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Dear Faculty and Staff Colleagues:

This is our first monthly CFR Digest of 2017-18, 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, and encourage you to explore our website for resources on seeking funding for your work and news on recent grants to Brandeis faculty.

Michael Dettelbach
Office of Corporate and Foundation Relations

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**Ethics and Governance of AI Fund Awards $7.6 Million in Grants**

The Ethics and Governance of Artificial Intelligence Fund has announced grants totaling $7.6 million in support of efforts to strengthen the voice of civil society in shaping the development of artificial intelligence. The fund pools $27 million from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, Omidyar Network, William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, LinkedIn founder Reid Hoffman, and Raptor Group founder Jim Falotta, with the Miami Foundation serving as fiscal sponsor. >>Read more

**Gates Foundation Awards $25 Million to VCU to Expand Access to Medicine**

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has awarded a $25 million grant to Virginia Commonwealth University’s School of Engineering. The grant will fund efforts to expand global access to live-saving drugs by reducing manufacturing costs of a wide range of essential treatments for HIV/AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis and other diseases. >>Read more

**Packard Foundation Launches New Agriculture, Conservation Initiative**

The David and Lucile Packard Foundation has launched a new initiative designed to improve agriculture, livelihoods and conservation in developing countries. The new initiative aims to better understand the factors influencing agricultural production and conservation in some of the world’s most populous countries, while improving livelihoods for smallholder farmers and protecting biodiversity. >>Read more

**Mellon Foundation Awards $950k to Lafayette College to Explore Lehigh Valley Culture**

Lafayette College was recently awarded a $950,000 grant by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to support The Lehigh Valley Engaged Humanities Consortium. The consortium (Lafayette and five other members of the Lehigh Valley Association of Independent Colleges) will support on-campus residencies of literary, performing and visual artists who use local people and places as their subjects, as well as a digital archive of source materials that will provide a more inclusive cultural representation of the Lehigh Valley. >>Read more

**Surdna Foundation Awards Grants Totaling $14 Million**

The Surdna Foundation has announced 72 grants totaling more than $14 million to organizations working to foster just and sustainable communities in the United States. Second-quarter grants were awarded in the foundation’s focus areas of strong local economies, sustainable environments and thriving cultures. Recipients include the Marxe School of Public and International Affairs at Baruch College, ArtsEmerson at Emerson College, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Community Innovators Lab. >>Read more

**Simons Foundation Awards Brown University $8 Million for Math Research**

Brown University has announced a grant of $8 million from the Simons Foundation in support of a multi-institution effort focused on tackling fundamental questions in algebra and number theory. Brown’s Institute for Computational and Experimental Research in Mathematics will lead the four-year effort, which is aimed at bringing new computational resources to research in the two fields, the study of which are at the heart of cryptography, error-correcting codes and other useful algorithms. Institutions collaborating in the efforts include Boston University, Dartmouth College, Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. >>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 Oct. 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-$30,000. >>Read more

**Child Health**

The Charles H. Hood Foundation Child Health Research Awards Program awards two-year grants of $150,000 to early career faculty. Grants support hypothesis-driven clinical, basic science, public health, health services research and epidemiology projects focused on child health. The deadline for applications is Sept. 25. >>Read more

**Education**

The Spencer Foundation Lyle Spencer Research Awards support intellectually ambitious, large-scale research projects that aim to improve the practice of education at all levels, with budgets between $100,000 and $1 million. The deadline for LOIs is Oct. 12. >>Read more

**Neuroscience**

The Whitaker 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 Oct. 1. >>Read more

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