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Information on available state, federal and private grants

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On the state level...

All not-for-profit applicants must now pre-qualify on the NYS Grants Reform website at grantsreform.ny.gov/grantees in order to apply for certain New York State grant solicitations. Potential not-for-profit applicants are strongly encouraged to begin the process of registering and pre-qualifying immediately as this is a lengthy process.

NYS Department of Health

The New York State Department of Health and the Empire State Stem Cell Board are seeking applications for the Investigator Initiated Research Projects (IIRP) and Innovative, Developmental or Exploratory Activities (IDEA) in stem cell research programs. These programs provide funding to advance scientific discoveries in fields related to stem cell biology, specifically in regard to providing a better understanding of the unique properties of stem cells and their utilization in the treatment of diseases. Research studies promoting the translation of stem cell science into therapeutic applications are strongly encouraged.

- **Eligibility:** Not-for-profit organizations and governmental organizations in New York State are eligible to apply.
- **Funding:** \$35 million will be available to fund approximately 50 awards. Annual direct costs for IIRP grants are capped at \$300,000, with contract terms of up to three years. Annual direct costs for IDEA grants are capped at \$150,000 with a maximum of \$275,000 in direct costs to be spent over two years.
- **Deadline:** June 23, 2016
- **Contact:** Charles J. Burns
Phone: (518) 474-7002
Email: nystem@health.ny.gov
Website: www.health.ny.gov/funding/rfa/1602230252/index.htm



On the federal level...

National Institutes of Health

The National Institutes of Health are seeking applications for the Improving Diabetes Management in Children with Type 1 Diabetes program. This program supports research in developing, refining and pilot testing strategies to improve diabetes management and quality of life for families with children aged nine years or younger who have Type 1 diabetes. Studies in response to this funding opportunity can focus on young children (under 5 years old) and/or school-aged children (ages five through nine years old). At the end of the funding period, there should be a well-developed and well-characterized intervention that has been demonstrated to be safe, feasible to implement, acceptable in the target population and, if promising, ready to be tested in a larger efficacy trial. The focus of research submitted to this funding opportunity announcement should be on improving clinical outcomes.

- **Eligibility:** Institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, small businesses and government entities are eligible to apply.
- **Funding:** \$6 million is available for up to 3 awards. Application budgets are limited to \$1.4 million in direct costs for the entire project period of up to four years.
- **Deadline:** June 22, 2016
- **Contact:** Christine Hunter, Ph.D.
Phone: (301) 594-4728
Email: hunterchristine@niddk.nih.gov
Website: www.grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DK-16-003.html

National Endowment for the Humanities

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) is seeking applications for its Digital Projects for the Public program. This program supports projects that significantly contribute to the public's engagement with humanities through various digital platforms, including websites, mobile applications, interactive touch screens, kiosks and games. The program offers three levels of support for digital projects, including grants for Discovery projects (early-stage planning work), Prototyping projects (proof-of-concept development work) and Production projects (end-stage production and distribution work). All project submissions should strive to deepen public understanding of significant humanities stories and ideas, incorporate sound humanities scholarship, involve humanities scholars in all phases of development and production, include appropriate digital media professionals, reach a broad public through a realistic plan for development, marketing and distribution, create appealing digital formats for the general public and demonstrate the capacity to sustain themselves. Projects should demonstrate the potential to attract a broad, general audience either online or in-person at various venues, such as museums, libraries or other cultural institutions. Preference will be given to projects that reflect the spirit of NEH's The Common Good: The Humanities in the Public Square initiative.

- **Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations, state and local government agencies and federally recognized Indian tribal governments are eligible to apply.
- **Funding:** Awards shall be made for a period of one to three years and may range up to \$30,000 (for Discovery grants), up to \$100,000 (for Prototyping grants) and up to \$400,000 (for Production grants).
- **Deadline:** June 8, 2016
- **Contact:** NEH Division of Public Programs
Phone: (202)-606-8269
Email: publicpgms@neh.gov
Website: www.neh.gov/grants/public/digital-projects-the-public

On the private level...

National Weather Association

The National Weather Association is accepting applications for the Sol Hirsch Education Fund Grants program. This program awards funding annually to educators of grades K-12 to help improve the education of their students, school and/or community in the science of meteorology. This program is intended to allow teachers to purchase scientific materials and/or equipment for the classroom, school or community, begin new school and/or community science outreach



and education programs, enhance and/or expand existing meteorology or science education programs, and/or attend accredited courses, workshops and/or conferences related to meteorology that will significantly enhance their teaching activities. Applications are completed online.

- **Eligibility:** Teachers, program directors, school district supervisors and other individuals or groups proposing to improve the education of K-12 students in the science of meteorology are eligible to apply.
- **Funding:** Up to \$750 will be awarded to four eligible applicants.
- **Deadline:** June 3, 2016
- **Contact:** The National Weather Association
Phone: (405) 701-5167
Email: exdir@nwas.org
Website: app.smarterselect.com/programs/30200-National-Weather-Association

Environmental Research and Education Foundation

The Environmental Research and Education Foundation (EREF) is seeking applications for their research grants program. The program will fund projects that reflect EREF's mission to address all areas of integrated solid waste management, with a strong focus toward research that increases sustainable solid waste management practices. EREF defines solid waste as municipal solid waste, construction and demolition debris, certain industrial wastes and other wastes typically managed by the solid waste industry or generated by the public. Projects must relate to sustainable solid waste management practices, including waste minimization, recycling, waste conversion to energy, biofuels, chemicals or other useful products, strategies to promote diversion to higher and better uses and landfilling. Pre-proposals are now required prior to submitting a full proposal using the pre-proposal template, which can be found online.

- **Eligibility:** Any academic or non-academic institution may apply, provided that the principal investigators are qualified to conduct the research.
- **Funding:** Previously awarded grants have ranged from \$15,000 to over \$500,000, with a typical project duration of two years.
- **Deadline:** June 1, 2016
- **Contact:** The Environmental Research and Education Foundation
Phone: (919) 861-6876
Email: proposals@erefdn.org
Website: www.erefdn.org/research-grants-projects

Scholars Awards...

Society of Professional Journalists

The Society of Professional Journalists is seeking applicants for the Eugene C. Pulliam Fellowship for Editorial Writing. This fellowship was established to enable columnists and other editorial writers with time away from daily responsibilities in order to pursue study and research. The grant will provide one writer with the opportunity to broaden their journalistic horizons and knowledge of the world through taking courses, travel or other means that prepare the writer for further writing. The annual award can be used to cover the cost of study, research and/or travel in any field. The fellowship results in editorials and other writings, including books. Past winners include Farah Stockman, who recently won a Pulitzer Prize for her work supported by this fellowship.

- **Eligibility:** Writers employed as a part-time or full-time editorial writer or columnist with at least three years of experience writing editorials or columns are eligible to apply. Freelance opinion writers who devote a majority of their time or derive a majority of their income from that pursuit are also eligible to apply.
- **Funding:** One \$75,000 award shall be granted.
- **Deadline:** June 22, 2016
- **Contact:** Society of Professional Journalists
Phone: (317) 927-8000
Email: awards@spj.org
Website: www.spj.org/a-pulliamfellow.asp



Grant writing

The Foundation Center

The Foundation Center has scheduled the following free training classes.

Introduction to Finding Grants:

Classroom: June 21

Webinar: June 15

In this newly revised class, attendees will learn what funders want in nonprofits seeking grants and how to find potential funders.

Introduction to Proposal Writing:

Classroom: June 7

This newly revised class will provide attendees with an overview of how to write a standard project proposal to a foundation.

Introduction to Project Budgets (Proposal Budgeting Basics):

Classroom: June 7

This class will provide attendees with step-by-step instructions on how to generate a standard project budget for a foundation proposal. Prior attendance at *Introduction to Proposal Writing* is strongly recommended.

In addition: Classes are held at the Foundation Center, located at:

32 Old Slip, 24th Floor
New York, NY 10005

Space is limited, so register as soon as possible.

For additional training opportunities, to register or for more information, call 212-620-4230 or visit foundationcenter.org.

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