the needs and goals of humanities projects in pilot or advanced project stages.

One aspect you may notice when reviewing the criteria for these grants is the interest in or requirement for match/cost sharing to create a more appealing and competitive grant. Do not let these daunting terms scare you off from pursuing funding opportunities! What is great about many of the deadlines listed—and there are more on the websites—is that they are far enough in the future to give you time to come and talk to us in the ORSP office. Let us help you demystify the search for funding, and we can help you brainstorm creative ways to fulfill those matching needs!
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| Examples of Upcoming Funding Opportunities & Deadlines | Challenge Grants (May 5, 2015): Capacity-building grants, intended to help institutions and organizations secure long-term support for their humanities programs and resources. | Art Works (February 19; July 23): Supports activities to make the arts more widely available, especially in areas where the arts can strengthen communities and projects that extend to underserved populations. Funding is based on four goals: creation, engagement, learning and livability. | Learning & Leadership Grants (February 1; June 1; October 15): Funds participation in high-quality professional development experiences, such as summer institutes or action research; or grants to groups fund collegial study, including study groups, action research, lesson study, or mentoring experiences for faculty or staff new to an assignment. |
| | Digital Projects for the Public (June 10, 2015): Supports projects such as websites, mobile applications, games, and virtual environments that significantly contribute to the public’s engagement with humanities ideas. | Challenge America (April 16, 2015): Supports primarily to small and mid-sized organizations for projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations -- those whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by geography, ethnicity, economics, or disability. | Student Achievement Grants (February 1; June 1; October 15): Funds proposals that engage students in critical thinking and problem solving that deepen their knowledge of standards-based subject matter. The work should also improve students’ habits of inquiry, self-directed learning, and critical reflection. |
| | Collaborative Research Grants (December 9, 2015): Supports interpretive humanities research undertaken by a team of two or more scholars for full-time or part-time activities for periods of one to three years. Support is available for various combinations of scholars, consultants, and research assistants; project-related travel; field work; applications of information technology; and technical support and services (eligible projects defined in RFP). | | |


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Foundation Spotlight

William T. Grant Foundation

The William T. Grant Foundation supports projects that have the potential to advance theory, policy, and practice related to children and youth (ages 5-25) in the United States. Current focus areas that emphasize the foundation’s focus on children and youth are reducing inequality; understanding the use of research evidence by administrators, policymakers, and practitioners to create policies, programs, etc.; connecting research, policy and practice; and addressing prior initiatives such as how social settings affect the way children and youth develop. The foundation’s approach is built upon the base of three benchmarks:

1. **Research that is based on what is happening in the world today:** The Foundation realizes that current events influence the way we focus on children’s and youth’s needs. However, a common pattern in research that impacts what the foundation funds is if proposals increase our understanding of a) program and policies that reduce disparity in youth outcomes, and b) how policymakers acquire, use, and interpret research as evidence to support their programs and policies.

2. **Beginning with the questions, not the preconceptions:** The foundation believes that it is important for their grantees to consider bigger questions without preconceived conclusions. By being open to vast and sometimes unexpected answers supported by high-quality research, researchers are able to offer unique solutions to policymakers and practitioners about how to improve the outcomes of children and youth.

3. **Backing interdisciplinary approaches to research:** The foundation realizes the potential of interdisciplinary research to lead to unique and broad foci that will contribute to improved outcomes for children and youth in the United States.

**How to apply:** All applications must be submitted through the foundation’s online system. Every grant, as shown below, begins with a letter of inquiry (LOI) that acts as a mini-proposal that proves it meets the funding criteria of the foundation. An important factor to keep in mind is that the LOIs are reviewed by internal reviewers who may not know the disciplinary background of information provided; it is important to consider their needs when preparing the LOI (e.g., background information, layperson’s language, explicitly explaining the purpose of the research).

Based upon these three benchmarks, the William T. Grant Foundation offers the following grant opportunities:

1. **Research Grants:** Provides $100,000-600,000 for 2-3 years of support to research projects that use empirical theory and evidence to inform and increase our understanding of 1) “programs, policies, and practices that reduce inequality in youth outcomes;” and 2) “the use of research evidence in policy and practice.” For smaller projects of up to $25,000, the foundation also offers a separate funding opportunity titled Officers’ Research grants; these projects are typically smaller in scale and tend to focus on standalone projects that fit the foundation’s focus areas or build off of larger projects.
   a. **Deadlines:** LOI due May 5, 2015; August 4, 2015; January 6, 2016 (anticipated winter deadline).
   Full applications will be invited after the initial LOI.

2. **William T. Grant Scholars:** Provides up $175,000 for 1-4 fellows annually. Fellowships may range from six months up to two years. Fellowships provide funding to mid-career researchers whose proposals offer and identify learning goals within their experienced work setting. The fellowships must fit the foundation’s focus areas.
   a. **Deadlines:** LOI due May 5, 2015; August 4, 2015; January 6, 2016 (anticipated winter deadline).
   Full applications will be invited after the initial LOI.

**Website:** [http://wtgrantfoundation.org/browsegrants](http://wtgrantfoundation.org/browsegrants)

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Latest News

UW-L Faculty Research Day to be Held January 23

The 20th Annual Faculty Research Day will be held on Friday, January 23 from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Colleagues will be presenting their research, scholarly, and creative endeavors in 30-minute sessions followed by a luncheon featuring an open forum with WiSys Executive Director Arjun Sanga, who will address topics related to intellectual property in all disciplines, including the support WiSys provides to members of UW comprehensive campuses. This year’s event will be held on the 3rd floor of Cartwright Center. The event program can be found on the Research and Sponsored Programs website. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 785-8007 or via email at grants@uwlax.edu.

NEA and NPS Partnership Offers $1 Million in New Grants

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and the National Park Service (NPS) are teaming up to fund art projects that engage the public with the natural and historic resources of the National Park System. Approximately $1 million will be made available for the program, called “Imagine Your Parks,” through NEA’s Art Works category. Grants will range from $10,000 to $100,000. Projects may take place at and around the National Park System, or may take place elsewhere in the United States with a focus on the work and mission of the NPS. The National Park System includes not only national parks, but also national historic sites, trails, rivers, seashores, landmarks and national monuments, heritage areas, preserves, battlefields, recreation areas, and more. Projects that promote public engagement in urban environments, or that engage younger generations with the National Park System are encouraged. To learn more, read the official program announcement and guidelines and sign up for NEA’s informational webinar, which will be held January 21, 2015, 4:30 p.m., EST.

New Report Examines the Current State of Foundation Funding

The Foundation Center recently released the 2014 edition of its “Key Facts on U.S. Foundations” report, finding that domestic foundation funding is growing despite economic conditions, and that foundation grants are very geographically clustered. The report focuses on 2012 data, finding the U.S. was home to 86,192 foundations, with $715 billion in assets and $52 billion in giving. Foundations accounted for 16% of all private giving, with the vast majority of funds (72%) coming from individuals. Despite the present economic conditions, and the fact that some endowments have not recovered fully from the Great Recession, overall giving by the nation’s private and community foundations reached $54.7 billion in 2013, surpassing previous record levels even after adjusting for inflation. According to Foundation Center’s annual “Foundation Giving Forecast Survey,” overall foundation giving will continue to grow a few points ahead of inflation in 2014. Independent and family foundations will likely show an even higher rate of growth.

The Foundation Center looked at the country’s larger foundations to identify where the bulk of their funds go and what causes they support, examining giving from the 1,000 largest foundations, which gave 154,000 grants totaling $22.4 billion. According to their analysis, 22% of these grants were designated for health-related issues, such as medical research and services for disease sufferers. An additional 22% went to education projects, from pre-K expansion to higher education support. Human services related grants made up the plurality of grants offered, with 42,037 separate awards announced, although the value of these grants only added up to 16% of all funds. Other categories such as public affairs, arts and culture, environment and animals, and international affairs all saw over $1 billion in private foundation funding during 2012.

In order to see where grant funds were going, the Foundation Center divided the country into four regions, and determined their relative levels of funding. The nine states in the Northeast (from Pennsylvania to Maine) received the highest percentage of funds, with 30% of the largest foundation’s funds going to recipients in that region. To put that in perspective, 29% of the largest foundation awards went to the South, which was defined as a 16 state region going as far north as Maryland, and as far west as Texas. Although the South had almost twice as many states as the Northeast eligible for funding, the region received $100 million less in awards. The West, defined as a 12 state region going from Colorado to the Pacific coast plus Alaska and Hawaii, received $3.6 billion. However, California alone received $2.4 billion in funding, or two-thirds of all funds in this region. The 12 states in the Midwest received $3.1 billion. The full report can be found here.

Source: GRC GrantWeek

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[^1]: National Science Foundation  
[^2]: Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center  
[^3]: Recreation Management/Therapeutic Recreation  
[^4]: National Park Service-Department of Interior
FY 2015 First and Second Quarter Recap: An Overview of UW-L Awards

UW-L Awards Received by Source
FY2015 First and Second Quarters

- Federal, $1,866,591
- Non-federal, $633,332
FY 2015 First and Second Quarter Recap: An Overview of UW-L Awards (continued)

UW-L Awards Received by College/Division
FY2015 First and Second Quarters

- Provost, $1,000
- College of Science and Health, $1,117,372
- Student Affairs, $1,002,745
- College of Liberal Studies, $339,812
- College of Business Administration, $13,000
- School of Education, $25,994

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