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Barr Foundation Announces $28.5 Million in New Grants

The Boston-based Barr Foundation has announced Q4 grants totaling $28.5 million, boosting its total giving for 2016 to $73.5 million, the largest-ever annual authorization in the foundation’s history. The foundation awarded 14 grants totaling $7.6 million through its Arts & Creativity program, 20 grants totaling $12 million through its Climate program, 15 grants totaling nearly $3.6 million through its Education program and four grants totaling $600,000 in support of its Cross-Program Initiatives. **[Read more]**

Luce Foundation Awards $13 Million in Grants

The Henry Luce Foundation in New York City has announced grants totaling more than $13 million to 42 organizations committed to the development of intellectual leadership and public dissemination of knowledge. The November grants will support programs in the areas of American art, Asian studies, religion, higher education and theology. **[Read more]**

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation Awards Nearly $36 Million in Grants

The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation has announced Q4 grants totaling $35.7 million, bringing its grantmaking total for the year to more than $111 million. The grants were awarded through the foundation’s Children Affected by HIV and AIDS, Safe Water, Avoidable Blindness, Foster Youth, Homelessness, Substance Use Prevention, Multiple Sclerosis, Catholic Sisters and Catholic Education programs. The grants included $435,000 to Stanford University to facilitate the design of a monitoring, evaluation and learning framework, and theory of change for the foundation’s Safe Water strategy. **[Read more]**

Prominent Funding Organizations Team Up to Launch Open Research Funders Group

Eight foundations recently announced the launch of the Open Research Funders Group, a partnership designed to increase access to research outputs. With nearly $5 billion in combined annual grants conferred, the foundations are committed to using their positions to foster more open sharing of research articles and data. This openness, the members believe, will accelerate the pace of discovery, reduce information-sharing gaps, encourage innovation and promote reproducibility. Inaugural members of the Open Research Funders Group include the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, the American Heart Association, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, the John Templeton Foundation, the Laura and John Arnold Foundation, Open Society Foundations and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. **[Read more]**

Upcoming RFP Deadlines

The Charles A. King Trust Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Program is designed to support postdoctoral fellows and physician-scientists. Each applicant must be working under the supervision of an established scientist who is the designated mentor. Two-year grants ranging from $87,400 to $106,330, inclusive of a $2,000 expense allowance, will be awarded. Proposals focused on cancer, blindness (not visual impairment) or child health are highly encouraged. The deadline for applications is Feb. 10. **[Read more]**

The American Council of Learned Societies is inviting proposals for its Luce/ACLS Program in Religion, Journalism & International Affairs Grants for Universities program. Through the program, grants of up to $50,000 will be awarded for projects hosted at U.S.-based universities with research and curricular strengths in journalism and communication and in humanities and social science fields concerned with the study of religion in international contexts (including but not limited to anthropology, history, literature, political science, religious studies and sociology). The deadline for applications is March 23. **[Read more]**

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