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100 Resilient Cities, Columbia University Launch Resilience Accelerator Project
100 Resilient Cities (100RC), a movement pioneered by the Rockefeller Foundation, in partnership with the Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation at Columbia University, recently announced the launch of the Resilience Accelerator. Rockefeller will provide a $3.7 million grant in support of the initiative, which was announced at the Ninth Session of the World Urban Forum in Kuala Lumpur. Over the next two years, the initiative will use the funds to fast-track eight projects and invest in high-priority resilience projects in 100RC member cities. >>Read more

University of Maryland, Capital One Partner to Drive Innovation, Fueling Talent Pipeline in Data and Machine Learning
The University of Maryland and Capital One recently announced a partnership aimed at developing a talented pipeline of students to join the workforce in areas of key national need, such as machine learning, data analytics and cybersecurity. A cornerstone of the new partnership will be the launch of an innovation lab in the university's Discovery District. Capital One has also invested $3 million through an endowment gift to help advance machine learning leadership at the university. The gift's impact includes $2.1 million used to endow a faculty chair in the Department of Computer Science, and $900,000 to help support research and educational initiatives in machine learning, data analytics and cybersecurity. >>Read more

Mellon Foundation Appoints Elizabeth Alexander as President
The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has announced the appointment of writer, poet, scholar, and arts advocate Elizabeth Alexander as its new president, effective in March. Alexander will succeed Earl Lewis, who is stepping down at the end of his five-year term to launch a new initiative, the Center for Social Solutions. >>Read more

Open Philanthropy Project Announces $10.8 Million in "NIH Second-Chance" Research Grants
The Open Philanthropy Project, funded largely by Facebook co-founder Dustin Moskovitz and Cari Tuna, recently announced grants totaling $10.8 million in support of high-risk medical research proposals rejected by the NIH's 2016 Director's Transformative Research Awards program. >>Read more

HHMI Selects 14 Scientists for Professors Program
The Howard Hughes Medical Institute recently announced the selection of 14 leading scientists for its 2017 HHMI Professors Program. Established in 2002, the program identifies research scientists with compelling ideas to advance science education and provides them with $1 million in flexible support to try out their ideas. Brandeis’ Irv Epstein (2006-) and Jane' Kondev (2014-) are HHMI Professors. >>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

Astronomy/Chemistry/Physics
The Cottrell Scholar Award develops outstanding teacher-scholars who are recognized by their scientific communities for the quality and innovation of their research programs and their academic leadership skills. Cottrell Scholar Awards are for three-year projects in the amount of $100,000. Eligible applicants are tenure-track faculty members whose primary appointment is in a department of astronomy, chemistry or physics, and who started their first tenure-track appointment anytime in calendar year 2015. The deadline for pre-proposals is May 1. >>Read more

Neuroscience
The Whitehall Foundation, through its programs of research grants and grants-in-aid, assists scholarly research in neuroscience. Research grants offer between $90,000 and $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

Social Sciences
The Russell Sage Foundation Project Awards provide a maximum of $150,000 over two years to support innovative projects that collect or analyze...
new data to illuminate issues that are highly relevant to the foundation’s program areas of behavioral economics; the future of work; race, ethnicity, and immigration; and social inequality. The foundation encourages projects that are interdisciplinary and combine both quantitative and qualitative research. The deadline for LOIs is **May 24**. [Read more](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1/?ui=2&ik=95ce038182&jsver=CPly5ZWiTxk.en.&view=pt&search=sent&th=161e26fe0b8a4340&siml=161e26fe0b8a4340)

The William T. Grant Foundation Research Grants program supports theory-building and empirical research projects on reducing inequality or improving the use of research evidence. Research grants on reducing inequality typically range from $100,000 to $600,000 and cover two to three years of support. Improving the use of research evidence grants will range from $100,000 to $1 million and cover two to four years of support. The deadline for LOIs is **May 2**. [Read more](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1/?ui=2&ik=95ce038182&jsver=CPly5ZWiTxk.en.&view=pt&search=sent&th=161e26fe0b8a4340&siml=161e26fe0b8a4340)

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