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**Carol Dobrunz Endowment Fund**

*Funding agency:* UW-L Foundation

*Program summary:* This funding opportunity supports conference costs for non-tenured faculty or instructional academic staff (IAS) without an indefinite 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 IAS without an indefinite appointment; 3) must be attending a national conference within 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 it will not be more than $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


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**Small Grants**

*Funding agency:* UW-L Foundation

*Program summary:* 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; or representing a project that would likely result in long-range support for UW-L (i.e., building relationships that could result in creating future donors and/or community collaborations).

*Deadline:* March 27, 2015


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**Travel and Research Grants for Music Research**

*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. 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. Some upcoming grants include: M. Elizabeth C. Bartlet Fund for research in France; Thomas Hampson Fund for research/publication in Classic Song; Jan LaRue Travel Fund for research in Europe; Janet Levy Fund for independent scholars; Membership and Professional Development Committee Travel Grants to attend the AMS annual meeting; Eugene K. Wolf Travel Fund for European research; and Ora Frishberg Saloman Fund for musicological research.

*Deadlines:* Janet Levy Fund due March 1, 2015

  - Teaching Fund due March 2, 2015
  - M. Elizabeth C. Bartlet Fund, Jan LaRue Travel Fund, Ora Frishberg Saloman Fund, and Eugene K. Wolf Travel Fund due April 1, 2015
  - Membership and Professional Development Committee Travel Grants due May 22, 2015
  - Thomas Hampson Fund due August 15, 2015


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Fellowships in Economics

Funding agency: American Institute for Economic Research (AIER)

Program summary: Visiting Research Fellowships support summer research in residence at the institute. General areas of research interest include behavioral economics, business cycles, technology and innovation, regional economics, and small-business economics. In particular, the institute is interested in specific research in the areas of macroeconomics; personal-finance and behavioral economics; housing finance; education and careers – in particular, decision-making at the household level; and small business economics.

Deadlines: Fall term applications due May 1, 2015; spring term applications due October 1, 2015; and summer term applications due February 1, 2016 (annually recurring)

Full description: https://www.aier.org/visiting-research-fellowship

HR Research Grants

Funding agency: Society for Human Resource Management Foundation (SHRM)

Program summary: SHRM supports high impact HR research, whether the focus is on addressing current challenges or understanding emerging trends. Grant must be for original, rigorous, and empirical academic research projects that advance the HR profession or have clear applicability for HR practice. Awards are up to $200,000.

Deadlines: April 1, 2015; October 1, 2015

Full description: http://www.shrm.org/about/foundation/research/pages/default.aspx

National Institute of Justice Grant Opportunities

Funding agency: US Department of Justice (DOJ)

Program summary: Under the DOJ, the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is accepting applications in several topic areas, including research and evaluation on violence against women/intimate partner violence; abuse, neglect, and exploitation of elderly individuals; forensic science for Criminal justice purposes; social science research on implementation and incorporation in policy decisions, and other areas.

Deadlines: Research and Evaluation on Violence against Women/Intimate Partner Violence due April 7, 2015
Research and Evaluation on the Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation of Elderly Individuals due April 7, 2015
Research and Development in Forensic Science for Criminal Justice Purposes due April 8, 2015
NIJ FY 15 Social Science Research on Implementation, Dissemination, and Translation due April 9, 2015

Full description: http://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/CurrentFundingOpportunities.htm

The New Civics Initiative in Education

Funding agency: Spencer Foundation

Program summary: The New Civics initiative supports research that deepens our understanding of influences on civic action that attends to social inequalities in civic education and civic action and that has the potential to shape future research and practice in these fields. The initiative also aims to strengthen the research community and its connections to educational policy and practice. Three sets of influences on civic learning that interest the foundation are powerful motivations and psychological influences; enabling learning experiences and environments; and societal or group norms, political processes or events; historical and cultural trends, and other contextual influences. Deadlines below refer to small grants, which are under $50,000.

Deadlines: April 9, 2015; June 2, 2015; and August 20, 2015 (annually reoccurring)

Full description: http://www.spencer.org/content.cfm/the_new_civics

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Project Management Research

Funding agency: Project Management Institute (PMI)

Program summary: PMI supports research that has a direct application to some aspect of project management and its practice. This grant supports research proposals from scholars in project management, but PMI also encourages other disciplines to apply as well (e.g. management, organizational psychology, education, and sociology). Proposals from multi-disciplinary teams of scholars or teams consisting of academics and practitioners, who can potentially bring new ways of thinking and related bodies of literature to the field, are encouraged. Awards for this grant are up to $50,000.

Deadline: April 25, 2015

Full description: [http://www.pmi.org/learning/academic-research/sponsored-research-program.aspx](http://www.pmi.org/learning/academic-research/sponsored-research-program.aspx)

Research and Evaluation Grants on Children Exposed to Violence

Funding agency: US Department of Justice (DOJ)

Program summary: Under the DOJ, the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is accepting applications that focus on multidisciplinary research and evaluation proposals related to childhood exposure to violence. Of particular interest are applications that address polyvictimization, resilience, or justice system responses to children identified as being exposed to violence. Priority will be given to applications that include a strong theoretical basis. NIJ expects scholarly products to result from each award under this solicitation.

Deadlines: April 8, 2015

Full description: [http://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/CurrentFundingOpportunities.htm](http://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/CurrentFundingOpportunities.htm)

NIH Summer Research Experience Programs (R25)

Funding agency: National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Program summary: The purpose of the NIH Summer Research Experience Program (referred to as the “Summer Research Program”; R25) is to provide a high quality research experience for high school and college students and for science teachers during the summer academic break. NIH expects that such programs will help attract young students to careers in science; provide opportunities for college students to gain valuable research experience to help prepare them for graduate school; and enhance the skills of science teachers and enable them to more effectively communicate the nature of the scientific process to their students. The programs would also contribute to enhancing overall science literacy. Summer Research Programs that expand and complement existing summer educational and training programs are encouraged.

Deadline: April 2, 2015


NIH Support for Conferences and Scientific Meetings (R13)

Funding agency: National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Program summary: The purpose of the NIH Research Conference Grant (R13) is to support high quality scientific conferences that are relevant to the NIH’s mission and to the public health. Support of conferences is contingent on the fiscal and programmatic interests and priorities of the individual NIH Institutes and Centers (ICs). Therefore, a conference grant application is required to contain a permission-to-submit letter from any one of the participating ICs’ conference grant contact persons. Applicants are urged to initiate contact well in advance of the chosen application receipt date and no later than six weeks before that date. Please note that agreement to accept an application does not guarantee funding.

Deadlines: April 12, 2015; August 12, 2015; December 12, 2015 (annually recurring)

Research, Training, and Professorship Grants

Funding agency: American Cancer Society (ACS)

Program summary: ACS supports over 20 programs to provide funds to all levels of investigators in cancer research and an enhanced commitment to issues in cancer health disparities, psychosocial and behavioral, health services, health policy, epidemiological, clinical and cancer control research. ACS also sponsors training grants for health professionals as well as other special initiatives and international programs.

Deadlines: April 1, 2015; October 15, 2015 (annually recurring)


Campus Cyberinfrastructure-Infrastructure, Innovation, and Engineering Program

Funding agency: National Science Foundation (NSF)

Program summary: The CC*DNI program invests in campus-level data and networking infrastructure and integration activities tied to achieving higher levels of performance, reliability, and predictability for science applications and distributed research projects. Science-driven requirements are the primary motivation for any proposed activity. CC*DNI awards in seven areas: Data Infrastructure Building Blocks (DIBBs); Data Driven Networking Infrastructure for the Campus and Researcher; Network Design and Implementation for Small Institutions; Network Integration and Applied Innovation; Campus CI Engineer; Regional Coordination and Partnership in Advanced Networking; and Instrument Networking. Award amounts vary from $150,000-$5,000,000, and most awards are for up to two years.

Deadline: March 24, 2015


Chrétien International Research Grants

Funding agency: American Astronomical Society (AAS)

Program summary: AAS supports individuals or groups of PhD astronomers throughout the world to further collaborative projects in observational astronomy with emphasis on long-term, international visits. Innovative technical approaches, including development and use of new optics, devices, and techniques, will count in the applicant’s favor. Preference is shown for individuals of high promise who are otherwise unfunded. Awards of $20,000 per year cover reasonable costs associated with astronomical observational research including travel, salary, publication costs, and small equipment.

Deadline: April 1, 2015 (annually recurring)

Full description: [http://aas.org/grants-and-prizes/chr%C3%A9tien-international-research-grants](http://aas.org/grants-and-prizes/chr%C3%A9tien-international-research-grants)
Communications, Circuits, and Sensing-Systems (CCSS) Program

Funding agency: National Science Foundation (NSF)

Program summary: The CCSS Program is intended to spur visionary systems-oriented activities in collaborative, multidisciplinary, and integrative research. CCSS supports systems research in hardware, signal processing techniques, and architectures to enable the next generation of cyber-physical systems (CPS) that leverage computation, communication, and algorithms integrated with physical domains. CCSS supports innovative research and integrated educational activities in micro- and nano- electromechanical systems (MEMS/NEMS), communications and sensing systems, and cyber-physical systems. The goal is to design, develop, and implement new complex and hybrid systems at all scales, including nano and macro, that lead to innovative engineering principles and solutions for a variety of application domains, including but not limited to healthcare, medicine, environmental monitoring, communications, disaster mitigation, homeland security, transportation, manufacturing, energy, and smart buildings.

Deadlines: REU/RET supplemental applications due April 1, 2015 (annually recurring)

Full applications due November 2, 2015 (annually recurring)


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Dimensions of Biodiversity Grants

Funding agency: National Science Foundation (NSF)

Program summary: This program supports integrative, innovative approaches to filling the most substantial gaps in understanding of the diversity of life on Earth. This campaign takes a broad view of biodiversity, and in its initial phase focuses on the integration of genetic, phylogenetic, and functional dimensions of biodiversity. Successful proposals should integrate these three dimensions to understand interactions and feedbacks among them. This program differs from other BIO and GEO programs by requiring that multiple dimensions of biodiversity be addressed simultaneously, in novel ways, to understand their synergistic roles in critical ecological and evolutionary processes.

Deadline: April 9, 2015


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Electronics, Photonics, and Magnetic Devices (EPMD) Program

Funding agency: National Science Foundation (NSF)

Program summary: The EPMD program supports efforts to improve the fundamental understanding of devices and components based on the principles of micro-and nano-electronics, photonics, magnetics, organics, electro-optics, electromechanics, electromagnetics, and related physical phenomena.

Deadlines: REU/RET supplemental applications due April 1, 2015 (annually recurring)

Full applications due November 2, 2015 (annually recurring)


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Environmental Security Technology Certification Program (ESTCP)

*Funding agency:* US Department of Defense (DOD)

*Program summary:* ESTCP seeks pre-proposals that support promising, innovative technologies that target DOD's most urgent environmental needs through their implementation and commercialization. Researchers from federal organizations, universities, and private industry can apply for ESTCP funding. All proposals must respond to a topic area associated with the solicitation.

*Deadline:* Pre-proposals due March 12, 2015

*Full description:* [https://serdp-estcp.org/Funding-Opportunities/ESTCP-Solicitations](https://serdp-estcp.org/Funding-Opportunities/ESTCP-Solicitations)

Grants-in-Aid and Research Grants

*Funding agency:* Whitehall Foundation

*Program summary:* The Whitehall Foundation supports basic research in vertebrate and invertebrate (excluding clinical) neurobiology in the US – 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. Grants-in-aid provide up to $30,000 for one year to support researchers at the assistant professor level or senior researchers who have not received significant funding. Research grants range from $30,000-$75,000 per year for up to three years to support established researchers of any age who have not received significant funding.

*Deadlines:* Fall session: Letter of intent (LOI) due April 15, 2015; application due September 1, 2015

Spring session: LOI due October 1, 2015; application due February 15, 2016

Summer session: LOI due January 15, 2016; application due June 1, 2016


Innovation Corps (I-Corps) Regional Node Program

*Funding agency:* National Science Foundation (NSF)

*Program summary:* The I-Corps program seeks to build a network of regional nodes that will work cooperatively to establish, utilize, and sustain a national innovation ecosystem that further enhances the development of technologies, products, and processes that benefit society. The interconnected nodes of this network may be diverse in research areas, resources, tools, programs, capabilities, and geographic locations. I-Corps Regional Nodes will foster understanding on how to 1) identify, develop and support promising ideas that can generate value; 2) create and implement tools and resources that enhance our nation’s innovation capacity; 3) gather, analyze, evaluate, and utilize the data and insight resulting from the experiences of those participating in the I-Corps program; and 4) share and leverage effective innovation practices on a national scale to improve the quality of life for the US citizenry.

*Deadline:* April 17, 2015

NSF-CBMS Regional Research Conferences in the Mathematical Sciences

Funding agency: National Science Foundation (NSF)

Program summary: NSF supports five-day conferences featuring distinguished lecturers on a topic of important current research in one sharply-focused area of the mathematical sciences. Each lecturer prepares an expository monograph, which is normally published as a part of a regional conference series. Support is provided for about 30 participants at each conference, including new and established researchers and graduate students.

Deadline: April 24, 2015 (annually reoccurring)


Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program

Funding agency: National Science Foundation (NSF)

Program summary: The program allows institutions to provide scholarships, stipends, and academic programs for undergraduate STEM majors and post-baccalaureate students holding STEM degrees who earn a teaching credential and commit to teaching in high-need K-12 school districts. Teaching Fellows/Master Teaching Fellows awards pair STEM professionals enrolled in master’s programs with Master Teaching Fellows. Capacity-building projects also supported.

Deadlines: March 17, 2015; August 4, 2015


Perception, Action, and Cognition Program

Funding agency: National Science Foundation (NSF)

Program summary: This program supports research on perception, action, and cognition. Emphasis should be on research strongly grounded in theory. Central research topics for consideration by the Perception, Action, and Cognition panel include vision, audition, haptics, attention, memory, reasoning, written and spoken discourse, and motor control. The program encompasses a wide range of theoretical perspectives, such as symbolic computation, connectionism, ecological, nonlinear dynamics, and complex systems, and a variety of methodologies, including both experimental studies and modeling.

Deadlines: April 15, 2015; June 15, 2015—These deadlines are for workshop and conference proposals only.

August 1, 2015; February 1, 2016—These deadlines are for research proposals only (all dates are annually recurring).

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