Dear Faculty and Staff Colleagues:

This is our sixth monthly digest of news, resources and opportunities from the world of foundation and corporate support for universities and higher education. 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 as an opt-in/subscription newsletter. In the meantime, I welcome your comments, ideas and thoughts.

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**Brandeis researchers part of prestigious Simons Foundation projects**

Two Brandeis University scientists, a mathematician and a physicist, are members of two select international consortia of scientists from around the world working on answering fundamental questions about the nature of space and time with millions in funding from the New York-based Simons Foundation, which supports cutting-edge math and science. [Read more](#)

**Gates Foundation announces Grand Challenges Explorations - Round 16 grant recipients**

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation recently announced the latest Grand Challenges Explorations (GCE) awards, which fund discovery research in priority areas of global health and development with initial grants of $100,000 and potential follow-on grants of up to $1 million. Round 16 topics included tracking the global burden of antimicrobial resistance, applying microbiome engineering to newborn and infant gut health, and measuring delivery and use of digital financial services. [Read more](#)

**Peace and Security Funders Group releases Peace and Security Funding Index**

The Peace and Security Funders Group recently published a report examining global foundation grantmaking for peace and security. The Peace and Security Funding Index: An Analysis of Global Foundation Grantmaking is a first-of-its-kind research project that showcases the foundations and philanthropists investing in efforts to prevent, mitigate and resolve conflict and to rebuild after conflict. It looks at 288 foundations that in 2013 supported more than 1,200 organizations with more than $283 million spread across nearly 2,000 grants. [Read more](#)

**Corporations and Foundations support White House Microbiome Initiative**

The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), in collaboration with federal agencies and private-sector stakeholders, recently announced the National Microbiome Initiative (NMI). The NMI aims to advance understanding of microbiomes in order to aid in the development of useful applications in areas such as health care, food production and environmental restoration. In addition to $121 million in funding by federal agencies, more than $400 million in funding is being provided by external institutions and foundations. Some key contributions by external partners include the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and JDRF. [Read more](#)

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The Foundation Center, UNDP and several private foundations have collaborated to launch SDGfunders.org, a website designed to facilitate funder engagement in the global development process. Through knowledge sharing and access to critical data, the new website enhances opportunities for collaboration across sectors — philanthropy, government, UN agencies, civil society and the private sector — to increase the effectiveness of work that addresses common social, environmental and economic challenges. [Read more](#)

**UPCOMING DEADLINES**

The W.M. Keck Foundation Research Awards support support transformative science, engineering and medical research and the development of promising new scientific instruments. Brandeis may advance one proposal this year, and the internal deadline for one-page concept paper submissions is June 3. [Read more](#)

The Vilcek Foundation will award three prizes of $50,000 each to young (born on or after Jan. 1, 1978), foreign-born biomedical scientists who demonstrate outstanding early achievement. Eligible work may be in basic, applied and/or translational biomedical science. The deadline for applications is June 10. [Read more](#)

The Russell Sage Foundation’s Project Awards offer grants of up to $100,000 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 June 15. [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 offers grants from $100,000 to $1 million over 2-4 years. The deadline for LOI submissions is Aug. 4. [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 15. [Read more](#)
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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