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Dear Faculty and Staff Colleagues:

This is our second monthly CFR Digest of 2016-17, containing news, resources and opportunities from the world of foundation and corporate support for universities and higher education. I hope it continues to stimulate your thinking about funding from these sources for your own work, provides some insight into the agendas and strategies of these funders, and alerts you to some of the ways the Office of Corporate and Foundation Relations can help. As always, I welcome your comments, ideas and thoughts.

This edition is the last to be distributed to all faculty; beginning in November, the CFR Digest will only be distributed to the mailboxes of interested subscribers. If you would like to keep receiving the CFR Digest, please subscribe here. Archived newsletters can always be found on our website.

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Jim Joseph Foundation Spotlights Brandeis Summer Institute for Israel Studies

Since 2004, the Summer Institute for Israel Studies (SIIS)—the flagship program of the Schusterman Center for Israel Studies at Brandeis University—has prepared 269 professors from approximately 200 institutions across the U.S. and the world to teach Israel Studies in an array of disciplines, ranging from literature and the arts to politics, history, international relations, sociology, and more. The Jim Joseph Foundation has awarded six grants totaling more than $2.4 million over ten years to the SIIS. >>Read more

Longtime President of Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to Step Down

Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, who as president of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation pushed to make it easier for people to maintain their health regardless of socioeconomic background, said that she will step down as soon as a successor is named. Lavizzo-Mourey has led the Plainsboro, NJ based foundation since January 2003. >>Read more

Ford Adds People With Disabilities to Focus on Inequality

In its ongoing efforts to refocus its grantmaking on addressing inequality, the Ford Foundation has announced that it plans to include people with all types of disabilities into its work. The Ford Foundation pledged to undertake a top-to-bottom review of its policies and practices on the issue. >>Read more

Smith Family Foundation Launches Initiative to Improve Pediatric Mental Health in Greater Boston

The Richard and Susan Smith Family Foundation in Newton has announced the launch of a $10 million initiative to improve pediatric mental health in the greater Boston area. TEAM UP (Transforming and Expanding Access to Mental Health in Urban Pediatrics) for Children will address the need for integration between primary and behavioral health care for children by awarding grants over a four-year period to three community health centers in the area: the Dimock Center in Roxbury, the Codman Square Health Center in Dorchester, and the Lowell Community Health Center. With the funding, a total of nine behavioral health providers and eight pediatric community health workers will be added to the staffs of the three health centers, while sixty clinical staff will receive enhanced training in screening for and the prevention and treatment of mild to moderate mental illnesses and behavioral disorders, including anxiety, depression, and ADHD. >>Read more

Philanthropy Will Contribute $36.4B+ to Achieving Sustainable Development Goals by 2030

The United States has become the first high-income nation to join Kenya, Colombia, Indonesia, and Ghana as pilot countries in the SDG Philanthropy Platform. The global SDG Philanthropy Platform, managed by Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, the Foundation Center, and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), brings together foundations and philanthropists across the world to build partnerships between philanthropic organizations, the United Nations, governments, civil society, and business to achieve the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). >>Read more

Upcoming RFP Deadlines

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

The Gates Foundation has released RFPs for Round 18 of its Grand Challenges Explorations program. 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. Proposals accepted until Nov. 9.

Those two pages have to be REALLY good to get through the foundation’s massive primary filter. Let us know if we can help! >>Read more

View more upcoming RFPs on our RFP calendar.
For questions about the CFR Digest, please contact Miranda Marchese.

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