

Important Announcements

Proposals Submissions

In discussions with the Research Foundation (RF) and other CUNY Campuses, we have discovered some serious problems with applications submitted to Federal agencies using the GRANTS.GOV platform. As you may know, NSF is no longer using FASTLANE as a submission site, and in its solicitations has asked that applicants use either RESEARCH.GOV or GRANTS.GOV. Both systems were designed to standardize the Federal grant application process and make it easier to apply for Federal grants regardless of where in the Federal sector the application is submitted.

However, some recent experiences across CUNY campuses have led us to conclude that GRANTS.GOV is more complicated and usually creates many more hurdles for applicants to overcome in applying for a grant. The RF had discussions with some Program Officers at NSF and they indicate that they are aware of this and recommend that applications should be submitted using RESEARCH.GOV, even though solicitations provide both options.

Procuring and Maintaining Equipment

The CUNY First property management system tracks all equipment purchased for sponsored projects. Periodic review of physical inventories is required to verify the location of equipment items recorded in CUNY First. RFCUNY and the college property manager maintain a record of all non-expendable equipment.

- All computer purchases must be delivered to the college to the attention of Sepehrdad Vakil for inventory and configuration.
- The college property manager is responsible for placing a University tag on non-expendable equipment. A PI must provide access to the property manager for equipment tagging.

Please contact the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research for further guidance.

NSF Requirement Update:

NSF implemented revised versions of the [Biographical Sketch](#) and [Current and Pending \(Other\) Support](#) formats for consistency with the Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide (PAPPG) ([NSF 23-1](#)). The requirement to use the revised formats is effective for proposals submitted or due on or after January 30, 2023.

These revised formats are now available in [SciENCv](#) and on the [NSF Policy Office website](#). As a reminder, the mandate to use SciENCv only for preparation of these senior personnel documents will go into effect for new proposals submitted or due on or after October 23, 2023.

INTERNAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Faculty Travel for Grant Development Program

The Faculty Travel for Grant Development program financially supports out-of-town travel so that CUNY researchers can further pursue the development of their grant proposals. All travel undertaken should pertain to meetings with proposal collaborators and/or representatives of external funders, such as federal agency officers or private foundation program officers. Applicants should provide evidence that an idea intended for grant funding is fully thought-out and ready for advanced planning and discussion. Applicants must also justify in-person travel as key to grant proposal development what can be accomplished through in-person meetings that cannot be achieved through a phone call or video conference? This program does not support attendance at conferences, workshops, or presentation engagements unrelated to the grant development purposes. Please visit the [RF website](#) for additional information.

EXTENAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The William T. Grant Foundation: Apply to the 2023 Scholars Program, Announcing New Research Grants and Grantee Writing:

- **The William T. Grant Scholars Program**: supports career development for promising early-career researchers. The program funds five-year research and mentoring plans that significantly expand researchers' expertise in new disciplines, methods, and content areas. The online 2023 application is now open, and the application deadline is July 5, 2023 at 3:00pm ET.
- **Four new research grants**: announced, including three to support studies on reducing inequality in youth outcomes and one to support a study on improving the use of research evidence. These awards will help build theory and empirical evidence in our focus areas.
- **Grantee Writing**: Partnering through Disruption: Responsive Research with Communities in Crisis - Putting Immigration and Education in Conversation Everyday (PIECE)

THE HECKSCHER FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN

Announce the launch of the **\$3 million Heckscher Foundation Challenge**, a new initiative that supports innovative partnerships between employers and New York colleges and/or non-profit organizations that meet workforce needs in New York, and boost employment and earning outcomes among **all youth under 25 years of age**.

We are providing grants of up to \$400,000 to support New York partnerships with employers that provide youth with a clear path from education to a meaningful career. **The deadline for proposals is April 30, 2023 at 5pm EST**. Please view the Heckscher Foundation Challenge [website](#) for more details.

- For support with developing your proposal and to ask any questions you may have about your unique program, please sign up for a 1:1 meeting with the Heckscher Foundation Challenge team. Register for office hours the week of March 27th [here](#) or email heckscherchallenge@buildingimpact.co to identify alternative times.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FROM THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) is a US federal agency that supports participation in the arts and the development of creative capacities. As part of its mission, NEA offers two research awards that support scientific initiatives in line with the agency’s agenda, called “Research Grants in the Arts” and “NEA Research Labs.”

Research Grants in the Arts:

This grant supports research that studies the value and impact of the arts on American life. The grant aims to support research that falls into its four main priority topics as well as aligns with its [research agenda for FY 2022-2026](#). The research topic questions include, (1) What are measurable impacts of the arts on health and wellness, cognition and learning, and economic growth; (2) in what ways do the arts contribute to the healing and revitalization of communities; (3) what is the state of diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility in the arts; and (4) how is the U.S. arts ecosystem and responding to social, economic, and technological changes and challenges.

Studies can be psychological and physical health related studies or organizational research and must involve primary and/or secondary data analysis.

NEA plans to offer 10-20 grants with awards ranging from \$20,000 – \$100,000. NEA offers matching grants, which means that support requires a nonfederal cost share or match of at least 1 to 1.

NEA Research Labs:

The NEA Research Labs grant seeks to support transdisciplinary research teams that are grounded in behavioral science to develop insights about the arts and their contributions to individuals, communities, and society. Institutions of higher education and/or nonprofit research and policy organizations may submit applications to be NEA Research Labs. Research labs should focus on longer-term research agendas and should produce findings and evidence-based tools that benefit both art practitioners as well as non-art sectors such as education, business and management, and healthcare.

The following research areas are of special interest to NEA:

Measuring the Impacts of the Arts:

On U.S. Economic Growth, and/or Innovation

On Cognition and Learning

On Health and Wellness for Individuals

Monitoring and Improving Systems:

Community Health and/or Revitalization Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility in the Arts Other Aspects of the Arts Ecology

NEA Research Labs require a confirmed partnership between the official applicants' organization and a nonprofit arts organization at the time of application. The expectation is that the partner organization will contribute significantly to the Research Lab. Grants will range from \$100,000 – \$150,000 in matching grants, which require a nonfederal match or cost share rate of at least 1 to 1.

RESOURCES

There are multiple federal agencies to which you can submit a grant application. Each agency has its own policies, applications process/procedures, funding opportunities and other resources to assist you in the preparation of your applications.

Grants.gov: It a great source to search for available federal funding opportunities. The federal government funds a lot of research projects, training programs, and educational programs. Grants.gov is also a portal for submitting grants applications.

The National Science Foundation (NSF): The NSF is an independent federal agency created by the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended (42 USC 1861-75). The Act states the purpose of the NSF is "to promote the progress of science; [and] to advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare by supporting research and education in all fields of science and engineering."

The National Institutes of Health (NIH): The NIH is the nation's medical research agency. NIH encompasses different institutes such as the National Institute for Childhood and Human Development (NICHD), National Institute on Aging (NIA), National Eye Institute (NEI), and many others.

Department of Energy (DOE): The DOE Office of Science issues several announcements each year to solicit research proposals. It funds basic and applied research.

GET AUTOMATED FUNDING ALERTS

GRANT FORWARD

A searchable grants database, providing access to funding and travel opportunities to help move your research forward.

CUNY LAB

To stay updated on grant opportunities and events offered through CUNY, subscribe to CUNY LAB.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

DOD offers many awards. To determine if any of these opportunities match your area of interest check out their website.

CITI TRAININGS

Please read the requirements section below to identify the training you are required to complete.

- **Training in Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR):**
All CUNY faculty members, staff, postdoctoral scholars, graduate and undergraduate students involved in research are required to complete the CITI RCR training within six weeks of initiating their research. RCR training certificate will be valid for four years. CUNY researchers are required to take a refresher CITI RCR training course every four years.
- **Training in the Protection of Human Subjects:**
All CUNY faculty members, staff, postdoctoral scholars, graduate and undergraduate students involved in human subjects' research as key personnel must complete the Basic Course in the protection of human subjects prior to Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval of their protocol.
- **Training in the Care and Use of Animals:**
All CUNY faculty members, staff, postdoctoral scholars, graduate and undergraduate students involved in animal care, use or treatment must complete the CITI training in the care and use of animals prior to Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) approval of their protocol.
- **Training in Conflict of Interest:**
All investigators engaging in research related to any Public Health Service (PHS) funded grant or contract, Conflicts Committee members, and all CUNY College Conflicts Officers are required to complete the CITI training in Conflict of Interest (COI).

REMINDERS

CUNY CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

Each investigator (as defined in section 7.14 of the CUNY Conflict of Interest Policy) must complete the **CUNY Significant Financial Interest (SFI)** Disclosure Form and submit it to the college Grants Officer and the **College Conflicts Officer (CCO)** at the time that the Principal Investigator submits a grant proposal or application. An updated SFI is required if there is a change in the previously disclosed SFI.

EXPORT CONTROL

U.S. export controls exist to protect the national security and foreign policy interests. Export controls govern the shipment, transmission, or transfer of regulated items, information and software to foreign countries, persons or entities. Each CUNY College has an appointed **export control** administrator who works in collaboration with the research compliance staff within the Research Office, to ensure compliance with export control regulation. PI's are responsible to notify the college administrator of any export control activities.

OFFICE OF SPONSORED PROGRAMS & RESEARCH

SUBMISSION PROCESS

Please submit a pre-proposal packet to OSPR **two weeks** before the proposal deadline. The packet should include a pre-proposal checklist, budget sheet, project summary and **COI form**.

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