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Charles Koch Foundation gives MIT and Harvard $3.7 million for joint foreign policy program
The Project on Grand Strategy, Security, and Statecraft aims at mentoring the next generation of foreign policy scholars. The grants — $1.85 million each to MIT's Security Studies Program at the Center for International Studies and Harvard's Kennedy School's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs — will provide pre- and postdoctoral fellowships to young scholars from a variety of disciplines in the area of strategy and statecraft, with a focus on the United States and its role in the world. >>Read more

Gates Foundation announces latest 'Grand Challenges' grants
The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has announced Phase I grants of $100,000 each to 51 researchers from 16 countries through its Grand Challenges Explorations initiative. Grants were awarded to researchers from eight U.S. universities, including Purdue to develop a wearable test for preeclampsia in expecting mothers and Tufts to develop devices that will improve the collection, storage and transport of blood samples for clinical analysis in field settings. Grantees are eligible for Phase II grants of $1 million. >>Read more

Novartis and UC Berkeley collaborate to tackle 'undruggable' disease targets
The University of California, Berkeley has joined forces with pharmaceutical giant Novartis to establish the Novartis-Berkeley Center for Proteomics and Chemistry Technologies, a new research collaboration aimed accelerating the discovery of new medicines that zero in on the vast number of disease targets in cancer and other illnesses that have eluded traditional small-molecule compounds and are currently considered "undruggable." >>Read more

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation announces 2017 Moore Inventor Fellows
The second class of Moore Inventor Fellows, all junior faculty members nominated by their respective institutions, each receive a total of $825,000 over three years to advance new tools and technologies that will accelerate progress in the three main areas of foundation interest: scientific research, environmental conservation and patient care. The foundation plans to allocate nearly $34 million through 2026 to support 50 Moore Inventor Fellows. The 2018 nominating cycle has begun! Please let your chair know if you are interested in being nominated. >>Read more

Templeton Foundation awards UCLA $1.1 million grant to answer big biological questions
A UCLA research team has been awarded a $1.1 million grant from the John Templeton Foundation to address the impact of environmental exposures on the mammalian epigenome and the extent to which these changes can burden the health of populations across generations. In addition to funding laboratory research on mouse and human germ cells, the grant will support a seminar on environmental epigenetics, which will explore the social and philosophical implications of this transgenerationally transmitted burden. >>Read more

University research: Remaking the fortunes of the Fortune 500
Higher education is playing an increasingly important role in the creation of research and technology for the world's leading corporations. Research from Fortune 500 companies is making its way from professional researchers to university researchers to a bevy of technology start-up companies - helping to propel the importance of research at universities. >>Read more

Upcoming RFP Deadlines

Art History
The Kress Foundation History of Art Grants Program provides $6,000-$50,000 to support scholarly projects that will enhance the understanding and appreciation of European art and architecture. Grants are awarded to projects that create and disseminate specialized knowledge, including archival projects, development and dissemination of scholarly databases, documentation projects, museum exhibitions and publications, photographic campaigns, scholarly catalogues and publications, and technical and scientific studies. The deadline for applications is Jan. 15. >> Read more

Neuroscience
The McKnight Foundation supports competitive annual awards that seek out investigators whose research shows promise in bringing society closer to prevention, treatments and cures for many devastating diseases. The Scholar Awards provide $225,000 over three years to encourage emerging neuroscientists to focus on disorders of learning and memory. The deadline for applications is Jan. 8. >>Read more

The Whitehall Foundation, through its programs of research grants and grants-in-aid, assists scholarly research in neuroscience. Research grants offer between $90,000-$250,000 for up to three years, and grants-in-aid offer $30,000 over a one-year period. The foundation emphasizes the support of young scientists at the beginning of their careers and productive senior scientists who wish to move into new fields of interest. The deadline for LOIs for both grants is Jan. 15. >> Read more

The Klingenstein-Simons Fellowship Awards, sponsored by the Eberth A. & Joseph Klingenstein Fund and the Simons Foundation, support, in the early stages of their careers, young investigators engaged in basic or clinical research that may lead to a better understanding of neurological and psychiatric disorders. The awards provide $225,000 over three years. The deadline for applications is Feb. 15. >> Read more

Teaching
The Marion and Jasper Whiting Foundation awards fellowships to present and prospective teachers, with an emphasis on teachers currently working at the college or university level, to enable them to study abroad or at some location or locations other than that with which they are most closely associated. The aim is to stimulate and broaden the minds of teachers so as to improve and enhance the quality of their instruction. Grants of $5,000 are primarily for travel and related expenses and not as salary substitutes, scholarships or grants in aid. The deadline for LOI submissions is Jan. 12. >> Read more

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