Dear Faculty and Staff Colleagues:

This is our final monthly digest of news, resources and opportunities from the world of foundation and corporate support for universities and higher education of the year. I hope it has stimulated your thinking about funding from these sources for your own work, provided some insight into the agendas and strategies of these funders, and alerted you to some of the ways the Office of Corporate and Foundation Relations can help.

The CFR Digest will be taking a hiatus for the summer and will come back in the fall. In the meantime, I welcome your comments, ideas and thoughts, and I hope you will encourage your Brandeis colleagues to subscribe.

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William T. Grant Foundation Awards Grants for Youth Inequality Research

The William T. Grant Foundation has announced three research grants and one fellowship. Three new research grantees will focus on reducing inequality in youth outcomes. Bernadette Sanchez, a new distinguished fellow, will build understanding of how program development, staff training and implementation of mentoring programs can be more responsive to staff, mentor and youth needs when serving youth of color. This fellowship marks the final award made through the William T. Grant Distinguished Fellows program. >>Read more

Paul Allen Foundation Awards Penn over $9 Million to Study Concussions

The Paul G. Allen Family Foundation has announced a $9.25 million grant to the University of Pennsylvania in support of research on the underlying mechanisms of concussion and clinical interventions that could improve recovery. The grant will support a team of researchers led by David F. Meaney, the Solomon R. Polack Professor and Chair of Bioengineering in the School of Engineering and Applied Science, and Douglas H. Smith, director of the Center for Brain Injury and Repair and the Robert A. Grof Professor of Neurosurgery in the Perelman School of Medicine. >>Read more

Bloomberg Philanthropies Launches Urban Public Health Initiative

Bloomberg Philanthropies has announced a $5 million grant to launch the Partnership for Healthy Cities, an initiative focused on fighting noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) and injuries globally. With the active participation of 40 cities around the world, including Boston, the initiative will work to reduce NCDs — including heart disease, stroke, cancer, diabetes and respiratory diseases — which are responsible for 67 percent of the deaths in low- and middle-income countries, as well as often-ignored killers such as motor vehicle accidents, which kill 44 million people globally each year. >>Read more

Wharton Announces $6.6 Million Grant from the Laura and John Arnold Foundation

The Penn Wharton Budget Model, an independent applied research organization housed at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, has announced a $6.6 million commitment from the Laura and John Arnold Foundation to develop high-quality tools for use in evaluating the economic and budgetary impact of federal policy proposals. >>Read more

Gates Foundation to Launch Nonprofit Medical Research Institute in Boston and Seattle

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has announced that it intends to establish a nonprofit medical research institute to fight diseases that disproportionately affect the poor in low- and middle-income countries. Although details will not be available until later this year, the institute is expected to be co-located in the Seattle and Boston metro areas. >>Read more

Upcoming RFP Deadlines

Life Sciences

The Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation Runyon-Rachleff Innovation Award is designed to provide support for early career faculty with “high-risk/high-reward” ideas that have the potential to significantly impact our understanding of and/or approaches to the prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of cancer. The award provides $300,000 over two years. The deadline for applications is July 7. >>Read more

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

The Burroughs Wellcome Fund Investigators in the Pathogenesis of Infectious Disease award provides $500,000 over five years to support accomplished investigators at the assistant professor level to study pathogenesis, with a focus on the interplay between human and microbial biology, shedding light on how human and microbial systems are affected by their encounters. The deadline for pre-proposals is July 14. >>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. 1. >>Read more

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Social Sciences

The Russell Sage Foundation is the principal American foundation devoted exclusively to research in the social sciences. There are two upcoming deadlines:
- The Visiting Scholars Program provides a unique opportunity for select scholars in the social, economic and behavioral sciences to pursue their research and writing while in residence at the foundation’s New York headquarters. Scholars are provided with an office at the foundation, research assistance, computer and library facilities, and supplemental salary support of up to 50 percent of their academic year salary when unavailable from other sources (up to a maximum of $125,000). The deadline for applications is June 28. >> Read more
- 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. There are two upcoming deadlines:
- The Scholars Program is a career development program that gives young researchers $350,000 over a five-year period. The deadline for LOI submissions is July 6. >> Read more
- The Research Grants program offer 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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