UMass Medical School inks sponsored research agreement with Fortress Biotech subsidiary to advance AAV gene therapies
The University of Massachusetts Medical School recently landed a sponsored research agreement with Aevitas Therapeutics, a subsidiary of Fortress Biotech that is developing gene therapies based on its adeno-associated virus (AAV) technology. The work will take place in the lab of Guangping Gao, PhD, whose research team will develop and optimize AAV therapies and advance them to clinical use. >>Read more

Knight First Amendment Institute at Columbia University Receives Grants Totaling $6.5 Million
The Knight First Amendment Institute at Columbia University recently announced grants totaling $6.5 million from the Democracy Fund, First Look Media, and the Charles Koch Foundation in support of efforts to defend the freedoms of speech and the press. The commitments over five years include general operating support totaling $3.25 million from the Democracy Fund and First Look Media, both part of the Omidyar Group, and $3.25 million from the Koch Foundation to endow the institute's litigation program. >>Read more

Sloan Foundation Announces 2018 Research Fellowships
The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation recently announced the selection of 126 outstanding U.S. and Canadian researchers at 53 colleges and universities as the recipients of the 2018 Sloan Research Fellowships. The fellowships, awarded yearly since 1955, honor early-career scholars whose achievements mark them as among the very best scientific minds working today. Past Sloan Fellows at Brandeis include Amy Lee (2017), Shantanu Jadhav (2015), Christine Thomas (2011), Suzanne Paradis (2009), and Oleg Ozerov (2006). >>Read more

Gates Foundation Announces Five New Grand Challenges
The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has announced five new Grand Challenges initiatives aimed at catalyzing innovations in the field of global health. Three of the new challenges will be funded through Round 21 of the foundation's Grand Challenges Explorations program, which awards $100,000 each over eighteen months to very early-stage projects. The fourth challenge is sponsored by Grand Challenges Explorations- Brazil, and the fifth challenge is sponsored by the original Grand Challenges program. >>Read more

Upcoming RFP Deadlines

Astronomy/Chemistry/Physics
The Cottrell Scholar Award develops outstanding teacher-scholars who are recognized by their scientific communities for the quality and innovation of their research programs and their academic leadership skills. Cottrell Scholar Awards are for three-year projects in the amount of $100,000. Eligible applicants are tenure-track faculty members whose primary appointment is in a department of astronomy, chemistry or
physics, and who started their first tenure-track appointment anytime in calendar year 2015. The deadline for pre-proposals is May 1. >>Read more

**Biomedical Science**
The Vilcek Foundation will award three prizes of $50,000 each to young (born on or after Jan. 1, 1980), foreign-born biomedical scientists who demonstrate outstanding early achievement. Eligible work may be in basic, applied and/or translational biomedical science. The deadline for applications is June 11. >>Read more

**Social Sciences**
The Russell Sage Foundation Project Awards provide a maximum of $150,000 over two years to support innovative projects that collect or analyze new data to illuminate issues that are highly relevant to the foundation’s program areas of behavioral economics; the future of work; race, ethnicity, and immigration; and social inequality. The foundation encourages projects that are interdisciplinary and combine both quantitative and qualitative research. The deadline for LOIs is May 24. >>Read more

The William T. Grant Foundation Research Grants program supports theory-building and empirical research projects on reducing inequality or improving the use of research evidence. Research grants on reducing inequality typically range from $100,000 to $600,000 and cover two to three years of support. Improving the use of research evidence grants will range from $100,000 to $1 million and cover two to four years of support. The deadline for LOIs is May 2. >>Read more

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