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Simons Foundation Autism Research Initiative Announces Award Winners and Finalists

The Simons Foundation Autism Research Initiative (SFARI) recently announced that it has awarded 14 Explorer Awards. These grants will support exploratory experiments that aim to strengthen hypotheses and lead to the formulation of competitive applications for subsequent larger-scale funding by SFARI or other organizations. >>Read more

SFARI also recently announced that it has selected six finalists for the 2016 Bridge to Independence Awards, which are intended to help early-career autism scientists transition from mentored training positions to independent research careers. >>Read more

New Burroughs Wellcome Fund Partnerships to Tackle Health and Environmental Issues

The Burroughs Wellcome Fund has awarded four new research partnerships totaling $29m to tackle global environmental and health challenges. The scientists – from Australia, South America and the UK – are receiving the funding as part of Wellcome’s £75m commitment to population and planetary health. Two of the partnerships, which include universities from the United States, will focus on the health challenges of diverse urban environments. >>Read more

Kessler Foundation Grants $2.5 Million in Support of Employment Opportunities for People with Disabilities Nationwide

The Kessler Foundation has awarded nearly $2.5 million in grants to organizations across the U.S. to support initiatives that create or expand job training and employment initiatives for people with disabilities, including a grant to the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor for a Virtual Reality Job Interview Training program that uses speech recognition software to simulate job interviews, allowing for highly personalized roleplay and precise feedback and coaching. >>Read more

Surdna Foundation Announces $9.85 Million in Grants

Among the grants recently made by the Surdna Foundation to foster just and sustainable communities in the United States are a three-year grant to support The Albert Jr. and Tina Small Center for Collaborative Design at Tulane University and a two-year grant to support CODA21, a pilot initiative led by the Center for the Art of Performance at UCLA. >>Read more

Spencer Foundation Announces New President

The Spencer Foundation, one of the country’s largest funders of education research, recently announced the selection of Dr. Na’ilah Suad Nasir to be the next president of the Foundation. Dr. Nasir currently serves as vice-chancellor of equity and inclusion at the University of California, Berkeley. She starts July 1. >>Read more

Lenfest Institute, Knight Foundation Award $4.8 Million for Digital News Project

The Lenfest Institute for Journalism, in partnership with the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, has announced grants totaling $4.8 million over three years to the School of Media and Communication at Temple University to accelerate the shift to digital at news organizations across the country. The grants will enable the university to expand the Knight-Temple Table Stakes project, which was launched in October 2015 to help metropolitan daily news organizations accelerate their transition from print to digital and evolve their practices so as to reach new audiences and better engage readers and their communities. >>Read more

MacArthur Foundation Names Semifinalists in $100 Million Grant Competition

Eight bold solutions to critical social problems were named semi-finalists in 100&Change, a global competition for a single $100 million grant from the MacArthur Foundation. One university is among the semifinalists and several others are partners in semifinalist projects. >>Read more

Upcoming RFP Deadlines

Art History

The Samuel Kress Foundation devotes its resources to advancing the history, conservation and enjoyment of the vast heritage of European art, architecture and archaeology from antiquity to the early 19th century. There are two grants with deadlines of April 1.

- The Digital Resources Grants program supports efforts to integrate new technologies into the practice of art history and the creation of important online resources in art history, including both textual and visual resources. The awards range from $25,000-$100,000. >>Read more

- The History of Art Grants program supports scholarly projects that will enhance the understanding and appreciation of European art and architecture. The awards range from $6,000-$50,000. >>Read more

Natural Sciences

The United States-Israel Binational Science Foundation promotes scientific relations between the U.S. and Israel by supporting collaborative research projects in a wide area of basic and applied scientific fields. The foundation’s Transformative Science Grants, a small program of up to two awards annually, will receive larger grants than in the regular BSF grants program. The aim is to encourage and support research programs that, if successful, may have a far-reaching impact on their scientific fields and lead to unusually significant breakthroughs. The deadline for pre-proposals is April 27. >>Read more

Neuroscience

The Whitall Foundation, through its programs of research grants and grants-in-aid, assists scholarly research in neuroscience. Research grants offer between $90,000-$225,000 for up to three years, and grants-in-aid offer $30,000 over a one-year period. The foundation emphasizes the support of young scientists at the beginning of their careers and productive senior scientists who wish to move into new fields of interest. The deadline for LOIs for both grants is April 15. >>Read more

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