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**EXTERNAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES: SOCIAL SCIENCES**

To better serve faculty in their funding searches, the OSPR has compiled the following external funding opportunities. Information in the following list has been taken from a variety of on-line sources and is far from a comprehensive list in each discipline area. The Sponsor Program (set up as a hyperlink to the sponsor's website) and a brief description are provided for your convenience. For the most complete and up-to-date information on the funding opportunity, check the Sponsor's website.

<b>Sponsor Program Website &amp; Description</b>	<b>Typical Deadline Cycle*</b>
	*Check Sponsor Website for latest information
<a href="#"><u>Administration for Children &amp; Families</u></a>  The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is a federal agency funding state, territory, local, and tribal organizations to provide family assistance (welfare), child support, child care, Head Start, child welfare, and other programs relating to children and families. The agency also has an active grant-making program for research. The agency is broken down into several arms, each with its own focus and grant-making programs.	Varies with program
<a href="#"><u>American Academy of Religion</u></a>  To fulfill its commitment to advance research in religion, the AAR each year grants awards ranging from \$500 to \$5000 to support projects proposed by AAR members and selected by the AAR Research Grants Review Committee. These projects can be either collaborative or individual. These grants provide support for important aspects of research such as travel to archives and libraries, research assistance, field work, and released time. Grant awards range from \$500 to \$5000. Funds are not provided for dissertation research, publication expenses, nor travel to attend the AAR Annual Meeting.	August
<a href="#"><u>American Association for the Advancement of Science</u></a>  Provides resource information on a variety of funding opportunities for women in science at both the national and international levels.	Varies by program
<a href="#"><u>American Philosophical Society</u></a>  The American Philosophical Society maintains seven grant or fellowship programs in a wide range of fields. The Franklin, Lewis & Clark, Library Fellowship, and Phillips programs award small grants (\$1,000 to \$6,000) for modest research purposes. The Daland, John Hope Franklin, and Sabbatical Fellowship programs award much larger amounts (\$25,000 to \$50,000) in highly selective competitions.	Varies by program
<a href="#"><u>American Sociological Association</u></a>  The ASA has several small grants programs to support innovative work in the discipline as well as funding for students and their involvement in the profession.	Varies by program
<a href="#"><u>Asian Cultural Council</u></a>  The Asian Cultural Council is a foundation supporting cultural exchange in the visual and performing arts between the United States and Asia. Fellowships to individuals constitute the central feature of the ACC's grant program, the emphasis being on awards to artists, scholars and specialists from Asia for research, study and creative work in the United States. Some grants are also made to Americans pursuing similar activities in Asia and to educational and cultural institutions engaged in projects of special significance to Asian-American exchange. In addition, the Asian Cultural Council awards a small number of grants in support of regional exchange activities within Asia.	November



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<p><a href="#"><u>Brennan Foundation</u></a></p> <p>The Curtiss T. Brennan &amp; Mary G. Brennan Foundation was established in 1988 to provide funding support for archaeological field research, emphasizing in particular those regions of the world in which early centers of complex culture or civilization originated. Support of active field archaeology, particularly excavation, is emphasized. Post-excavation analysis, processing and publication, or other archaeological activities supportive of field research will only be considered in connection with previously funded field projects.</p>	<p>April &amp; October</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Earhart Foundation</u></a></p> <p>These grants are awarded upon direct application to individuals who have established themselves professionally. Such persons must be associated or affiliated with educational or research institutions. Fellowship Research Grants are intended to lead to the advancement of knowledge through teaching, lecturing, and publication. The emphasis is on such disciplines from the social sciences and the humanities as economics, international affairs, and government/politics, and philosophy. Grant Requirements and Instructions are available in the OSPR office.</p>	<p>Varies</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Educational Foundation of America</u></a></p> <p>The EFA is a private foundation that provides grant funding in the areas of Health &amp; Human Services, Education, Reproductive Rights, Democracy, Peace &amp; Security, the Arts, and the Environment. In keeping with the legacy of Richard P. Ettinger, The Educational Foundation of America exists as an advocate for progressive change in our society.</p>	<p>Continuous, only 1 inquiry per year</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Guggenheim Foundation</u></a></p> <p>The Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation sponsors scholarly research on problems of violence, aggression and dominance. The Foundation provides both research grants to established scholars and dissertation fellows to graduate students during the dissertation-writing year.</p>	<p>August</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Hayek Fund for Scholars</u></a></p> <p>The Hayek Fund for Scholars provides awards of up to \$1,000 to graduate students and faculty members for career-advancing activities. The award is open to graduate students who intend to pursue academic careers and untenured faculty members whose academic work contributes to the understanding of the principles, practices, and institutions necessary to a free society or to the understanding of the classical liberal or libertarian tradition. Hayek Fund awards are given for career-advancing activities including, but not limited to: Presentations at academic or professional conferences; Travel to academic job interviews (on campus or at professional/academic conferences); Travel to and research at archives or libraries. Please note: Hayek Fund awards are not given for conference attendance alone, funding will only be considered for individuals presenting a paper or interviewing for jobs at the conference.</p>	<p>Continuous</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy</u></a></p> <p>The Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy was established in 1997 to support the advancement of research and understanding in the major fields of the social sciences: specifically, the fields of psychology, anthropology, sociology, economics, urban affairs, area studies, political science, and other disciplines. The Foundation aims to achieve its objectives through direct assistance to individual scholars who require small grants (\$3,000 - \$5,000) to further their research with emphasis on policy-oriented studies.</p>	<p>February</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>James S. McConnell Foundation</u></a></p> <p>In 2000 the James S. McDonnell Foundation (JSMF) announced new grant-making guidelines for a new funding initiative: the 21st Century Science Initiative. The funding program specific to the Social Sciences is Understanding Human Cognition. Grant types include Research, Collaborative and Scholar awards.</p>	<p>Varies with grant type</p>



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<p><a href="#"><u>Kellogg Foundation</u></a></p> <p>The Kellogg foundation funds a range of initiatives around the theme of “vulnerable children” and changes that can be made in communities and societies to effect change.</p>	<p>Continuous, On-line grant application process</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Lindbergh Foundation</u></a></p> <p>Each year, The Charles A. and Anne Morrow Lindbergh Foundation provides grants of up to \$10,580 (a symbolic amount representing the cost of the <i>Spirit of St. Louis</i>) to men and women whose individual initiative and work in a wide spectrum of disciplines furthers the Lindberghs' vision of a balance between the advance of technology and the preservation of the natural/human environment.</p>	<p>June</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>NSF Cultural Anthropology Program</u></a></p> <p>Program supports a variety of funding opportunities in the area of Cultural Anthropology, including research grants and scholars awards for methodological training.</p>	<p>August &amp; January</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>NSF Developmental &amp; Learning Sciences</u></a></p> <p>This program supports studies that increase our understanding of cognitive, linguistic, social, cultural, and biological processes related to children's and adolescents' development and learning. Additional priorities are to support developmental research that: incorporates multidisciplinary, multi-method, microgenetic, and longitudinal approaches; develops new methods and theories; examines transfer of knowledge from one domain to another and from one situation to another; assesses peer relations, family interactions, social identities, and motivation; examines the impact of family, school, and community resources; assesses adolescents' preparation for entry into the workforce; and investigates the role of demographic characteristics and cultural influences on children's development. Research supported by this program will add to our basic knowledge of how people learn and the underlying developmental processes that support learning, with the objective of leading to better educated children and adolescents who grow up to take productive roles as workers and as citizens.</p>	<p>January</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>NSF Law &amp; Social Science Program</u></a></p> <p>The Law and Social Science Program at the National Science Foundation supports social scientific studies of law and law-like systems of rules, institutions, processes, and behaviors. These can include, but are not limited to, research designed to enhance the scientific understanding of the impact of law; human behavior and interactions as these relate to law; the dynamics of legal decision making; and the nature, sources, and consequences of variations and changes in legal institutions. The primary consideration is that the research shows promise of advancing a scientific understanding of law and legal process. Within this framework, the Program has an "open window" for diverse theoretical perspectives, methods and contexts for study. For example, research on social control, crime causation, violence, victimization, legal and social change, patterns of discretion, procedural justice, compliance and deterrence, and regulatory enforcement are among the many areas that have recently received program support. In addition to standard proposals, planning grant proposals, travel support requests to lay the foundation for research, and proposals for improving doctoral dissertation research are welcome. The Law and Social Science Program continues to solicit proposals that take account of the growing interdependence and interconnections of the world. Thus proposals are welcome that advance fundamental knowledge about legal interactions, processes, relations, and diffusions that extend beyond any single nation as well as about how local and national legal institutions, systems, and cultures affect or are affected by transnational or international phenomena. Thus, proposals may locate the research within a single nation or between or across legal systems or regimes.</p>	<p>Varies</p>



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<p><a href="#">NSF Sociology Program</a></p> <p>The Sociology Program supports basic research on all forms of human social organization -- societies, institutions, groups and demography -- and processes of individual and institutional change. The Program encourages theoretically focused empirical investigations aimed at improving the explanation of fundamental social processes. Included is research on organizations and organizational behavior, population dynamics, social movements, social groups, labor force participation, stratification and mobility, family, social networks, socialization, gender roles, and the sociology of science and technology. The Program supports both original data collections and secondary data analysis that use the full range of quantitative and qualitative methodological tools. Theoretically grounded projects that offer methodological innovations and improvements for data collection and analysis are also welcomed. The Sociology Program also funds doctoral dissertation research to defray direct costs associated with conducting research, for example, dataset acquisition, additional statistical or methodological training, meeting with scholars associated with original datasets, and fieldwork away from the student's home campus.</p>	<p>August &amp; January</p>
<p><a href="#">Spencer Foundation</a></p> <p>The Spencer Foundation believes that cultivating knowledge and new ideas about education will ultimately improve students' lives and enrich society. The Foundation pursues its mission by awarding research grants and fellowships and by strengthening the connections among education research, policy and practice through the Spencer Forum</p>	<p>Varies with program</p>
<p><a href="#">Smith Richardson Foundation</a></p> <p>The mission of the Smith Richardson Foundation is to contribute to important public debates and to help address serious public policy challenges facing the United States. The Foundation seeks to help ensure the vitality of our social, economic, and governmental institutions. It also seeks to assist with the development of effective policies to compete internationally and to advance U.S. interests and values abroad. This mission is embodied in our international and domestic grant programs.</p>	<p>Continuous</p>
<p><a href="#">Russell Sage Foundation</a></p> <p>The Russell Sage foundation is devoted to research in the social sciences. They offer grant funding in a variety of areas including Research projects, Visiting Scholar awards and a small grants program in Behavioral Economics.</p>	<p>Varies with program</p>
<p><a href="#">US Department of Justice</a></p> <p>The Department offers funding opportunities to conduct research, to support law enforcement activities in state and local jurisdictions, to provide training and technical assistance, and to implement programs that improve the criminal justice system.</p>	<p>Varies with program</p>
<p><a href="#">United States Institute of Peace</a></p> <p>The USIP's Annual Grant Competition supports innovative peace building projects involving research, the identification of promising models and effective practices, the development of practitioner resources and tools, the development and delivery of education and training programs, and the production of films, radio programs and other media.</p>	<p>October</p>
<p><a href="#">Wenner-Gren Foundation</a></p> <p>The Wenner-Gren Foundation has two major goals – to support significant and innovative anthropological research into humanity's biological and cultural origins, development and variation and to foster the creation of an international community of research scholars in anthropology. The Foundation has a variety of grant programs for anthropological research and scholarship that are open to applicants irrespective of nationality or country of residence</p>	<p>Varies with program</p>



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[William T. Grant Foundation](#)

Since its inception in 1936, the William T. Grant Foundation has had a remarkable constancy of purpose: to further the understanding of human behavior through research. The Foundation's mission focuses on improving the lives of youth ages 8 to 25 in the United States. The Foundation invests primarily in high quality empirical studies. Current Research Interests are understanding and improving social settings such as families, schools, peer groups, and organizations, and how these social settings affect youth. Interests also focus on the use and influence of scientific evidence in policy and practice.

Letters of inquiry:  
May

Full proposals:  
October