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## Getting an Agency to Fund your Project

***Identify the mission of the funding organization and make sure your proposal addresses that mission***

Contrary to popular belief, public and private funding organizations do not exist merely to dole out large sums of money. Most funders, from the federal government to the small local foundation, have a specific purpose for existence outlined in their organizational mission statement.

To meet their missions, funders provide grants, contracts, and/or cooperative agreements to other organizations that have the capacity to carry out the work. Understanding the funding organization's purpose, then, is paramount to the proposal development process, because a proposal that falls outside of the organization's interests will most likely be rejected.

As you develop your proposal, it may be helpful to keep a copy of the funding organization's mission and purpose statement nearby to make sure your proposal addresses their interests. Additionally, a quick review of what the organization does not fund can save you time and effort as you prepare your proposal (e.g., the National Science Foundation does not fund medical research/projects).

Remember, your goal is to show the funding organization why it should invest in your project. Aligning your project with the potential funder's mission is the first step in submitting a successful proposal.

## Upcoming Funding Opportunities

### American College Personnel Association

*ACPA Foundation Grants Program*

**Submission deadline:** July 1, 2013

**Program description:** "The ACPA Foundation is the fundraising organization for ACPA College Student Educators International. Specifically, the Foundation seeks philanthropic support for ACPA initiatives involving research and scholarship, professional development and leadership programs for student affairs professionals in higher education." Grants range from \$1,000-\$2,500 for one-year projects. **Note:** Only current ACPA members are eligible to apply for funding under this program.

**Link to full announcement:** <http://www.acpafoundation.org/content/grants>

### National Institute for Health Care Management

*NIHCM Foundation Research Grants*

**Submission deadline:** Letter of inquiry – July 19, 2013; Full proposal – September 2013 (by invitation)

**Program description:** "NIHCM Foundation is making up to \$150,000 available to support investigator-initiated research with high potential to inform improvements to the U.S. health care system by reducing health spending growth, enhancing quality, and/or expanding access to health insurance and health care services. Projects must advance existing knowledge in the areas of health care financing, delivery, management and/or policy."

**Link to full announcement:** <http://nihcm.org/grants/research-grants>

### National Endowment for the Humanities

*Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants*

**Submission deadline:** September 12, 2013

**Program description:** "The Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants program awards relatively small grants to support the planning stages of innovative projects that promise to benefit the humanities. Proposals should be for the planning or initial stages of digital initiatives in any area of the humanities."

**Link to full announcement:** <http://www.neh.gov/grants/odh/digital-humanities-start-grants>

*Humanities Collections and Reference Resources*

**Submission deadline:** July 18, 2013

**Program description:** “The Humanities Collections and Reference Resources (HCRR) program supports projects that provide an essential underpinning for scholarship, education, and public programming in the humanities. Thousands of libraries, archives, museums, and historical organizations across the country maintain important collections of books and manuscripts, photographs, sound recordings and moving images, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, art and material culture, and digital objects. Funding from this program strengthens efforts to extend the life of such materials and make their intellectual content widely accessible, often through the use of digital technology. Awards are also made to create various reference resources that facilitate use of cultural materials, from works that provide basic information quickly to tools that synthesize and codify knowledge of a subject for in-depth investigation.”

**Link to full announcement:** <http://www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/humanities-collections-and-reference-resources>

#### *Humanities Initiatives at Hispanic Serving Institutions*

**Submission deadline:** June 27, 2013

**Program description:** “NEH Humanities Initiatives are intended to strengthen and enrich humanities education and scholarship at Hispanic-Serving Institutions. These grants may be used to enhance the humanities content of existing programs, develop new programs, or lay the foundation for more extensive endeavors in the future. Each project must be organized around a core topic or set of themes.”

**Link to full announcement:** <http://www.neh.gov/grants/education/humanities-initiatives-hispanic-serving-institutions>

#### *Summer Stipends*

**Submission deadline:** September 26, 2014

**Program Description:** “Summer Stipends support individuals pursuing advanced research that is of value to humanities scholars, general audiences, or both. Recipients usually produce articles, monographs, books, digital materials, archaeological site reports, translations, editions, or other scholarly resources. Summer Stipends support continuous full-time work on a humanities project for a period of two months.”

**Note:** ASU may nominate a maximum of two individuals to apply for this award. Please contact the Office of Sponsored Projects at your earliest convenience if you would like to submit a proposal.

**Link to full announcement:** <http://www.neh.gov/grants/research/summer-stipends>

## **National Institutes of Health**

#### *MARC Undergraduate Student Training in Academic Research (U-STAR) National Research Service Award (NRSA) Institutional Research Training Grant (T34)*

**Submission deadlines:** June 24, 2013, May 25, 2014, and May 25, 2015

**Program description:** “The purpose of the Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) Undergraduate Student Training in Academic Research (U-STAR) Institutional Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Training program is to assist undergraduate institutions to increase the number of well-prepared underrepresented (UR) students who, within three years of graduation, matriculate into competitive/research active Ph.D. or combined M.D.-Ph.D. programs in the biomedical and behavioral sciences, go on to research careers and will be available to participate in NIH-funded research. The program provides grants to institutions with significant enrollment of students from groups underrepresented in the biomedical and behavioral sciences that propose well-integrated developmental activities designed to strengthen students’ academic preparation, research training and professional skills that are critical to the completion of the Ph.D. degree in the biomedical and behavioral sciences.”

**Link to full announcement:** <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-205.html>

#### *Research to Characterize and Reduce Stigma to Improve Health (R03)*

**Submission deadlines:** Standard R03 deadlines apply; see full announcement for details

**Program description:** “This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages research grant applications to characterize the role of stigma in health, life course development, and aging, both in the U.S. and globally, and to test interventions to prevent or reduce the impact of stigma at the individual,

community, health care system, and policy levels. The goal of this FOA is to promote research addressing the health-related aspects of stigma, including the etiology and perpetuation of stigma; its impact on physical and mental health, well-being, life course development, and aging; its influence on health behaviors and on use, access to, and quality of received healthcare services; its contribution to health disparities affecting vulnerable demographic groups; and intervention strategies to reduce health-related stigma and/or the negative health and life course developmental impacts of stigma.”

**Note:** Companion funding opportunities under the R01 and R21 mechanisms are also available

**Link to full announcement:** <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-247.html>

## National Science Foundation

*Widening Implementation and Demonstration of Evidence Based Reforms (WIDER)*

**Submission deadline:** July 3, 2013

**Program description:** “The chief goal of WIDER is to transform institutions of higher education into supportive environments for STEM faculty members to substantially increase their use of evidence-based teaching and learning practices. The first recommendation in the Report of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST), “Engage to Excel,” is to increase widespread implementation of evidence-based practices in order to increase persistence in STEM and contribute to the goal of producing 1 million additional STEM graduates.” **Four (4) different tracks** are available under this competition: 1) planning grants, 2) institutional implementation grants, 3) community implementation grants, and 4) research grants.

**Link to full announcement:** <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2013/nsf13552/nsf13552.htm>

## Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

*Changes in Health Care Financing and Organization: Small Grants*

**Submission deadline:** Open

**Program description:** “*Changes in Health Care Financing and Organization (HCFO)* supports research, policy analysis and evaluation projects that provide policy leaders timely information on health care policy, financing and organization issues. Supported projects include: 1) examining significant issues and interventions related to health care financing and organization and their effects on health care costs, quality and access; and 2) exploring or testing major new ways to finance and organize health care that have the potential to improve access to more affordable and higher quality health services.”

**Link to full announcement:** [http://www.rwjf.org/en/grants/calls-for-proposals/2011/changes-in-health-care-financing-and-organization--small-grants.html?cid=XEM\\_A7171](http://www.rwjf.org/en/grants/calls-for-proposals/2011/changes-in-health-care-financing-and-organization--small-grants.html?cid=XEM_A7171)

## Spencer Foundation

*Research Grants*

**Submission deadlines:** Vary by program; see full announcement for details

**Program description:** The Spencer Foundation supports small pilot research projects and major research projects focused on educational improvement. The foundation’s four areas of inquiry include: 1) the relation between education and social opportunity, 2) organizational learning in schools, school systems, and higher education systems, 3) teaching, learning, and instructional resources, and 4) purposes and values of education. The Foundation also supports research in other areas through their “Field-Initiated Proposal program.”

**Link to full announcement:** <http://www.spencer.org/content.cfm/research>

## U.S. Agency for International Development

*Unsolicited Concept Papers and Proposals*

**Submission deadlines:** Quarterly; see full announcement for details

**Program description:** “USAID has long recognized the U.S. higher education community (U.S. HEC) as a national asset and a valued partner in international development. The community fosters creative new approaches to development problems which USAID is working on throughout the developing world in support of U.S. national interests. Most USAID business with the U.S. HEC is conducted through competitive processes which ensure consistency with USAID development strategies, objectives and quality while eliciting the best ideas. At the same time, we welcome unsolicited concepts and proposals (that support USAID goals and objectives) with the recognition that funding for these is limited.”

**Link to full announcement:** <http://transition.usaid.gov/university/>

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