17 Ideas Win Knight News Challenge on Data

The Knight Foundation recently announced the winners of its Knight News Challenge on Data. Each of the winners received a share of the $3 million prize for their ideas that used data to inform and empower people to make decisions about their lives, their communities and democracy. The challenge generated more than 1,000 applications, with 17 winners ranging from small nonprofit startups, collaborations and larger institutions. >>Read more

Columbia University seeks private donations to offset climate funding crunch

With government funding for climate science stagnant, a new center at Columbia University is working to engage corporate donors to back research on environmental changes and how humans can adapt to them. Seeded by the university with an initial budget of $3.1 million, the Center for Climate and Life hopes to build a $200 million endowment and hand out $10 million a year in grants. One of the Columbia center’s initial partners is the World Surf League (WSL) in Santa Monica, California, the governing body of professional surfing. >>Read more

Five major foundations announce groundbreaking plans to develop public interest technologists

A group of five national foundations working to promote the use of the Internet for social good has announced grants totaling $18 million to strengthen the emerging field of public interest technology. Created in February 2015, the NetGain Initiative — whose partners include the Ford, MacArthur, Knight, Open Society and Mozilla foundations — is focused on increasing the number of people worldwide who are using their technological skills to improve civil society and government. The grants include the Technology Science Research Collaboration Network, a project of Harvard University’s Data Privacy Lab, which is working to develop professional pathways for technologists interested in engaging issues related to public interest technology. >>Read more

Teagle Foundation Awards $1.5 Million in New Grants

The Teagle Foundation has announced grants totaling $1.5 million in support of liberal arts education projects at institutions of higher education and other nonprofit educational organizations through its ongoing Liberal Arts and the Profession* and Faculty Planning and Curricular Coherence initiatives. Under Liberal Arts and the Professions, the foundation is supporting projects that integrate liberal arts content and perspectives into professional undergraduate education. The Faculty Planning and Curricular Coherence initiative will be funded through an implementation project to be launched at three New York community colleges. >>Read more

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Grand Challenges Grant Opportunities

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Grand Challenges Explorations grants foster early-stage discovery research to expand the pipeline of ideas for solving critical global health and development challenges. The grantmaking process is quick and efficient: applications for $100,000 Stage 1 grants require only a two-page project description, no preliminary data or budget, and decisions are made within six weeks. Successful projects have the opportunity to receive a follow-on grant of up to $1 million. Note that, because of their brevity and the volume of proposals received, initial proposals must be extremely clear and assertive in the first three sentences to get through the initial filtering process. The foundation is accepting applications on the following six topics until May 11:

-- Assess Family Planning Needs, Preferences and Behaviors to Inform Innovations in Contraceptive Technologies and Services
-- Develop Novel Platforms to Accelerate Contraceptive Drug Discovery
-- Design New Analytics Approaches for Malaria Elimination
-- Accelerate Development of New Therapies for Childhood Cryptosporidium Infection
-- Novel Approaches to Characterizing and Tracking the Global Burden of Antimicrobial Resistance
-- Explore New Solutions in Global Health Priority Areas

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Highlighted Funding Opportunities

The Samuel Kress Foundation History of Art and Digital Resources grant programs have been added to the CFR RFP calendar, located on our website. The grants fund research focusing on European art from antiquity to the early 19th century. The application deadline for both grants is April 1. >>Read more

The Gladys Krieble Delmas Foundation’s Humanities Program is accepting applications on a rolling basis, with subject areas in history; archaeology; literature; classic and modern languages; philosophy; ethics; comparative religion; art history, criticism and theory; and some social sciences; all open to consideration. Grants typically range between $5,000 and $20,000 and focus on smaller academic projects that develop or curate lesser-known or specialized topics within the humanities sphere. View a list of the foundation’s recent grants to universities here. >>Read more

The William T. Grant Foundation (whose latest round of grantees was featured in our last issue) is accepting applications for research projects that increase understanding of programs, policies, and practices that reduce inequality in youth outcomes. Research grants about reducing inequality typically range between $100,000 and $600,000 and cover two to three years of support. Research grants about improving the use of research initiative will range between $100,000 and $1 million and cover two to four years of support. The next deadline is May 5. >>Read more

GrantForward Webinar Recording

We hope that many of you were able to attend the GrantForward webinar on Feb. 16. For those of you that were unable to join the webinar, a video recording has been made available.
For further learning about GrantForward, including topical tutorial videos, comprehensive webinar recordings and instructions/notes, please visit the GrantForward Support Page and the GrantForward YouTube channel. >>Read more

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