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News

Competition for Title III and FIPSE Suspended

The United States Department of Higher Education recently announced it has suspended competition for two of its most prominent programs: FIPSE and Title III. Although Congress provided $163 million for the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE), lawmakers instructed ED officials to bypass the competitive grant process and direct its funding to 419 specific projects. According to an ED spokesman, "this is what Congress did, and we implement the laws as written. The funds were earmarked so there was no money for a new competition." Lawmakers have been stuffing FIPSE with so-called pork projects for several years, but not to the current extent or with the same dramatic result. The popular program, which funds innovative approaches to problems of national significance in higher education typically draws 1,500 to 1,800 preliminary applications. Those proposals submitted in early November (during the preliminary stage) will be returned "unread" to prospective applicants. FIPSE isn't the only ED program feeling the squeeze. In similar fashion, competition for the 2005 Title III (Strengthening Institutions Program) has been suspended because of reduced spending levels. The Title III Part A Strengthening Institutions Program provides grants to improve educational quality, management and financial stability at postsecondary institutions. BMCC is in the final stages of its five-year Title III project and is not affected by these developments. Department officials say funding received for this year’s Title III program will be awarded to support projects already in place. No other official explanation has been given for the decision to forego a competition this year.
College Welcomes New Vice President for Development

Ms. Karen Wenderoff has been hired as the college’s new Vice President of Development and Chief Operating Officer of the BMCC Foundation, Inc.: Ms. Wenderoff most recently served as President of the Brooklyn Public Library Foundation, where she increased overall fundraising by 50% and implemented two major capital campaigns that raised $20 million dollars for building renovations. Before working at the Brooklyn Public Library Foundation, Karen was Director of Development for the Brooklyn Conservatory of Music and Executive Director of the Park Slope Neighborhood Foundation.

“Borough of Manhattan Community College has distinguished itself as an institution of exceptional quality and value,” said Ms. Wenderoff. “I look forward to helping the college expand its services and facilities, so that more students will have the opportunity to achieve their professional goals.”

Ms. Wenderoff received a Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of California at Santa Cruz and a Master of Fine Arts degree from New York University.

BMCC Receives $830K from NSF

The college’s Computer Information Systems (CIS) Department was awarded an $830,000 three-year grant from the National Science Foundation under its ATE (Advance Technology Education) initiative. The project integrates computer security principles into its existing CIS curricula by developing four new courses and redesigning its (eighteen) required major courses to incorporate important concepts and principles of computer security. In addition, the project will design a non-major CIS course to raise the cybersecurity awareness of students in non-technical majors. Congratulations to the project’s Senior Principal Investigator: Mete Kok and the four Co-PIs, Manawendra Roy, Ana Salvati, Chigurupati Rani and Yakov Genis.

BMCC Awarded $2.3 Million to Improve Student Advisement

BMCC was awarded a five-year $2.329 million grant from the United States Department of Education under the Title V (Hispanic Serving Institutions) Program. The primary goal is to improve student success by adopting a single comprehensive activity which will introduce: (1) a new academic advisement model aimed at making students more dynamic decision makers; (2) and the development of an electronic advisement database aimed at improving the delivery of guidance and support. Combined, the reform strategies introduce systems and services that will increase the persistence and retention of liberal arts students. Dean Erwin Wong is the Principal Investigator, Nydia Pulles-Linares (Modern Languages) will serve as Title V Activity Director, with Rhea Parson (Social Science) coordinating the training component and Glenn Miller (Mathematics) overseeing the implementation of the Advisement Database.

BMCC Receives NSF Funding to Establish a Virtual Computer Laboratory

In a joint proposal submitted in partnership with Brooklyn Polytechnic University, John Jay College and New York City Technical College, BMCC’s Computer Information Systems Department will receive $200,000 over a two-year period from the National Science Foundation to develop a “virtual” laboratory facility in the area of information assurance (IA) education. The laboratory will be remotely accessible and will allow each individual member of the consortium to modify the network’s components as needed for the specific hands-on assignment being performed by their students.

The proposed project will enable each of the partnering institutions to exchange curricula, research and faculty development activities by means of a centrally shared laboratory facility. The project leaders are hopeful the Virtual Lab will become a national model for collaboration between PhD. granting universities and other community colleges. The Principal Investigator of the project is Professor Manawendra Roy.
BMCC’s Faculty Excel in Research Grants

In early September, CUNY announced the implementation of its new Community College Collaborative Incentive Research Grant Program. Its purpose is to support the research efforts of faculty, especially junior faculty, at the community colleges, and to encourage collaborations with faculty within and across the CUNY campuses. On December 12th, 2004, the university announced that of the 18 awards made to CUNY researchers, half were awarded to BMCC faculty! Congratulations to the following faculty.

Researchers: Kathy Kessler (Developmental Skills) and Gita Martohardjono (CUNY Graduate Center)
Project: Word-concept Relations in L1-dominant Bilinguals: A Longitudinal Investigation of Word Production in First and Second Language.
Award: $30,000

Researchers: Dina M. Karafantis (Social Sciences) and Joanne Pierre-Louis (LaGuardia Community College)
Award: $28,093

Researchers: Brammadeo Dewprashad (Science), Nkechi Agwu (Mathematics) and Barbara Tacinelli (Nursing)
Project: An Investigation into the Patterns of Uses and Effects of Self-Medication in Caribbean Immigrant Communities.
Award: $30,000

Researchers: Patricia Molina, Lauren Goodwyn and Sarah Salm (Science Department)
Project: Biochemical Characterization of the p53 Molecules that Bind to the p53-Response Element in the WAF1gene.
Award: $30,000

Researchers: Rafael Niyazov (Science Department) and Ali Sadegh (City College)
Project: Propagation of High-Frequency Mechanical Waves through a Viscoelastic Material during the Bonding Process.
Award: $30,000

Researchers: Elena Nogina (Mathematics Department) and Sergei Artemov (CUNY Graduate Center)
Project: Mathematical Foundations of Knowledge Representation.
Award: $22,802.80

Researchers: Frank Ramdayal (Science Department) and Vernon G.S. Box (City College)
Project: Intramolecular Charge-Transfer Molecules, Their Synthesis, Chemistry, Photochemistry, and Intercalation into DNA+C38. Award: $30,000

Researchers: Shana Tribiano (Science Department), Charles Liu (Staten Island), Tim Paglione (York College)
Project: The Spatial Clustering of High Redshift Galaxies in the COSMOS Survey and Multi-wavelength Collaboration
Award: $30,000

Researchers: Yibao Xu (Mathematics Department) and Joseph Dauben (CUNY Graduate Center)
Project: Mathematicians in China and the Cultural Revolution
Award: $15,911
CUNY Collaborative Incentive Research Grants Program

Faculty interested in conducting research may apply for the CUNY Collaborative Incentive Research Grants Program. Its purpose is to encourage multi-campus collaborations. Full-time CUNY faculty researchers from at least two campuses are encouraged to apply for university funding over a two-year period in support of a collaborative research project. Eligible projects would not include those with a significant existing record of external collaborative funding. Projects would include a commitment for the submission of at least one substantive joint proposal to a government agency, or a private sector-funding source, over the two-year course of university funding. This round of funding will again issue two-year grants, with anticipated funding at last year's level or higher. Funding of this program is subject to availability of funds and budgetary approvals.

In order to encourage faculty to think in terms of major initiatives, budgets of up to a maximum of $40,000 a year for two years will be considered. Grant funds may be used to hire research associates or assistants, purchase faculty release time at adjunct rates, or for items other than personnel services (OTPS). Faculty summer salary is permitted. All investigators can request summer salary, the cumulative maximum is $5,000 per year for all investigators on a grant. Applications are available in the Grants and Development Office (Room S-736). Applications may also be downloaded from the CUNY portal: http://www.rfcuny.org/R&DWeb/collab.html or the RF’s website: www.RFCUNY.org. The deadline for the program is Friday, March 25, 2005, however please note that a preliminary draft of the proposal is due in the Office of Academic Affairs at least 2 weeks earlier (by 5:00 PM, Friday, March 11, 2005).

RF News – Purchase of New Building

The Research Foundation announced they have purchased the building at 230 West 41st Street, which will serve as its new, permanent headquarters.

The new facility will provide the RF with much needed space and generate revenue for the university from the rental of commercial office space to other organizations in the midtown area. In addition, CUNY is being provided space to in the building in order to establish its new graduate School of Journalism which just happens to be immediately adjacent to the lot where the new headquarters of the New York Times is under construction. Coincidentally, the building at one time served as the headquarters of the New York Herald Tribune. Occupancy by the RF and CUNY is projected for late winter/early spring 2005.

$3 M Available To Strengthen ‘Nation of Learners’

A $3 million grant program designed to encourage collaboration among libraries, museums and public broadcasters was recently announced by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The new national program aims to build and increase educational resources and services for local communities. Partnership for a Nation of Learners is a multi-year initiative that intends to offer competitive grants to support organized efforts that bring together museums, libraries and local public broadcasters to combine and leverage community assets and create and strengthen learning opportunities and experiences. The program will support: existing and new community collaborations and the infrastructure/technologies that enable them; professional development for local/national practitioners and planners in the museum, library and public broadcasting fields. “Changing technology and a proliferation of information resources have helped to stimulate a keen appetite for the type of trusted, authentic, and high quality learning experiences offered by libraries, museums and public broadcasting,” said IMLS director Robert Martin, in announcing the program. “The effectiveness of community-based collaborations creates a compelling case to support partnerships that make the most of existing resources, assets and experiences.” Grant application guidelines and deadlines are available online. Visit: www.partnershipforlearners.org or www.cpb.org/partners.
NSF Grant Wiring Workshop at Brookdale Community College

On Friday, February 25th, Brookdale Community College and the National Science Foundation will be hosting an all-day grant writing workshop. The conference will bring together faculty and administrators in the areas of Science, Mathematics, Engineering, Computer Science, Information Technology, Technical Education, Teacher Education, and the Social, Behavioral and Economic sciences, in an effort increase the number of NSF awards made to community colleges.

A portion of the morning's proceedings will be used to showcase community college programs funded by NSF. This activity similar to the conference hosted by BMCC in October of 2002 which was well received by our faculty. The conference is highly informative and is intended to provide conference participants with the opportunity to see, first hand, successfully funded programs as well to meet and speak with colleagues that have achieved success in the area of grantsmanship. This is a great opportunity for faculty to learning more about NSF funding opportunities as well as how to successfully apply for NSF grants.

The conference fee is $55 which includes breakfast and lunch. Brookdale Community College is located in Central New Jersey, about 30 minutes south of Manhattan. For more information, contact Ms. Laura Qaissaunee, Director of Grants and Institutional Development at (732) 224 2224 or by email at lqaissaunee@brookdalecc.edu. Copies of the brochure are available upon request. Please email John Montanez at JMontanez@bmcc.cuny.edu.

Fellowships and Research Opportunities

American Astronomical Society: Small Research Grants
**Deadline:** May 6, 2005 and December 2, 2005
**Scope:** This program is funded by a grant from NASA, by income from the American Astronomical Society operating reserve fund and, in some cases, by the Gaposchkins' Research Fund. The purpose of the program is to cover costs associated with any type of astronomical research. Eligibility: Astronomers with a Ph.D. or equivalent may apply. Graduate students are not eligible. Astronomers from smaller, less endowed institutions will be given priority; however, proposals will be accepted from individuals not associated with an institution. Awards range from $1000 to $7000. Contact: Small Research Grants Committee, American Astronomical Society, 2000 Florida Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20009. Website: [http://www.aas.org/grants/smrg.html](http://www.aas.org/grants/smrg.html).

American Cancer Society: Postdoctoral Fellowships
**Deadline:** April 15, 2005
**Scope:** This award is to support the training of researchers who have just received their doctorate to enable them to qualify for an independent career in cancer research (including basic, preclinical, clinical, psychosocial, behavioral, and epidemiologic research). Awards are made for one to three years with progressive stipends of $40,000, $42,000, and $44,000 per year, plus a $4,000 per year institutional allowance. Using special endowment funds, the Society annually selects several of the top-ranked fellows to receive special 3-year fellowships with an award of $144,000. Contact: Extramural Grants Dept., Amer.Cancer Society, Inc., 1599 Clifton Rd., N.E., Atlanta, GA 30329. Website: [http://www.cancer.org/docroot/RES/RES_5_1.asp?sitearea=RES](http://www.cancer.org/docroot/RES/RES_5_1.asp?sitearea=RES).

American Historical Association Fellowship
**Deadline:** March 1, 2005
**Scope:** The American Historical Association will annually fund at least one Fellow for one academic year, to undertake a research project related to aerospace history. It will provide a Fellow with an opportunity to engage in significant and sustained advanced research in all aspects of the history of aerospace from the earliest human interest in flight to the present, including cultural and intellectual history, economic history, history of law and public policy, and the history of science, engineering, and management. Applicants must possess a doctorate degree in history or in a closely related field, or be enrolled as a student (having completed all coursework) in a doctoral degree-granting program. The stipend is $20,000 for a 6-9 month fellowship. This amount is adjustable to the length of the fellowship term. Funds may not be used to support tuition or fees. A Fellow may not hold other major fellowships or grants during the fellowship term, except sabbatical and supplemental grants from their own
institutions, and small grants from other sources for specific research expenses. **Contact:** Grant and Fellowship Programs, American Historical Association, 400 A Street, SE Washington, DC 20003. Tel: 202/544-2422 Website: [http://www.historians.org/prizes/NASA.htm](http://www.historians.org/prizes/NASA.htm).

**American Nurses' Foundation: Nursing Research Grants Program**  
**Deadline:** May 2, 2005  
**Scope:** The purpose of the American Nurses Foundation (ANF) Nursing Research Grants Program is to encourage the research career development of all nurses. To effectively achieve this goal, the program supports research of beginning and experienced nurse researchers. **ELIGIBILITY:** In all award categories, the principal investigator must be a licensed registered nurse who has obtained at least one degree, either a baccalaureate degree or higher, in nursing. Beginning and experienced nurse researchers are encouraged to apply. Grants have ranged from $3,500 to $20,000. **Contact:** American Nurses Foundation, 8515 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20910-3492. Tel: 301/628/5227. Website: [http://www.nursingworld.org/anf/nrggrant.htm](http://www.nursingworld.org/anf/nrggrant.htm).

**American Philosophical Society: Library Resident Research Fellowships**  
**Deadline:** March 1, 2005  
**Scope:** The American Philosophical Society Library offers short-term residential fellowships for conducting research in its collections. The Society’s Library, located near Independence Hall in Philadelphia, is a leading international center for research in the history of American science and technology and its European roots, as well as early American history and culture. The Library houses over 8 million manuscripts, 250,000 volumes and bound periodicals, and thousands of maps and prints. The Library does not hold materials on philosophy in the modern sense. The fellowships, funded by a number of generous benefactors, are intended to encourage research in the Library’s collections by scholars who reside beyond a 75-mile radius of Philadelphia. The fellowships are open to both U.S. citizens and foreign nationals who are holders of the Ph.D. or the equivalent, Ph.D. candidates who have passed their preliminary examinations, and independent scholars. Applicants in any relevant field of scholarship may apply. The stipend is $2,000 per month, and the term of the fellowships a minimum of one month and a maximum of three, taken between June 1, 2005 and May 31, 2006. Fellowships are usually of one month in duration, and seldom exceed two months. **Contact:** Library Resident Research Fellowships, American Philosophical Society, 105 South Fifth Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106-3386, Website: [www.amphil soc.org/grants/resident.htm](http://www.amphil soc.org/grants/resident.htm) E-MAIL: jiahern@amphil soc.org.

**Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation: Start-Up Award Program**  
**Deadline:** May 12, 2005, nominations  
**Scope:** The Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation seeks to support the scholarly activity of new faculty at primarily undergraduate institutions with a Start-up Award designed to help initiate their independent research programs. The award provides an unrestricted research grant of $30,000 that is generally made before the new faculty members formally begin their first tenure-track appointments. Eligibility: The Start-up Award Program is open to all academic institutions in the States, Districts, and Territories of the United States of America that DO NOT grant a doctoral degree in chemistry, biochemistry or chemical engineering. Faculty members who start their first tenure-track appointment in one of these departments in 2005 are eligible for nomination in 2005. The Start-up Award Program provides a $30,000 unrestricted research grant. Funds are normally expended over a period of five years. **Contact:** The Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation, 555 Madison Ave, 20th Flr, New York, NY 10022, Website: [http://www.dreyfus.org/su.shtml](http://www.dreyfus.org/su.shtml).

**Center for Research for Mothers and Children**  
**Deadline:** June 1, 2005  
**Scope:** The general purpose of the program is to stimulate, coordinate, and support fundamental and clinical, biomedical, and behavioral research and research training associated with normal development from conception to maturity and those factors or special health problems that may delay or interfere with normal development. Eligible for grants are universities and colleges; medical, dental, and nursing schools; schools of public health; laboratories; hospitals; state and local health departments; other public or private institutions; and individuals. Average research project grant is $309,400. Basic stipend for individual research fellowships is $32,820. Contact: Center for Research for Mothers and Children, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services, Building 61E, Room 4B05, MSC-7510, Bethesda, MD 20892-7510. Dr. Anne Willoughby (301) 496-5097. Website: [http://www.nichd.nih.gov](http://www.nichd.nih.gov).
Hagley Museum and Library: Short-Term Grants-In-Aid

**Deadline:** March 31, 2005, June 30, 2005 and October 31, 2005

**Scope:** Short-term grants-in-aid support visits to Hagley for scholarly research in the imprint, manuscript, pictorial, and artifact collections. They are designed to assist researchers with travel and living expenses while using the research collections. Scholars receive a stipend, make use of the research holdings, and participate in the programs of the Center for the History of Business, Technology, and Society. Eligibility: These grants are to support serious scholarly work. They are available to both, degree candidates and senior scholars and writers working independently as well as college and university teachers, librarians, archivists, museum curators, and scholars from fields other than humanities. Scholars are expected to participate in seminars which meet periodically, as well as attend noontime colloquia, lectures, and other public programs offered during their tenure. Low cost housing may be available on the museum grounds. Funding: Stipends are for a minimum of two weeks, maximum of two months at no more than $1,400 per month. Contact: Center for the History of Business, Technology, and Society, Hagley Museum and Library, P. O. Box 3630, Wilmington, DE 19807, Tel:302/655/3188 Website: [http://www.hagley.lib.de.us/grants.html](http://www.hagley.lib.de.us/grants.html)

Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities National Internship Program.

**Deadline:** Open

**Scope:** This program is open to college students with a 3.0 GPA, regardless of race, age, sexual orientation, or disability. It is not necessary that their institution be a member of the Association. The objectives of the program are to:

- provide professional experience for students to enable them to make more educated career choices,
- expose students to research, development, technology, and administrative career opportunities,
- supplement academic study with practical applications for students majoring in relevant fields and related disciplines,
- extend and strengthen the relationship between government agencies, corporations, and HISs and other institutions that have significant Hispanic enrollment and offer related academic programs.

Internships are available in almost every department and agency of the U.S. government and in 19 corporations. Over 600 students participated in the internship program in 2003 alone. **Contact:** Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities National Internship Program, One Dupont Circle NW, Suite 605, Washington, DC 20036. (202)467-2880. URL: [http://www.hnip.net](http://www.hnip.net).

James S. McDonnell Foundation: 21st Century Research Awards

**Deadline:** March 7, 2005

**Scope:** 21st Century Research Awards are designed to support research projects with a high probability of generating new knowledge and insights. Projects submitted for funding consideration should be at an early, even preliminary stage of development that intend to break new ground or to challenge commonly-held assumptions. Projects submitted should be sufficiently novel, cross-disciplinary, or heterodox and they would not be strong candidates for federal funding. All projects must qualify for one of the 21st Century Science Initiative’s three program areas: (1) Bridging Brain, Mind, and Behavior; (2) Studying Complex Systems; or (3) Brain Cancer Research. A maximum of $450,000 total costs can be requested and the funds can be expended over a minimum of 3 years or a maximum of 6 years. Smaller amounts of money to help investigators pursue pilot projects or test the feasibility of an experimental approach are welcome. Contact: James S. McDonnell Foundation, 1034 South Brentwood Blvd. Suite 1850, St. Louis, MO 63117. Website: [http://www.jsmf.org/apply/index.htm](http://www.jsmf.org/apply/index.htm)

W.M. Keck Foundation: Grants for Science and Engineering, Medical Research, Liberal Arts

**Deadline:** May 15, 2005

**Scope:** The W.M. Keck Foundation was founded with the goal of generating far-reaching benefits for humanity. Grantmaking is focused on five broad areas: (1) Science and Engineering Research; (2) Medical Research; (3) Undergraduate Science and Engineering; (4) Liberal Arts; and (5) Southern California Program. To make its grant determinations, the Foundation relies upon a wide range of input, including the opinions of its professional staff, site visits (where appropriate), and a constant flow of current scientific, medical and other information, including presentations by experts in leading scientific, medical and health and human service fields. Eligibility: Accredited four-year colleges and universities, medical schools, and major, independent scientific and medical research institutions are eligible to apply. Funding: The average size and duration of grants varies by project and program area. **Contact:** W.M. Keck Foundation, 550 South Hope Street, Suite 2500, Los Angeles, CA 90071. Website: [http://www.wmkeck.org/programs/index.html](http://www.wmkeck.org/programs/index.html).
**NSF Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in Biological Informatics**

**Deadline:** April 11, 2005  
**Scope:** The Directorate for Biological Sciences (BIO) offers Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in Biological Informatics to recent recipients of the doctoral degree for research and training in developing and using computational, statistical, and other tools in the collection, organization, dissemination, and use of information to solve problems in biology. The research and training plan of each fellowship is expected to address important scientific questions in contemporary biology and include a strong linkage between computer, information, and computational science and biology and develop and/or apply state-of-the-art informatics tools or approaches to the stated problem. Fellows who accept a tenure-track position following the fellowship may apply for research starter grants.  
**Contact:** Carter Kimsey, Program Manager, Division of Biological Infrastructure, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd. 615 N Arlington, VA 22230. Email: ckimsey@nsf.gov  

**NSF Research on Gender in Science and Engineering**

**Deadline:** April 22, 2005  
**Scope:** The program seeks to broaden the participation of girls and women in all fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education by supporting research, dissemination of research, and extension services in education that will lead to a larger and more diverse domestic science and engineering workforce. Typical projects will contribute to the knowledge base addressing gender-related differences in learning and in the educational experiences that affect student interest, performance, and choice of careers; and how pedagogical approaches and teaching styles, curriculum, student services, and institutional culture contribute to causing or closing gender gaps that persist in certain fields. Projects will disseminate and apply findings, evaluation results, and proven good practices and products.  
**Contact:** Ruta P. Sevo, Program Director, Education and Human Resources, National Science Foundation 4201 Wilson Blvd. 815 N Arlington, VA 22230. E-mail: rsevo@nsf.gov. Website: [http://www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/getpub?nsf04608](http://www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/getpub?nsf04608)

**Russell Sage Foundation: Research in Social Sciences**

**Deadline:** March 15, 2005  
**Scope:** The Russell Sage Foundation is the principal American foundation devoted exclusively to research in the social sciences. Located in New York City, the Foundation is a research center, a funding source for studies by scholars at other academic and research institutions, and an active member of the nation's social science community. The Foundation's grants are restricted to support for basic social science research within its announced programs. These currently include research on the future of work, immigration, and cultural contact. The Foundation's major awards range between $50,000 and $500,000. Support is provided for analyzing data and writing up results, but occasionally larger awards are considered for data acquisition projects highly relevant to the Foundation's program goals. Applications for external awards should generally be preceded by a brief letter of inquiry to determine whether the Foundation's present interests and funds permit consideration of a proposal for research.  
**Contact:** Russell Sage Foundation, 112 East 64th Street, New York, NY 10021. Website: [www.russellsage.org/](http://www.russellsage.org/) E-mail: info@rsage.org, Tel 212/750-6000

**Gladys Krieble Delmas Foundation: Research Library Program**

**Deadline:** Open  
**Scope:** The Research Library Program concentrates primarily in those areas of its founders' interests and aims to be fully complementary to the Foundation's other program areas (i.e., humanities scholarship, performing arts, and Venetian history and culture). The overall objective of the Research Library Program is to improve the ability of research libraries to serve the needs of scholarship in the humanities and the performing arts, and to make their resources more widely available to scholars and the general public. Wherever possible, grants to libraries seek to promote cooperative cataloguing projects, with an emphasis on access to archival, manuscript and other unique sources; some elements of interpretation and exhibition; scholarly library publications; bibliographical and publishing projects of interest to research libraries; and preservation/conservation work and research. The geographical concentration is primarily but not exclusively directed toward European and American history and letters, broadly defined. Technological developments that support humanities research and access to humanities resources are also eligible. Conferences designed to address these issues in collaborative ways and programs formulated to enhance or leverage similar activity by other institutions, consortia, or funding agencies will also be considered.  
**Contact:** Gladys Krieble Delmas Foundation, 521 Fifth Ave. Suite 1612, New York, NY 10175-1699. Website: [http://www.delmas.org/programs/research_lib.html](http://www.delmas.org/programs/research_lib.html)
Dissertation Grants (SAMHSA)
Deadline: May 1, 2005
Scope: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration solicits applications to support dissertation research in substance abuse services. Funds: $150,000 for five awards of up to $30,000. Eligibility: public or private, nonprofit entities on behalf of students registered and in good standing at an accredited academic doctoral degree program Ph.D., Sc.D., or Dr.P.H., which requires a dissertation based on original research. The purpose of the program is to expand the number of researchers pursuing substance abuse services research. Students in such fields as sociology, psychology, social work, biostatistics, epidemiology, economics, policy, management, medicine, nursing, public health or health services research are especially encouraged to apply. Research should address how various factors (social, financial, organizational, and personal) affect the need for and access to substance abuse treatment, the quality and cost of substance abuse treatment and ultimately, health and well being. Projects may address: the organization, financing and delivery of substance abuse prevention and treatment services; the need for such services; and advances in health services research methods applicable to the study of substance abuse issues. Topics of special interest include:

- Factors affecting the supply of services.
- The cost effectiveness of prevention and treatment services.
- Barriers to access to care.
- Alternative sources of treatment such as the criminal justice system and faith-based organizations.

SAMHSA also encourages proposals involving secondary analyses of existing data sources. Clinical research proposals are not considered responsive. Contact: Sarah Duffy, sarah.duffy@samhsa.hhs.gov; Website: www.samhsa.gov/grants/2005/nofa/pa04001mod.aspx.

Research Corporation: Cottrell College Science Awards
Deadline: May 15, 2005
Scope: Support of significant research that contributes to the advancement of science and to the professional and scholarly development of faculty at undergraduate institutions along with their students. Eligibility: The principal investigator must have a faculty appointment in a department of astronomy, chemistry, or physics. Preference is given to tenured or tenure-track faculty in all ranks. Under certain circumstances faculty who hold temporary appointments may also apply. Funding: Cottrell College Science Awards, approved for one or two-year, provide direct expenses for support of the proposed research. Awards average about $35,000 and range between $20,000 to $45,000 depending on the needs of the project. Expenses can include equipment and supplies, student summer stipends up to $3,500 for 10 weeks, faculty summer stipends up to $7,500 for 8 weeks, travel costs to use uncommon research facilities not available on campus, and services or requirements essential to the research. Contact: Science Advancement Programs, Research Corp., 4703 E. Camp Lowell Drive, Suite 201, Tucson, AZ 85712. Tel: 520/571/1119 Website: http://www.rescorp.org/ccsa/ccsa.htm

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: Investigator Awards In Health Policy Research
Deadline: April 1, 2005 (letters of intent), July 27, 2005 (full proposals)
Scope: The Investigator Awards in Health Policy Research program of The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) funds highly qualified individuals to undertake broad studies of the most challenging policy issues in health and healthcare facing America. Eligibility: Applications are welcomed from investigators in fields such as anthropology, business, demography, economics, engineering, ethics, genetics, health and social policy, history, journalism, law, medicine, nursing, political science, public health, psychology, science policy, social work and sociology. The Foundation seeks a diverse group of applicants including members of minority groups and individuals in nonacademic settings such as research firms and policy organizations. Applicants must be affiliated either with educational institutions or with nonprofit organizations located in the United States. Funding: The maximum grant award available is $275,000, which includes personnel, other direct costs and indirect costs calculated at a rate of up to nine-percent. Investigators must be prepared to commit a substantial time to the project. Grant funds are to be used primarily for project salary support for the principal investigator(s). In circumstances where salary support may be available from other sources, a larger portion of the budget may be allocated to research-related expenses. Contact: Lynn Rogut, Deputy Director, Investigator Awards in Health Policy Rs. IHHCPAR, Rutgers-the State University, 317 George St., Suite 400, New Brunswick, NJ 08901-2008. Tel: 732/932/3817 Website: http://www.ihhcpar.rutgers.edu/rwjf/.
**Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society: Grants-in-Aid of Research**

**Deadline:** March 15, 2005

**Scope:** The Sigma Xi Grants-in-Aid of Research program has been providing undergraduate and graduate students with valuable educational experiences for more than 80 years. By encouraging close working relationships between students and faculty, the program promotes scientific excellence and achievement through hands-on learning. While membership in Sigma Xi is not a requirement for applying for funding from the Grants-in-Aid of Research program, approximately 75% of funds are restricted for use by dues-paying student members of Sigma Xi or students whose project advisor is a dues-paying member of Sigma Xi. Students from any country are eligible to receive funding. The program awards grants of $1,000 or less to students from all areas of the sciences and engineering. Designated funds from the National Academy of Sciences allow for grants of up to $2,500 for astronomy or vision-related research. Students use the funding to pay for travel expenses to and from a research site, or for purchase of non-standard laboratory equipment necessary to complete a specific research project.

**Contact:** Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society, P.O. Box 13975, 3106 East NC H’wy 54, R.T.P., NC 27709

Website: [www.sigmaxi.org/programs/giar/index.shtml](http://www.sigmaxi.org/programs/giar/index.shtml)
E-mail: giar@sigmaxi.org, Tel: 919/549-4691

**State Farm Doctoral Dissertation Awards in Insurance and Business**

**Deadline:** March 31, 2005

**Scope:** The Doctoral Dissertation Award is designed to stimulate research and development of new knowledge in the fields of insurance and business, and to increase the number of qualified teachers of insurance and business at U.S. colleges and universities. Eligible doctoral candidates: (a) Have completed a major portion of their coursework; (b) Have an approved proposal; (c) Have started writing, but have not completed a dissertation; (d) Are enrolled in a graduate-degree program; (e) Are U.S. citizens. Eligible dissertation topics include: Insurance and risk management topics that directly relate to or benefit the insurance industry; Business topics that relate to general business principles and issues. **FUNDING:** Each winner receives a $10,000 research grant. Each winner's graduate institution also receives a grant of $3,000. **Contact:** State Farm Companies Foundation, One State Farm Plaza, Bloomington, IL 61710-0001. Website: [http://www.statefarm.com/foundation/doctoral.htm](http://www.statefarm.com/foundation/doctoral.htm)

**Whitehall Foundation: Grant Programs**

**Deadline:** April 15, 2005

**Scope:** The Foundation offers Research Grants and Grants-in-Aid. Research grants in neurobiology are available to established scientists of all ages working at accredited institutions in the United States. Applications will be judged on the scientific merit and the innovative aspects of the proposal as well as the competence of the applicant. Research grants of up to three years will be provided. A renewal grant with a maximum of two years is possible, but it will be awarded on a competitive basis. Research grants will not be awarded to investigators who have already received, or expect to receive, substantial support from other sources, even if it is for an unrelated purpose. The Grants-in-Aid program is designed for researchers at the assistant professor level who experience difficulty in competing for research funds because they have not yet become firmly established. Grants-in-Aid can also be made to senior scientists. All applications will be judged on the scientific merit and innovative aspects of the proposal, as well as on past performance and evidence of the applicant's continued productivity. Research grants normally range from $30,000 to $75,000 per year. Grants-in-Aid are awarded for a one-year period and do not exceed $30,000. **Contact:** Grant Programs, Whitehall Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 3423 Palm Beach, FL 33480. Website: [http://www.whitehall.org/](http://www.whitehall.org/), Email: email@whitehall.org

**Pending Federal Funding Opportunities**

**(CNCS) AmeriCorps Direct Grants**

**Deadline:** March 8, 2005

**Scope:** The Corporation for National and Community Service invites applications for national direct grants to support programs in two or more states that involve individuals in part or full-time community service projects addressing pressing local needs. Grant size varies and ranges up to $3 million. Eligibility: Nonprofit tax-exempt organizations, including two- and four-year higher education institutions, labor organizations, faith-based and secular community organizations, cities, counties, Native American tribes and consortia. Applicants must propose to operate a program in two or more states under the national direct grant activity, which permits CNCS to fund multi-state and multi-site programs of national or regional scope that build on existing networks of youth and service programs. Service projects provide elementary schools with teaching assistants, tutors and mentors; assist in immunization projects; engage in low-income housing renovation; perform outreach to improve
relationships between community youth and local law enforcement officials and develop public safety materials; and pursue environmental restoration. This year's program requirements are likely to reflect changes related to new proposed rules that would increase project sustainability, leverage costs and tighten standards, particularly for tutoring programs. Contact: webmaster@cns.gov; www.americorps.org or Kim Mansaray, 202/606/5000.

**Department of Commerce: Economic Development Assistance Programs**

**Deadline:** Open

**Scope:** The Economic Development Administration (EDA) is soliciting proposals for the following programs: Grants for Public Works and Economic Development Facilities; Economic Development—Support for Planning Organizations; Economic Development—Technical Assistance; Economic Adjustment Assistance; and Economic Development—Trade Adjustment Assistance. EDA's mission is to lead the Federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. EDA fulfills its mission by investing in the following: Public works, infrastructure and development facilities; the crafting and implementation of comprehensive economic development strategies; local, national and University Center-based technical assistance projects; and revolving loan funds. Under separate statutory authority, EDA also provides technical assistance to firms adversely affected by directly competitive imported products. Contact: [http://www.eda.gov/InvestmentsGrants/FFON.xml](http://www.eda.gov/InvestmentsGrants/FFON.xml).

**Public telecommunications**

**Deadline:** March 1.

**Scope:** The Commerce Department's National Telecommunications and Information Administration seeks applications to plan and construct public telecommunications facilities Funds: $19.8 million. Last year, the program funded 143 projects, including, 74 radio awards, 562 television awards and 17 non-broadcast awards. Individual radio awards ranged from $4,900 to $258,026; television awards ranged from $22,000 to $1.9 million; and non-broadcast awards ranged from $15,617 to $493,130. Eligibility: Public or noncommercial educational broadcast stations; noncommercial telecommunications entities; systems of public telecommunications entities; and nonprofit foundations, corporations, institutions or associations organized primarily for educational or cultural purposes; or state, local or Indian tribal governments or agencies or political subdivisions of a state. The program aims to: extend delivery of services to as many citizens as possible by the most cost-effective means; increase public telecommunications services and facilities available to and operated by minorities and women; and strengthen the capability of existing public television and radio stations to provide public telecommunications services to the public. The program provides funds for planning grants and construction grants. Contact: William Cooperman, (202)482-5802; Website: [www.ntia.doc.gov/ptfp](http://www.ntia.doc.gov/ptfp).

**Health Careers Opportunity Program**

**Deadline:** February 28, 2005 (provisional pending final congressional action on the budget).

**Scope:** It is expected that about 37 awards of up to three years averaging $385,000 will be made for projects that will assist individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds to undertake education to enter a health profession. Funds may be used for:

- identifying, recruiting, and seeking individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds,
- facilitating the entry of such individuals into a health profession school,
- providing counseling, mentoring, or other services,
- publicizing existing sources of financial aid available,
- paying scholarships,
- carrying out programs under which such individuals gain experiences regarding a career in a field of primary care through working at facilities of community based providers of primary health services,
- conducting activities to develop a larger and more competitive applicant pool through partnerships.

Contact: Div.of Health Careers Diversity Developments, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration, Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Karen L. Smith E-mail: ksmith@hrsa.gov Website: [bhpr.hrsa.gov/grants](http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/grants).

**Community Technology Centers Program**

**Deadline:** June 1 in 2005 (Projected).

**Scope:** About 20 grants averaging $350,000 were awarded in FY 2004. The purpose of the program is to promote the use of technology in education through the development of model programs that demonstrate the educational effectiveness of technology in urban and rural areas and economically distressed communities. Eligible applicants include state educational agencies, local educational agencies and institutions of higher education. This is a highly competitive program. Contact: Division of Adult Education and Literacy,

(ED) Smaller Learning Communities
Deadline: March 10, 2005 (projected).
Scope: The Education Department proposed priorities for an upcoming special competition under the smaller learning communities grant program, meant to increase adolescent literacy and ease the transition from ninth grade to high school. ED will detail funding in the solicitation. Ed proposes to award five-year grants. In addition to supporting other broader SLC activities at each participating high school, each grant will fully fund the costs of implementing the supplemental reading program and the cost of participating in a planned evaluation. Eligibility: colleges or universities that apply on behalf of two or four large public high schools that have implemented at least one freshman academy. The project would participate in a national evaluation conducted by the American Institutes for Research to evaluate supplemental reading programs implemented within freshman academy small learning communities. The supplemental reading programs must be research based and address all aspects of reading, from basic alphabetic skills to higher-level comprehension and writing. Programs also must address issues of how to motivate adolescents to read. Contact: Matthew Fitzpatrick, matthew.fitzpatrick@ed.gov. Website: www.ed.gov/news/fedregister. CFDA #84.215L

(ED) Minority Science and Engineering Improvement
Deadline: March 19, 2005 (estimated)
Scope: The Education Department is seeking applications to improve science and engineering education at predominantly minority institutions and increase the numbers of underrepresented ethnic minorities in scientific careers. Funds: $8.5 million for 47 awards, including 23 institutional awards of $100,000 to $300,000 each; three design awards of $15,000 to $20,000 each; 12 special awards of $20,000 to $150,000 each; and three cooperative awards of $100,000 to $500,000 each. The project period is up to 36 months. Eligibility: Public and private nonprofit associate and baccalaureate-degree awarding minority higher education institutions that have a curriculum that includes science and engineering subjects and that partner with nonprofit higher education institutions that award baccalaureate degrees in science and engineering. Also eligible, nonprofit science-oriented organizations, professional scientific societies and higher education institutions that award the baccalaureate and that provide services and training for scientists and engineers from minority institutions. Consortia higher of organizations (higher education institutions, laboratories and organizations with science and engineering facilities) that provide needed services to minority institutions also may apply. Contact: For program information, Deborah Newkirk,(202) 502-7591; deborah_newkirk@ed.gov; http://ocfo.ed.gov/fedreg.htm.

(NEA) Access to Artistic Excellence
Deadline: March 14, 2005
Scope: The purpose of this program area is to foster and preserve excellence in the arts and provide access to the arts for all Americans. This category combines the Artistic Creativity and Preservation and Challenge America: Access to the Arts Standard Review Grant categories that appeared in the FY 2004 Grants for Arts Projects guidelines. Assistance is available to eligible organizations of all sizes for projects in: Dance, Design, Folk & Traditional Arts, Literature, Local Arts Agencies, Media Arts: Film/Radio/Television, Multidisciplinary, Museums, Music, Musical Theater, Opera, Presenting, Theater, Visual Arts. An organization may request a grant amount from $5,000 - $150,000. Contact: National Endowment for the Arts, Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20506-0001. Tel: 202/682-5400. E-mail: webmgr@mail.endow.gov Website: http://arts.endow.gov/grants/apply/GAP05/index.html

(NEH) Consultation Grants for Museums, Libraries and Special Projects
Deadline: March 22, 2005 (date of receipt).
Scope: Awards of up to $10,000 are normally made for a period of 6-12 months to confer with a team of advisors to help identify key humanities themes and questions that will guide the early stages of a project's development where museums, libraries, historical organizations, and community organizations wish to develop a new project or chart a new interpretive direction for an institution. Consultation grants can be used to bring in outside consultants, travel to relevant collections or sites to learn from model projects and consult with advisors, identify key advisors and other organizations that could collaborate on the project and develop a preliminary plan for the format and design of a project. This is a highly competitive program. Contact: Consultation Grants, Division of Public Programs, NEH, Room 426, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20506. Website: http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/public-consult.htm.
(NIH) Chronic Fatigue Syndrome
Deadline: June 1, 2005 and October 1, 2005.
Scope: Thirteen National Institutes of Health funding components invite investigator-initiated research applications focused on the epidemiology, diagnosis, path physiology and treatment of chronic fatigue syndrome. Funds: There is no dollar set-aside. Funding mechanisms are: the research project grant, which provides varying amounts for four or five years; the broad-based multidisciplinary, multi-component, thematic program project grant, which typically exceeds $500,000 a year each for five years; the small grant, which provides up to $50,000 a year for two years; and the exploratory development grant, which provides up to $275,000 each over a two-year project period, with no more than $200,000 provided in a single year. Eligibility: Higher education institutions and other domestic and foreign organizations. Sponsors, which include the Office of Behavioral and Social Science Research, National Institute on Aging and National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, are interested in a variety of topics that span basic, clinical, social, developmental and methodological issues. Contact: http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-05-030.html.

(NIH) Discrimination in Health Care
Deadline: June 1, 2005 and October 1, 2005.
Scope: The National Institutes of Health invites applications for research on instruments and methods to improve the measurement of racial/ethnic discrimination in health care delivery probe the link to health disparities and reduce the prevalence of disparities. There is no specific funding set-aside. Funding is via the research project grant of varying amounts for up to five years; the small project grant of $50,000 a year each for two years; and the two-year exploratory /development grant of $275,000 each. Eligibility: Domestic and foreign for-profit and nonprofit public and private institutions. Areas: NIH specifically encourages:
- Descriptive and analytical studies that examine racial/ethnic discrimination as a risk factor for disparities in disease incidence, treatment and outcomes.
- Development of data resources, including the identification and/or development of new data collection modalities and the evaluation of existing data collection instruments.
- Design of innovative methods of measuring racial/ethnic discriminatory behavior, perception of exposure to discrimination and approaches to the analysis of quantitative and qualitative data to describe discriminatory behavior and exposure to it.
- Study of the prevalence of racism in health care systems or policies and its role in disparities.
- Development and evaluation of interventions that improve cross-cultural communication and reduce discriminatory behavior, its perception and health related consequences.
- Studies that examine bias in attitudes, beliefs and behaviors that may limit access of ethnic/racial minorities to diagnostic technologies and therapies, especially for disparities in cardiovascular disease, cancer detection, infectious disease and infant mortality.

(NIH) Medical Library Assistant Grants
Deadline: June 1, 2005
Scope: General purpose of the program is to improve health information services by providing funds to train professional personnel, strengthen library and information services, facilitate access to and delivery of health sciences information, plan and develop advanced information networks, support biomedical publications, and conduct research in medical informatics and related sciences. Information Access Grants are available to any public or private nonprofit institution that maintains or plans to establish library and information services to clientele in the health professions. Information Systems Grants are available to any nonprofit institution or organizational unit whose primary function is the acquisition, preservation, dissemination, and/or processing of information relating to the health sciences. Also available are Internet Connections Grants, Integrated Advanced Information Management Systems Awards, Scientific Publication Grants, First Independent Research Support and Transition Awards, Institutional Training Grants and Fellowships, and Research Career Development Grants. Contact: Extramural Programs, National Library of Medicine, NIH, Public Health Service, Dept. of Health and Human Services, Bethesda, MD 20894. Tel: 301/496/4621. Website: www.nlm.nih.gov/ep/extramural.html.

(HRSA) Model Area Health Education Centers
Deadline: March 4, 2005
Scope: The Health Resources and Services Administration seeks applications to improve the distribution, diversity and quality of health personnel by encouraging regionalization of health professions schools. Funds: $5 million for 13 awards in 2005. Awards average $384,615. The project period is three years. Eligibility: Higher
education institutions. The program helps schools develop and operate health education centers to implement education systems incentives to attract and retain health care personnel in scarcity areas. **Contact:** Louis Coccodrilli, lcoccodrilli@hrsa.gov; Website: [www.hrsa.gov](http://www.hrsa.gov).

**(NIH) Social, Cultural Dimensions of Health**  
**Deadline:** June 1, 2005  
**Scope:** Sixteen National Institutes of Health funders issued a program announcement encouraging applications on the social and cultural dimensions of health. Funds: There is no dollar set-aside. The funding mechanism is the traditional research project grant, which provides varying amounts for up to five years. Eligibility: Domestic and foreign for-profit and nonprofit public and private institutions and organizations, such as colleges, universities, hospitals, laboratories and state and local governments. The goal is to foster the development of health research that fully integrates knowledge from the biomedical and social sciences. Research should: clarify basic social and cultural constructs and processes used in health research; explain the social and cultural factors in the etiology and consequences of health and illness; link basic research to practice for improving prevention, treatment, health services and dissemination; and explore ethical issues in social and cultural research related to health. **Contact:** Ronald Abeles, abeles@nih.gov; Website: [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-05-029.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-05-029.html).

**(NIH) Stem Cell Fellowships**  
**Deadline:** April 5, 2005  
**Scope:** The National Institutes of Health requests applications for individual postdoctoral and senior fellowships for training in human embryonic stem cell research. Stipends are based on experience beyond the doctorate and range from $35,568 for 0 years to $51,036 for seven years. Postdoctoral fellows may receive three years of support. Senior fellows may receive two years. NIH also will offset the combined cost of tuition and fees at the rate 100 percent of all costs up to $3,000 and 60 percent of costs above $3,000. The institutional allowance per fellow per 12-month year is $5,500. Candidates must be citizens, non-citizen nationals or lawfully admitted as permanent residents. Postdoctoral candidate must have the doctorate or equivalent degree. Senior fellows candidates must have seven years of research experience beyond the doctorate and have progressed to the stage of independent investigator. All candidates must be accepted by a sponsoring institution and a scientific supervisor expert in the proposed research area. Postdoctoral fellows must have potential to become productive independent investigators. Senior fellows are established scientists who wish to change research directions and need time away from regular professional duties to retool. These fellowships specifically address the fact that few scientists have had the opportunity to be trained in the use of stem cells in research. For contacts by institute, [http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-05-013.html](http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-05-013.html).

**(NSF) Advanced Technological Education**  
**Deadline:** April 26, 2005 (preliminary proposals) and October 18, 2005 for full proposals.  
**Scope:** The National Science Foundation invites applications under its premier two-year college activity, the Advanced Technology Education program, which focuses on the education of technicians for high-tech fields critical for economic growth. Funds: $39 million for 60 grants in FY '06 and FY '07. Eligibility: Two-year colleges must have a leadership role in all projects, which involve partnerships with two-year colleges, four-year colleges and universities, secondary schools, business, industry and government. Projects should respond to employers’ needs for prepared technicians with adaptable skills. The program supports two major tracks: ATE projects and ATE centers. Projects include activities with national or regional focus that address; program improvement to increase the relevance of technician education to modern practices and the number of students prepared for the high-performance workplace; professional development of secondary school teachers and college faculty; curriculum and education materials development for national dissemination; teacher preparation; research on technician education; and institutional reform of technician education. Changes this year are: elimination of the articulation partnerships track, with most previous activities incorporated into the projects track; inclusion of technical experiences for students and laboratory development in program improvement; teacher preparation refocused on technology education for K-12 pre-service teachers; elimination of large-scale teacher preparation and an increase in the maximum funding for teacher preparation under projects; support for regional centers in any technological field supported by the program and other areas of high relevance to technician education across fields; increased support to $150,000 from $100,000 for equipment. **Contact:** Elizabeth Teles, E-MAIL: Eteles@nsf.gov; Website: [www.nsf.gov/pubs/2005/nsf05530/nsf05530.htm](http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2005/nsf05530/nsf05530.htm).
(NSF) Conferences, Workshops, and Special Meetings in the Mathematical Sciences
**Deadline:** April 7, 2005 and August 23, 2005

**Scope:** For conferences, workshops, and special meetings, the Division of Mathematical Sciences (DMS) invites proposals of two types: (1) regular conference, symposia, and workshop proposals, and (2) proposals for special meetings, which comprise longer-term or larger-scale activities that more widely engage and connect the mathematical sciences community, such as special research years or semesters, multi-institutional regional meetings, and "summer schools." Regular proposals are submitted to the cognizant DMS programs according to those programs' usual deadlines or target dates. These proposals normally request funding in the range of $5,000 to $25,000, although awards of up to $50,000 have occasionally been made. Their duration is normally for one year. Proposals for special meetings are submitted to the cognizant DMS programs but at the common deadline stated in this solicitation. Special meetings proposals may request funding of any amount and for durations of up to three years, but most awards are expected to be in the range of $50,000 to $150,000 per year. This is not a change in the sort of proposals that DMS is willing to accept or to fund; it is simply a reminder to the mathematical sciences research community that this opportunity is available. Contact: Division of Mathematical Sciences, NSF, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. E-mail: bmann@nsf.gov

Website: [http://www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/getpub?nsf05540](http://www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/getpub?nsf05540)

(2005) Interdisciplinary Grants in the Mathematical Sciences
**Deadline:** February 19, 2005

**Scope:** The objective of the Interdisciplinary Grants in the Mathematical Sciences (IGMS) program is to enable mathematical scientists to undertake research and study in another discipline so as to: (1) expand their skills and knowledge in areas other than the mathematical sciences; (2) subsequently apply this knowledge in their research; and (3) enrich their educational experiences and broaden the career options of their students. Recipients of an IGMS award are expected to spend full time in a non-mathematical science department in an academic institution or an industrial, commercial or financial organization. The expected outcome is sufficient familiarity with another discipline so as to open opportunities for effective collaboration by the mathematical scientist with researchers in another discipline. Eligibility: Proposals may be submitted by academic institutions in support of individual investigators. It is anticipated that up to $1 million will be available for 10 awards. Grant duration is 12 months. **Contact:** Lloyd E. Douglas, Program Director, Div. of Mathematical Sciences, NSF, 4201 Wilson Blvd. 1025 N. Arlington, VA 22230, Website: [http://www.nsf.gov/mps/divisions/dms/](http://www.nsf.gov/mps/divisions/dms/)

(2005) Engineering Education Program
**Deadline:** July 9, 2005

**Scope:** The goal of this program is to increase the quantity and quality of U.S. citizens seeking to earn B.S. degrees in engineering. Experience has shown that students can be attracted to and retained in engineering programs if they are exposed early to the jobs of creation through design, discovery through research and invention through hands-on experimentation. Unsolicited proposals are welcome from faculty with cutting edge new ideas for undergraduate engineering education improvements. Contact: Division of Engineering Education and Centers, Engineering Directorate, NSF, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Sue Kemnitzer (703) 292-8382. skemnitz@nsf.gov. Website: [http://www.nsf.govlhomeleng](http://www.nsf.govlhomeleng).

**Deadline:** March 1, 2005

**Scope:** The PAESMEM Program seeks to identify outstanding mentoring efforts that enhance the participation of groups (i.e., women, minorities, and persons with disabilities) that are underrepresented in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The awardees serve as leaders in the national effort to develop fully the Nation's human resources in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Contact: Marilyn J. Sui, Program Director, Div. of Human Resource Development, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd. 815 N Arlington, VA 22230. E-mail: msui@nsf.gov Website: [http://www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/getpub?nsf04525](http://www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/getpub?nsf04525)

(2005) Learning Science Centers
**Deadline:** Feb. 24 for required preliminary proposals for centers; June 29 for full invited proposals

**Scope:** The National Science Foundation invites applications to establish large-scale, long-term centers that will extend the frontiers of knowledge on all types of learning. Funding: $3 million for catalyst awards in 2005 and $20 million for center awards. NSF anticipates making 25 awards, including three to five center grants of $3 million to $5 million a year each for five years; and up to 20 catalyst awards of $200,000 each over two years. Eligibility: Colleges, universities and other research organizations. Centers are designed around a unifying research theme and provide a multidisciplinary environment and partnerships with academia, industry, education organizations at
all levels and other key players in education. The centers program is open to varied approaches and emphasizes creativity, integrating theory and empiricism and inventive use of technology. For example, approaches may include: the biological foundations of learning - from the molecular to behavioral; the neural basis of learning; language, communication and symbol systems; learning of disciplinary content; learning technologies, such as intelligent tutoring systems, visualization tools and computer-supported; motivational, emotional and social contexts of learning; and development of new tools and technology to support the science of learning. Catalyst awards are shorter-term enabling grants designed to jumpstart partnerships and organize research activities to facilitate interdisciplinary work. Projects may include workshop and planning, as well as exploratory research aimed at establishing proof of concept. **Contact:** [www.nsf.gov/pubs/2005/nsf055009/nsf009.htm](http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2005/nsf055009/nsf009.htm).

**(NSF) Robert Noyce Scholarships**  
**Deadline:** Feb. 28 for letters; March 31 for proposals.  
**Scope:** The National Science Foundation solicits applications for scholarships to encourage talented science, technology, engineering and mathematics majors and professionals to become K-12 mathematics and science teachers. Funds: $4 million for eight to 10 awards of up to $500,000 each over three to four years. Up to 15 percent of the proposed budget may be used for administrative and program costs. Scholarships must total at least $7,500 a year each but may not exceed $10,000 a year. Recipients may receive scholarship support for two years in return for equal service as a math or science teacher in a high-needs school. Stipends of up to $10,000 each for one year are available to professionals with degrees in science technology, engineering or mathematics who enroll in teacher certification programs and commit to serving two years as a math or science teacher in a high-need school or U.S. higher education institutions. Applicant institutions must describe the proposed scholarship or stipend program, including the number and size of awards, academic requirements and projected cumulative number of new teachers to be produced by the program, as well as details about the teacher preparation program in which recipients will be enrolled. **Contact:** Joan Prival, (703)292-4635; E-mail: jprival@nsf.gov; Website: [www.nsf.gov/pubs/2005/nsf05528/nsf05528.htm](http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2005/nsf05528/nsf05528.htm).

**(NSF) Partnership for Advancing Technologies in Housing [PATH]**  
**Deadline:** April 19, 2005  
**Scope:** The Directorate for Engineering of the National Science Foundation announces a program solicitation in support of HUD’s Partnership for Advancing Technologies in Housing, or PATH. Whereas previous years’ solicitations have been open calls for a variety of research proposals, this year’s solicitation focuses on groundbreaking proposals in the five interdisciplinary areas designated to be the forefront of housing technology through the NSF-PATH Housing Research Agenda Workshop held at the University of Central Florida in February 2004. Please see Researchers” section of [www.pathnet.org](http://www.pathnet.org) for a description of this workshop. These five interdisciplinary areas are: (1) Construction Management and Production; (2) Structural Design and Materials; (3) Building Enclosures, Energy, and Indoor Air Quality; (4) Community and Economic Impacts of Housing Technology; (5) Systems Interactions and Whole House Approaches. PATH's mission is to advance technology innovation in the homebuilding industry in order to improve housing value and performance. Its goals are to develop new housing R&D ventures; to coordinate non-commercial information and dissemination needs in homebuilding and construction; and to reduce the major institutional and policy barriers for innovation in the industry. Eligibility: Proposals may be submitted by U.S. academic institutions in support of individual investigators or as the lead institution in a partnership. $3 million for about 10 awards, with an average total grant of $300,000 for a duration up to 3 years. **Contact:** Jesus M. de la Garza, Program Director, Division of Civil and Mechanical Systems, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. E-mail: jgarza@nsf.gov. Website: [http://www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/getpub?nsf05547](http://www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/getpub?nsf05547).

**(NSF) Undergraduate Research Centers**  
**Deadline:** March 7, 2005 (letter of intent), April 4, 2005 (full proposal)  
**Scope:** The Undergraduate Research Center (URC) Program seeks new models and partnerships with the potential (1) to expand the reach of undergraduate research to include first- and second-year college students; and (2) to enhance the research capacity, infrastructure, and culture of participating institutions, thereby strengthening the nation’s research enterprise. For this program, research should be in the chemical sciences or in interdisciplinary areas supported by the chemical sciences. Projects should provide exposure to research of contemporary scientific interest that is addressed with modern research tools and methods. Funding: $3.5 million for about 5 awards. **Contact:** Robert Foust, Program Director, Division of Chemistry, Room 1055 S, NSF, 4201 Wilson Blvd. Arlington, VA 22230. Website: NSF-DOC: [http://www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/getpub?nsf05539](http://www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/getpub?nsf05539).
(NSF) University-Industry Math Research  
**Deadline:** June 2, 2005  
**Scope:** The National Science Foundation seeks applications for university-industry research fellowships and assistantships to enable mathematical scientists to conduct research in industry environments and industry scientists to return to academia. Funding: $1 million for 10 awards in 2005. Awards vary in size according to the type of support: up to $111,000 ($71,000 from NSF and $40,000 from industry) for two-year university-industry postdoctoral research fellowships; the equivalent of a six-month full-time salary up to $50,000 for one year for university-industry senior research fellowships; and up to $20,000 per student per year for industry-based graduate research assistantships and cooperative fellowships. Eligibility: Colleges, universities, other research institutions and for-profit organizations in support of individual investigators or small groups. Eligibility for individual candidates depends on the program category. The goal is to foster research experiences and relationships that may stimulate technological advances. The program supports:  
- University-industry postdoctoral fellowships, which permit recent doctoral recipients to split their time between academe and industry;  
- University-industry senior research fellowships, which enable mid-career and senior scientists to take sabbaticals in industry or pursue collaborations;  
- Industry-based graduate research assistantships, which permit graduate students to move between university and industrial settings and work under the joint supervision of faculty and industry scientists; and  
- Industry-based graduate cooperative fellowships, which permit graduate students to participate fulltime in industrial research as interns for one year.  
**Contact:** Website: www.nsf.gov/pubs/2005/nsf05504/nsf05504.htm, Lloyd Douglas, ldouglas@nsf.gov;  

(NSF) Mathematical, Statistical Foundations  
**Deadline:** April 5, 2005  
**Scope:** The National Science Foundation invites proposals for projects that advance the mathematical or statistical underpinnings of research in the social, behavioral or economic sciences. Funding: $3 million for up to 15 grants of $150,000 to $650,000 each. Eligibility: Colleges, universities, non-profit nonacademic organizations that are directly associated with educational or research activities, for-profit organizations with strong research capabilities, state and local governments, and, in some cases, unaffiliated individuals. Research projects must focus on problems at the intersection of the social, behavioral or economic sciences and the mathematical or statistical sciences. Investigators should make clear the direct relationships they anticipate across the different scientific domains, NSF advises. The agency also will consider proposals for workshops or symposia that foster the interaction of social, behavioral and/or economic scientists and mathematicians. Website: www.nsf.gov/pubs/2005/nsf05542/nsf05542.htm  
**Contact:** Cheryl Eavey ceavey@nsf.gov.  

(NSF/HUD) Technologies in Housing  
**Deadline:** April 19th, 2005  
**Scope:** The National Science Foundation and the Housing and Urban Development Department solicit partnership proposals to support cutting-edge research in five interdisciplinary areas designated by experts as being in the forefront of housing technology. **Funds:** $3 million for 10 awards of $300,000 each for up to three years. **Eligibility:** U.S. academic institutions in support of individual investigators or as the lead institution in a partnership. NSF is interested in proposals involving academic institutions and partnerships of academic institutions, research organizations, industrial enterprises, state and local governments and/or other participants relevant to the housing and homebuilding industries. Areas are construction management and production; structural design and materials; building enclosures, energy and indoor air quality; community and economic impacts of housing technology; and systems interactions and whole house approaches. **Contact:** Jesus M. de la Garza, (703) 292-7791; jgarza@nsf.gov Website: www.nsf.gov/pubs/2005/nsf05547/nsf05547.htm  

AutoZone Community Relations  
**Deadline:** March 15, 2005 and July 15, 2005  
**Scope:** AutoZone focuses its corporate contributions on nonprofits in the areas of education, human services and civic affairs. In the area of education, interest areas include: workforce development efforts to build a skilled workforce in the areas of vehicle maintenance, technology, customer service and retail management; schools and
other organizations that train future drivers in vehicle maintenance and safety; organizations that develop and encourage entrepreneurial skills; and literacy and English as a second language programs. Human services funding support community organizations offering food, clothing and shelter. Grants also support civic groups and community development projects that aim to improve the quality of life and provide amenities in areas AutoZone serves. Grant application is available online. Grant sizes vary. **Contact:** AutoZone Community Relations, Department 8014, P.O. Box 2198, Memphis, TN

**Bamford-Lahey Children’s Foundation**  
**Deadline:** Open. E-mail a short letter of inquiry to the foundation as a first step.  
**Scope:** The Bamford-Lahey Children’s Foundation supports projects that have broad implications for the learning and use of spoken language in children with developmental language disorders. **Funds:** The foundation awards one or two grants a year to cover direct costs of up to $20,000 each. Currently, the foundation will only fund projects that have broad implications for the learning and use of spoken language in children with developmental language disorders. No funding is available for particular programs unless they involve a project with such broad implications. Of particular interest are projects that focus on: development and evaluation of intervention strategies; use of technology in language assessment, intervention and research; influence of health, in particular nutrition, on language learning; dissemination of information to parents and professionals; stimulation of applied research in the area of developmental language disorders; encouragement of professionals to continue their education in order to obtain a doctoral degree and become teacher-investigators in children’s language disorders.  
**Contact:** Bamford-Lahey Children’s Foundation, 2995 Woodside Rd., Woodside, CA 94062; E-MAIL: info@bamford-lahey.org. Website: www.bamford-lahey.org.

**Blockbuster Inc.**  
**Deadline:** Open. Requests are reviewed monthly.  
**Scope:** Blockbuster supports nonprofits with projects that: have a film/video industry focus; impact children and families; support a particular Blockbuster business objective, such as employment; and have clearly defined and measurable goals. Corporate contributions are focused on local Blockbuster communities and national efforts. Grants vary. Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations may apply. Blockbuster does not support the following: religious organizations; sporting events; political parties, candidates or issues; fraternal orders; endowment or capital campaigns; individuals; or independent film or video productions. **Contact:** Nationally-based requests should be submitted to: Blockbuster Inc., Office of Corporation Contributions, 1201 Elm St., Dallas, TX 75270, Tel: 214/854/3077; Internet, www.blockbuster.com.

**Carnegie Corporation Education Program**  
**Deadline:** Open  
**Scope:** Andrew Carnegie’s charge that the Corporation dedicate itself to the “advancement and diffusion of knowledge and understanding” has led it, over nearly 100 years of work, to support efforts to improve teaching and learning that have the potential to make a lasting and long-term contribution to the field of education. That history resonates throughout our current educational work in education, which is focused on three major areas: 1) advancing literacy: reading to learn, 2) urban school reform, and 3) teacher education reform. A theme that unites these subprograms is the overall goal of increasing access to quality education and a rich educational experience for all students. **Contact:** Carnegie Corp. of New York, 437 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10022. Website: http://www.carnegie.org.

**DENSO North America Foundation**  
**Deadline:** Open  
**Scope:** The DENSO North America Foundation was established in January 2001 as the first Japan-based automotive component supplier in North America to establish a corporate foundation. It serves to extend DENSO Corporation’s leadership in corporate citizenship by providing skills and resources to help communities develop a skilled workforce. The foundation provides grants to institutions of higher education with an emphasis on engineering, technology and business. Eligibility: U.S. universities and educational institutions that seek a minimum of $2,000 in funding may apply. Funding goes to building campaigns, including new projects, expansions and major maintenance, permanent installations and exhibits as well as purchase of equipment and classroom/lab sponsorships, including development of electronic/training systems. The project must be related to business or engineering support. Other areas include support for university-sanctioned student competitions. Projects must be related to the advancement or understanding of business or engineering principles and represent a team effort. The foundation also makes grants through the Red Cross to help communities impacted
by natural disasters in North American locations where DENSO Corporation operates. Recent Grants: $75,000 to the University of Tennessee, College of Engineering to purchase a CNC Machining Center; $60,000 to Michigan Technological University, College of Engineering to support the Challenge X Enterprise and the pre-college outreach program; $150,000 to Pellissippi State Technical Community College to support the purchase of program equipment and technology upgrades on the Blount County campus. Contact: DENSO North America Foundation, 24777 Denso Dr., Southfield, MI 48034, Tel: 248/372/8233; E-Mail, DENSOfoundation@denso-diam.com; Website: www.densofoundation.org.

Ethel Louise Armstrong Foundation
Deadline: May 1, 2005.
Scope: The Ethel Louise Armstrong Foundation has as its mission to “change the face of disability on the planet.” The foundation supports nonprofits that are led by or help adults with disabilities. Funds: Grants range from $1,000 to $5,000. Eligibility: Organizations must have 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status and have been in existence for at least two years. The foundation seeks unique projects that aim to make a difference in the lives of people with disabilities, particularly in the areas of education, advocacy and the arts. Contact: Deborah Lewis, Executive Director, Ethel Louise Armstrong Foundation, 2460 N Lake Ave., PMB #128, Altadena, CA 91001; Tel: 626/398/8840; E-MAIL, executivedirector@ela.org; Website: http://ela.org/grants/grants.html

Ford Foundation: Asset Building and Community Development
Deadline: Open
Scope: The Asset Building and Community Development program helps strengthen and increase the effectiveness of people and organizations working to find solutions to problems of poverty and injustice. Thirty-nine staff members focus grant resources on the fields in two program units in New York and abroad. The Foundation supports people who are building human, social, financial and environmental assets that enable people and communities to exert control over their lives and to participate in their societies in meaningful and effective ways. Grants support vibrant social movements, institutions and partnerships that analyze contemporary social and economic needs and devise responses to them. Grant making is also helping to establish and fortify organizations and institutions that support asset building through research, training, policy analysis and advocacy. Grant making aims to help low-income people and communities build the financial, human, social and natural resource assets they need to overcome poverty and injustice. Contact: Secretary, Ford Foundation, 320 East 43 Street New York, NY 10017. Tel: 212/573-5000, Website: http://www.fordfound.org/program/asset_main.cfm

F.B. Heron Foundation
Deadline: None for letter of inquiry. If interested, the foundation will invite a full proposal.
Scope: The F.B. Heron Foundation concentrates its grant making on organizations that have a successful track record of working with low-income communities. Funds: $3.9 million in 2003. First-time grants range from $25,000 to $50,000. Annual grant range is $25,000 to $125,000. Grants are made to direct-service, community-based organizations that assist low-income families in urban and rural communities in the United States, particularly those working on efforts to advance home ownership; enterprise development; quality and affordable child care; access to capital; and the use of comprehensive community development approaches that are focused on wealth-creation strategies. Programs should demonstrate tangible and lasting results. The foundation gives priority to organizations that incorporate people with disabilities as beneficiaries of the wealth-creation strategies on which the foundation is focused. Contact: Mary Jo Mullan, Vice President, Programs, F.B. Heron Foundation, 100 Broadway, New York, NY 10005; Website: http://fdncenter.org/grantmaker/fbheron

Greyhound Lines Inc.
Deadline: None. E-mail and telephone requests are not accepted. Application form is available online.
Scope: Greyhound Lines Inc. offers charitable contributions to programs that help the underserved develop skills, knowledge and confidence. Grants are focused on programs for minorities, women, the disabled and the financially disabled. Grant sizes vary. Greyhound has a strong preference for supporting national organizations, but will consider local sponsorships on occasion if they meet the required criteria. Giving guidelines state that a request for a charitable contribution should: be fully supportive of Greyhound’s area of focus; be affordable; make a real, lasting and measurable impact; not be a one time only event; and provide opportunities for Greyhound employees to volunteer. Contact: Greyhound Lines Inc., Attn: Corporate Communications, 15110 N. Dallas Pkwy., Dallas, TX 75248; Website: www.greyhound.com/company/charitable.shtml
Kresge Foundation: Science Initiative Challenge Grants  
**Deadline:** Open  
**Scope:** The Kresge Foundation Science Initiative is a challenge grant program to upgrade and endow scientific instrumentation and laboratories in colleges and universities, teaching hospitals, medical schools, and research institutions. Colleges and universities (awarding baccalaureate and/or graduate degrees), teaching hospitals, medical schools, and research institutions are eligible to apply. Within the educational field, this program is designed to assist a broad range of colleges and universities, not necessarily those with significant research budgets or Ph.D. science programs. Liberal arts colleges with well-established, undergraduate science programs are welcome to apply. Kresge Science Initiative grants will provide one-fourth of the total project costs in two equal payments. The first payment represents one-third of the equipment costs and the second payment represents one-fifth of the endowment goal. Minimum Kresge Grant is $100,000 and the maximum is $500,000.  
**Contact:** The Kresge Foundation, 3215 West Big Beaver Road, P.O. Box 3151, Troy, MI 48007-3151 Website: [www.kresge.org/programs/](http://www.kresge.org/programs/) Tel: 248/643-9630

John S. and James L. Knight Foundation  
**Deadline:** Generally, applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.  
**Scope:** Established by newspaper founders the Knight brothers, the foundation is dedicated to their ideals of service to their communities, the highest standards of journalistic excellence and the defense of a free press. It does this through three signature programs: Community Partners, Journalism Initiatives and National Venture Funds. Awards made in 2003 totaled more than $81 million. Areas: *Journalism Initiatives* emphasize education for current and future journalists, support of a free press around the world, and approaches to quality journalism across all forms of media. *National Venture Funds* support systemic change that may hold promise to benefit many communities through support of innovation, leadership and experimentation in the 26 Knight communities. *Community Partners* ask each of 26 communities where the Knight brothers held newspapers to establish a community advisory committee to focus on no more than three of six funding priorities.  
**Contact:** Knight Foundation, 200 S Biscayne Blvd., Miami, FL 33131-2349; Website: [www.knightfnd.org](http://www.knightfnd.org).

Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation:  
**Deadline:** Open  
**Scope:** The Foundation's four areas of emphasis in its grant-making are as follows: (1) projects to improve medical and health professional education in the context of the changing health care system; (2) projects that will increase diversity among health care professionals; (3) projects that demonstrate or encourage ways to increase teamwork between and among health care professionals; and (4) educational strategies to increase care for underserved populations. Proposals are evaluated on the importance of the project and its relevance to the Foundation's areas of interest; the significance of the project's expected results and potential applicability to similar situations; and the sponsor's commitment to continue successful programs after the Foundation's support ceases. Grants are made only to tax-exempt institutions or agencies; no grants are made directly to individuals. The Foundation can act favorably on relatively few of the more than five hundred grant requests received each year. Many proposals must be declined even though they are appropriate to the Foundation's areas of interest and appear to be of merit. Contact: Grant Program, Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation, 44 East 64th Street, New York, NY 10021. Website: [http://www.josiahmacyfoundation.org/grant.html](http://www.josiahmacyfoundation.org/grant.html)

A.L. Mailman Family Foundation  
**Deadline:** Initial contact should be made by letter of inquiry. Letters are due May 15, 2005 for fall proposals and December 1, 2005 for spring proposals.  
**Scope:** The A.L. Mailman Family Foundation seeks to fund projects that play a strategic role in improving policies and systems that affect young children. More than $1.1 million was awarded in 2003. Typically, grants average $25,000 each. Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations are eligible. The foundation does not fund locally focused direct service projects such as childcare centers, schools or professional education programs. The foundation’s funding focus areas are: early childhood programs; family support programs; and moral education and social responsibility programs, such as anti-bias education and conflict management. The foundation is especially interested in projects that:  
- Inform national early childhood policy or the policy of more than one state.  
- Improve state and national systems of training, funding, compensation and accountability in order to make high quality learning programs available to more children. Explore new approaches to building a diverse, competent and stable early childhood workforce.  
- Build support for increased public financing of early learning and parental leave programs.
• Create and disseminate innovative early childhood training and curriculum materials that support social/emotional and language development, appreciation of diversity and joyful learning.
• Engage families as active partners and advocates.
• Promote policies and programs that respect families; strengths, cultures and needs, build supportive communities and address the special needs of poor children.
• Show unusual creativity and a playful, caring spirit.

Since the foundation is small and funding is limited, it seeks to leverage its contributions by funding collaboratives, supporting national intermediaries, hosting targeted meetings and reaching out to new potential funders. Contact: Luba Lynch, A.L. Mailman Family Foundation, 7007 Westchester Ave., White Plains, NY. 10604, Tel: 914/683/8089; E-MAIL: almf@mailman.org  Website: www.mailman.org

McKenzie Foundation
Deadline: None for letter of inquiry
Scope: The McKenzie Foundation makes grants in the areas of education, health, human services and cultural and environmental affairs. In particular, funding is focused on four interests: early childhood development, education, the environment and arts. Letters may be submitted by mail or online through the electronic form provided. If interested, the foundation will invite a full proposal. Funds: $522,980 was awarded in 2003. Grants ranged from $1,000 to $70,000. Most grants range from $3,000 to $20,000. Eligibility: Organizations must have 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. The foundation will not support endowments, capital construction, general fundraising or deficit financing. Areas: The foundation supports creative projects that aim to “serve as catalytic agents in their fields and that can have an impact that will continue after the specific project has been completed.” The foundation seeks programs that are encouraging excellence and personal development. The foundation believes in using arts and culture to improve the quality of life for people of all ages and backgrounds. Contact: Kathryn H. Smith, Executive Director, McKenzie Foundation, 114 John St., Greenwich, CT 06831, Tel: 203/861/7525; Website: www.mckenziefoundation.us

Public Welfare Foundation
Deadline: None.
Scope: The Public Welfare Foundation, which supports nonprofits addressing human needs in disadvantaged communities, has announced its grant priorities for 2005. Funding: $18 million is the giving budget for 2005. The foundation awards general support and project grants. Most grants are for one year, although the foundation will accept requests for funding renewals and has made multi-year grants. Grants for one-time purposes are also considered. The foundation supports organizations that include service, advocacy and empowerment in their efforts to address specific problems. In 2005, the following areas will be funded:

• Community Development ($2.5 million): supports grassroots and local organizations efforts to help low-wage workers, technical assistance, advocacy and policy development.
• Criminal Justice ($1.5 million): funding goes to alternatives to incarceration, legal services for the poor and violence prevention.
• Health ($3 million): support for advocacy, hunger, nutrition and mental health services.
• Reproductive Health ($2.5 million): priority areas include teens, AIDS and reproductive rights.
• Environment ($2.5 million): supports grassroots and local organizations, technical assistance, advocacy and policy development and sustainable development.

Contact: Public Welfare Foundation, Tel: 202/65/1800; E-MAIL, reviewcommittee@publicwelfare.org  Website: www.publicwelfare.org

Tech Museum of Innovation
Deadline: Nominations are due April 4, 2005. Once a nomination is received and validated, nominees will be contacted and invited to submit an application, to be due May 2, 2005.
Scope: The Tech Museum of Innovation, through its Tech Museum Awards, recognizes innovators and visionaries from around the world who are using innovative technology solutions to address and improve critical problems in the areas of education, equality, environment, health and economic development. Funding: $250,000 will be awarded. Five laureates in each category are honored. Eligibility: Nominations may be made by anyone. Self-nominations are accepted. Recent Grants: A listing of previous award recipients is available on the award Web site: http://techawards.thetech.org/about.cfm.  Website: http://thetech.org/
Toyota USA Foundation: Grants in K-12 Education (Especially In Math And Science)
Deadline: Open
Scope: The Toyota USA Foundation is committed to improving the quality of K-12 education by supporting innovative programs that improve the teaching and learning of mathematics and science. A high priority is placed on the following: (a) Systemic math and science programs which are broad in scope and incorporate interdisciplinary curriculum, "real world" classroom applications and high student expectations; (b) Creative and innovative programs which develop the potential of students and/or teachers; and (c) Cost-effective programs that possess a high potential for success with relatively low duplication of effort. Eligibility: Applying organizations must be tax-exempt and be located within the United States. Grants are made to accredited higher education institutions (colleges and universities), community colleges and vocational or trade schools, and to nonprofit organizations engaged in pre-collegiate math and/or science education. Not eligible are government agencies or individuals. Recent grants have ranged from $50,000 to $500,000. Contact Foundation Administrator, Toyota USA Foundation, 9 West 57th Street, New York, NY 10019. Website: http://www.toyota.com/about/community/tusafoundation/

William Randolph Hearst Endowed Scholarship for Minority Students
Deadline: March 15, 2005
Scope: The Nonprofit Sector Research Fund (http://nonprofitresearch.org/), a grantmaking program of the Aspen Institute in Washington, D.C., annually offers the William Randolph Hearst Endowed Scholarship. The scholarship, which is based on academic excellence and need, is open to both undergraduate and graduate students who are members of minority groups. The Hearst Scholar serves as a summer intern with the fund. Through the program, the fund seeks to introduce a diverse group of students to issues relating to philanthropy, voluntarism, and nonprofit organizations. In addition, recipients may arrange with their colleges or universities to receive academic credit for the experience. The ideal candidate for the scholarship is a highly motivated continuing graduate or undergraduate student from an underrepresented community. The student must be able to intern for ten to twelve weeks full-time during the summer at the Washington, D.C., office of the Aspen Institute. All travel and housing costs must be covered by the student. A scholarship grant of between $2,500 and $5,000 will be awarded, depending on the recipient's educational level, financial need, and time commitment. Contact: http://nonprofitresearch.org/newsletter1530/newsletter_show.htm?doc_id=1.

U.S. Cellular
Scope: U.S. Cellular's charitable contributions program supports organizations serving disadvantaged youth, families and seniors, with an emphasis on helping people locate opportunities for an improved quality of life. Funding: There is no set dollar amount for grants. In the past, awards ranged from $1,000 to $35,000. Funding is not awarded for salaries, stipends, travel costs or general operating expenses. Contact: U.S. Cellular, e-mail, PublicAffairs&Communications@uscellular.com

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