Brandeis GSAS Receives $700,000 Gift from the Mellon Foundation for Humanities Graduate Education

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has awarded Brandeis a generous grant to support the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences’s (GSAS) Re-Imagining Doctoral Education in the Humanities initiative. The funding will enable the school to extend a set of programs first launched with the Mellon Foundation’s support in 2009, which have helped reduce time-to-degree and created cross-disciplinary bridges and support mechanisms for Brandeis doctoral students in the humanities. >>Read more

Gates Foundation awards UW Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation $279 Million

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation awarded the University of Washington $279 million over 10 years to develop and maintain databases that measure health trends around the globe. The money will fund another decade of work at UW’s Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, which tracks a large range of health indicators, such as the incidence of heart disease, malaria and child mortality across huge populations. >>Read more

The Covenant Foundation Announces $1.6 Million in New Grants

The Covenant Foundation has announced $1.6m in new grants, supporting Jewish organizations and initiatives with novel and imaginative approaches to Jewish learning and wide geographic reach. Foundation grants are divided into two categories: Signature grants, which provide funding for up to $250,000 for up to five years, and Ignition grants, of up to $20,000 for one year to support new and untested approaches. The grants are part of approximately $1.8 million to be distributed this year. >>Read more

Rockefeller Foundation Announces Rajiv Shah as Next President

The Rockefeller Foundation recently announced the selection of Dr. Rajiv J. Shah, the former administrator of USAID, as its next president. Shah is best known for elevating international development in foreign policy, delivering results through public-private partnerships, and the respect he earned working with counterpart governments from Afghanistan to Central America and with bipartisan leaders in the U.S. Congress. He will succeed Judith Rodin, who has served as the foundation’s president for nearly 12 years. >>Read more

Knight Foundation, Omidyar Network, and LinkedIn Founder Create $27 Million Fund to Research Artificial Intelligence

The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, Omidyar Network, and LinkedIn founder Reid Hoffman have joined forces to create the Ethics and Governance of Artificial Intelligence Fund. Issues the fund may address include ethical design, potential harmful and beneficial impacts of AI, and AI that works in the public interest. The MIT Media Lab and the Berkman Klein Center for Internet and Society at Harvard University will act as anchor institutions for the fund. >>Read more

Upcoming RFP Deadlines

Child Health

The Charles H. Hood Foundation Child Health Research Awards Program awards two-year grants of $150,000 to early career faculty. Grants support hypothesis-driven clinical, basic science, public health, health services research and epidemiology projects focused on child health. The deadline for applications is March 29. >>Read more

The Deborah Munroe Noonan Memorial Research Fund is awarding one-year grants of up to $80,000 to support improvements in the quality of life for children with disabilities. The deadline for applications is March 16. >> Read more

Eating Disorders

The Klairman Family Foundation is awarding grants to support research that directly investigates the underlying biology of anorexia nervosa, and the questions of how and why it develops and persists. One-year pilot studies will receive up to $150,000, and 1-3 year research projects will receive up to $250,000 per year. The deadline for applications is March 14. >> Read more

Life Sciences

The Human Frontier Science Program is awarding grants to teams of scientists from different countries who wish to combine their expertise in innovative approaches to questions that could not be answered by individual investigators. Emphasis is placed on novel collaborations that bring together scientists preferably from different disciplines (e.g. from chemistry, physics, computer science, engineering) to focus on problems in the life sciences. Young Investigators’ Grants are awarded to teams of researchers, all of whom are within the first five years after obtaining an independent laboratory (e.g. assistant professor, lecturer or equivalent), while Program Grants are awarded to teams of independent researchers at any stage of their careers. Awards are dependent upon team size and successful teams will receive up to $450,000 per year. The deadline for LOIs is March 20. >> Read more

Neuroscience

The Klingenstein-Simon Fellowship Awards, sponsored by the Esther 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 March 1. >> Read more

The McKnight Foundation Memory and Cognitive Disorders Awards provide $100,000 per year for three years to support innovative efforts to solve the problems of neurological and psychiatric diseases, especially those related to memory and cognition. Collaborative projects between basic and clinical neuroscientists are welcomed, as are proposals that help link basic with clinical neuroscience. The deadline for LOIs is March 27. >>Read more

Social Sciences

The Open Society Fellowship, sponsored by the Open Society Foundations, supports individuals seeking innovative and unconventional approaches to fundamental open society challenges. Open Society fellows produce work outputs of their own choosing, such as a book, journalistic or academic articles, art projects, a series of convenings, etc. The fellowship provides between $80,000-$100,000 for one year. The deadline for LOIs is March 1. >> Read more
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