Simons Foundation Launches New Collaboration on Theory of Microbial Ecosystems
The Simons Foundation has established a new collaboration investigating the mysteries of nature’s smallest communities. Microbiologists Otto Cordero of MIT and Roman Stocker of ETH Zurich will co-direct the Simons Collaboration on Theory of Microbial Ecosystems, which will investigate how microbial ecosystems in the oceans form, function and respond to Earth’s ever-changing environment. >>Read more

Corporate Support Goes Companywide
A "Chronicle of Philanthropy" survey of America’s biggest companies found that donations grew two percent in 2015 compared with the previous year. Meanwhile, companies are increasingly integrating philanthropy throughout their business operations. >>Read more

The Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group Names Five Allen Distinguished Investigators
The Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group recently announced five awards worth $7.5 million for researchers focusing on the outer reaches of science. The five Allen Distinguished Investigator awards will fund seven people conducting early-stage research in epigenetics, aging and microbial evolution for three years. >>Read more

Laura and John Arnold Foundation Awards $4.5 Million for Colorado Policy Lab at the University of Denver
The University of Denver recently announced a $4.5 million grant from the Laura and John Arnold Foundation in support of a state government policy lab. To be housed at the university’s Barton Institute for Philanthropy and Social Enterprise, the Colorado Evaluation and Action Lab will work with state officials to evaluate public policies, design improvements to existing programs, pilot new interventions and scale proven solutions intended to benefit residents of the state. >>Read more

Stavros Niarchos Foundation Commits $150 Million for Civic Engagement at Johns Hopkins University
The Stavros Niarchos Foundation has announced a commitment of $150 million for a joint effort with Johns Hopkins University to address the deterioration of civic engagement worldwide and facilitate open and inclusive discourse, the cornerstone of healthy democracies. The gift will establish the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Agora Institute at Johns Hopkins, a forum for experts in a range of fields, including political science, psychology, neuroscience, philosophy, ethics, sociology and history. >>Read more

Knight Foundation Prototype Fund Awards $1 Million to Fight Misinformation
The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation recently announced grants totaling $1 million for projects focused on combating the spread of misinformation online. Awarded through the Knight Prototype Fund, a program focused on iterative and human-centered approaches to solving difficult problems, the grants will fund efforts aligned with three broad themes — citizen journalism and news engagement; media, news and information literacy; and fact checking. >>Read more

Tulane University gets $4.8 million Gates Foundation grant to help new parents in Africa
Tulane University has recently announced a $4.8 million grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for an initiative aimed at improving maternal and neonatal health in Kinshasa, the capital and largest city in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The grant will provide funding for MOMENTUM, an initiative to provide training to nursing students working with first-time mothers and fathers in the areas of family planning, birth preparedness, newborn care and gender-equitable attitudes. >>Read more

Upcoming RFP Deadlines

Life Sciences
The Arnold & Mabel Beckman Foundation Beckman Young Investigator Program provides research support to early-career faculty members in the chemical and life sciences, particularly to foster the invention of methods, instruments and materials that will open up new avenues of research in science. The awards provide $750,000 over four years. The deadline for LOI submissions is Aug. 14. >>Read more

Human Frontier Science Program postdoctoral fellowships encourage early-career scientists to broaden their research skills by moving into new areas of study while working in a new country. The fellowships provide $300,000 over three years. The deadline for applications is Aug. 10. >>Read more

Chemical Sciences
The Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation Postdoctoral Program in Environmental Chemistry provides a principal investigator with an award of $120,000 over two years to appoint a postdoctoral fellow in environmental chemistry. The deadline for applications is Aug. 29. >>Read more

The Burroughs Wellcome Fund Career Awards at the Scientific Interface provide $500,000 over five years to bridge advanced postdoctoral training and the first three years of faculty service. The deadline for pre-proposals is Sept. 6. >>Read more

Social Sciences
The Russell Sage Foundation is the principal American foundation devoted exclusively to research in the social sciences. Project Awards offer grants of up to $150,000 over two years for research surrounding social inequality, work, race, ethnicity, immigration or behavioral economics. Awards are available for research assistance, data acquisition, data analysis and investigator time for conducting research and writing up results. The deadline for LOI submissions is Aug. 21. >>Read more

The William T. Grant Foundation supports research that informs policy affecting the welfare of children and young people, with grant making currently focused on reducing inequality and promoting the use of research in policymaking. The Research Grants program offers grants from $100,000 to $1 million over 2-4 years. The deadline for LOI submissions is Aug. 2. >>Read more

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