Carnegie Mellon receives $1M from Chicago software company to fund machine learning projects for social good

Uptake, a Chicago-based predictive analytics software company, has made a $1 million gift to CMU’s School of Computer Science to establish a new fund that will provide opportunities for faculty and students to apply their expertise in data science and machine learning to initiatives that benefit the public sector. >>Read more

ExxonMobil and University of Wisconsin to Advance Research into Conversion of Biomass into Fuel

The University of Wisconsin-Madison and ExxonMobil have announced a two-year renewal of an agreement to research the fundamental chemistry of converting biomass into transportation fuels. The research is part of a broad effort to identify scalable and commercially viable solutions to help meet increasing global energy demand with a renewable resource. ExxonMobil’s work with UW-Madison is a recent addition in a series of partnerships the company has established with leading universities around the world as part of its ongoing research into early-stage innovative projects. >>Read more

Open Philanthropy Project: Potential Risks from Advanced Artificial Intelligence

The Open Philanthropy Project works to technical research to mitigate potential risks from advanced artificial intelligence. The project is interested in supporting technical research that could reduce the risk of accidents, as well as strategic and policy work that has the potential to improve society’s preparedness for major advances in AI. The project has made grants to UC Berkeley and George Mason University, among others, to advance this endeavor. >>Read more

William T. Grant Foundation Awards $3.4 Million in Research Grants

The William T. Grant Foundation in New York City has announced grants totaling more than $3.4 million in support of research focused on reducing disparities in youth outcomes and improving the use of research evidence in decisions that affect young people. Grant recipients included New York University, Northeastern University, UCLA, the University of Maryland School of Medicine, Montclair State University and Columbia University. >>Read more

Gates Foundation Releases Topics for Next Round of Grand Challenges Explorations grants

The Gates Foundation has released RFPs for Round 20 of its Grand Challenges Explorations program; proposals will be accepted until Nov. 8. The program supports early-stage discovery research to expand the pipeline of ideas for solving our greatest global health and development challenges. A two-page proposal could win you a $100,000 grant, and successful projects become eligible for $1M follow-on funding. Please let CFR know if we can help with your two-pager: the first two sentences have to be REALLY good to get through the foundation’s massive primary filter. >>Read more

Upcoming RFP Deadlines

The Russell Sage Foundation is the principal American foundation devoted exclusively to research in the social sciences. 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 Nov. 30. >>Read more

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