Kessler Foundation Awards $2.3 Million in Grants to Support Employment Opportunities for People with Disabilities

The Kessler Foundation (assets: $250,292,761; total giving: $2,805,506) has announced grants totaling $2.3 million for initiatives that create or expand job training and employment opportunities for people with disabilities. The grants include awards totaling nearly $1.6 million through its Signature Employment Grants program to support non-traditional solutions that increase employment outcomes for individuals with disabilities. The foundation also awarded seven grants totaling $600,000 through its Community Employment Grants program to advance job training and employment opportunities for New Jersey residents with disabilities. >>Read more

Templeton Foundation Awards Emory University $2.6 Million for Integrity Project

With a $2.6 million grant from the John Templeton Foundation, Emory University is preparing to launch the Emory Integrity Project (EIP), a comprehensive effort to promote and develop a culture of ethics and integrity throughout Emory's undergraduate experience. The EIP, a joint project of Emory's Center for Ethics and its Division of Campus Life, is intended to make Emory a national model for integrating ethics and integrity in undergraduate life. >>Read more

William T. Grant Foundation Announces its Latest Round of Grants

The William T. Grant Foundation, one of the country's largest funders of research on how to improve the lives of young people, recently announced three grants totaling nearly $1.2 million for research on how federal housing assistance, differences in teacher quality, and racially informed differences in teachers' interpretations of students' emotions impact young people. The foundation also awarded a pair of two-year grants totaling more than $900,000 in support of efforts to examine the role of intermediary organizations in leveraging research for education policy and the role of the news media in brokering research evidence for federal policy makers. These grants mark a new focus for WT Grant: from understanding how and under what conditions research evidence is used in policymaking to how to create those conditions. >>Read more

Merck for Mothers Develops New Program to Reduce Maternal Deaths in Zambia

Merck for Mothers, an initiative of the pharmaceutical company, has joined with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and The ELMA Foundation to reduce maternal deaths in Zambia by investing $11 million in building and strengthening maternity waiting homes – residences near health facilities where women can stay in the late stages of their pregnancy as they prepare to give birth and in the critical period immediately following childbirth. The initiative's goal is to help pregnant women in remote areas reach timely, quality maternal healthcare. >>Read more

New Additions to the RFP Calendar!

The Edward Mallinkrodt Jr. Foundation Grant Program has been added to the CFR RFP calendar, located on our website. The limited-submission grants provide $180,000 over three years to early-career faculty pursuing biomedical research with the potential to significantly advance the understanding, diagnosis or treatment of disease. Deadline for internal competition will be June 1, proposal submission deadline is August 1st. >>Read more

The Brain and Behavior Research Foundation is now accepting applications for the 2016 NARSAD Young Investigator Grants. Two-year awards of up to $70,000, or $35,000 per year, are provided to enable promising neuroscientists to either extend research fellowship training or begin careers as independent research faculty. Basic and/or clinical investigators are supported, but research must be relevant to serious brain and behavior disorders such as schizophrenia, mood disorders, anxiety disorders, or child and adolescent mental illnesses. Recent Brandeis grantees include Shantanu Jadhav (Psychology) and Sue Paradis (Biology). The deadline for submission is February 26. >>Read more

Webinar Opportunity: How To Use GrantForward As A Researcher

On Tuesday, February 16 at 3:00pm, GrantForward will be hosting a free webinar focusing on the basics of using GrantForward as a researcher. GrantForward is a comprehensive grant opportunity database of government and non-government funding opportunities in all fields, searchable by discipline, eligibility, funding types, sponsor types, deadline, and keyword. All members of the Brandeis community have free access. The webinar will guide participants through creating an account, trying a simple search, using advanced filters, exporting grants, saving searches, and creating a profile. >>Read more

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