

Amherst College

Office of Sponsored Research & Foundation Relations

January 16, 2024

Dear Colleagues,

As we welcome in the new year, and the second half of the academic year, we want to pause and celebrate your efforts! FY24 to date, staff and faculty on campus have submitted 29 proposals for external grant funding and 13 applications have already been funded. We anticipate more of these proposals being funded as decisions are made over the coming months. Looking back at FY23, 51 grant proposals were submitted through the College to external funders and 31 projects were awarded new funding. We are grateful for all of this exciting grant activity and look forward to working with you in the coming year!

While not all proposals are funded, the work that goes into developing a project and seeking external grant funding represents noteworthy intellectual and programmatic excitement on campus. We believe that all proposal development lays the groundwork for future success. It is a process of distilling your concept, defining the parameters of your project, discussing your ideas with potential collaborators, peers and program officers, and ultimately, presenting a clarified vision and a path toward achieving your goals.

In support of Amherst's research culture, this fall we offered two workshops, one focused on NSF proposals, using the NSF LEAPS-MPS as an example, and one focused on popular fellowships in the Arts, Humanities, and Qualitative Social Sciences. Thank you to all who attended, with particular gratitude to our faculty panelists. We look forward to offering more workshops this spring, including a virtual workshop on our funding database grantforward to be held on January 23rd.

Sincerely,

Michael Stein, Director of Foundation Relations

Jamin Weeks, Director of Sponsored Research

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Upcoming Events

Effective Grant Writing Workshop with Dr. Betty Lai, for faculty and staff

Monday January 22, 10:30-3pm, Willits-Hallowell Center, Mount Holyoke College

Learn how to use grants to gain control over your scholarly career. This workshop covers how to find funding targets, how to develop grant ideas, and the mechanics of fundable grants. Schedule:

10:30am-12pm Keynote

12-1pm Lunch

1-3pm Write On Site

Pre-registration is required (register [here](#)). The Write On Site session is designed for faculty members; the keynote is open to all. Sponsored by the MHC Grants Office, Five Colleges Inc., and the MHC Office of the Provost, and Dean of Faculty.

Grant Forward Training

Tuesday January 23rd, 1:00-2:00pm via Zoom. You can register for this [here](#).

The OSRFR will be holding a training on GrantForward. GrantForward is a search engine designed to connect faculty with funding opportunities closely aligned with their research. In this training we will go over how to create an account as well as tailoring it to your specific needs.

Working with the OSRFR

Planning to Apply for a Grant?

We encourage you to reach out to our office at the beginning of your grantseeking process. There are a number of institutional considerations and requirements that we will help you navigate. The earlier you contact us, the more support we can provide in ensuring that you meet the funder and the College's requirements and in the review of your materials. *At least five business days prior to the funder's deadline*, you will be required to submit your proposal information and a Financial Conflict of Interest disclosure form to our office for [Institutional Review, Approval and Submission](#).

Updates for Grant Recipients

We're continuing to finetune our workflow and develop policies and procedures to assist colleagues across the college. In our ongoing collaboration with the Controller's Office, we recently met to review our offices' various responsibilities. A few items have been refined in our effort to clarify roles and offer streamlined service. Visit our [website](#) for an overview of which office to work with on various post-award needs.

Find Funding for your Project

Amherst subscribes to [Grantforward](#), a searchable database of grant opportunities that all faculty and staff have access to. We encourage you to set up a profile based on your research interests. Grantforward can save searches and email you periodic opportunities based on your keywords.

Attend our 1/23 event for in-depth training (see events, above), follow the [link](#) to set up an account and/or reach out to an OSRFR staff member at any time for assistance.

We also maintain a list of [popular funding opportunities](#) on our website. Finally, upcoming deadlines that may be of interest are highlighted at the end of this email. Reach out for further guidance at any time.

Additional Resources

Each year, the OSRFR updates boilerplate text to be used in grant applications. Our **STEM Boilerplate** features an overview of our Mission, Demographic Profile, Commitment to DEI, Retention and Graduation Rates, Growth and Success of STEM Studies, Undergraduate Research Opportunities, Career Guidance, Awards and Outcomes, Campus Facilities and more. Stay tuned for an updated version, which will be posted on our website in the coming month.

If you have any questions or are looking for something specific in the meantime, please contact Danielle Thompson for availability.

We also track [Student Co-Authored Publications](#) and [STEM Faculty and Alumni Awards of Note](#). If you have publications or awards to share, please send them to us at grantsoffice@amherst.edu.

New Pre-Award Software Coming Soon: Streamlyne

OSRFR is currently implementing [Streamlyne](#), a research administration software that we will be using as our new pre-award grant management system. Once fully set up it will replace our current docuSign internal approval process and *streamlyne* our budget, compliance, and record keeping. Thank you to all the staff and faculty who are or will be helping us configure the system. Stay tuned for more news in early 2024.

Upcoming Deadlines

STEM Opportunities

[Academic Research Enhancement Award for Undergraduate-Focused Institutions \(R15 Clinical Trial Not Allowed\)](#)

Sponsored by: [National Cancer Institute](#); [National Eye Institute](#); [21 more sponsors](#)

Deadline: Feb 25, 2024

Amount: Funds Available and Anticipated Number of Awards

The number of awards is contingent upon NIH appropriations and the submission of a sufficient number of meritorious applications.

Award Budget

Applicants may request up to \$300,000 in direct costs for the entire project period of up to 3 years.

Funding Opportunity Number: PAR-21-155

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is continuing to make a special effort to stimulate research at educational institutions that provide baccalaureate and/or advanced degrees for a significant number of the Nation's research scientists, but.....

[American Chemical Society \(ACS\) PRF Research Grant Programs - New Directions \(ND\) Grants](#)

Sponsored by: [American Chemical Society](#)

Deadline: Mar 08, 2024

Amount: To \$125,000

Program Goals

The goals of the American Chemical Society Petroleum Research Fund are:

To support fundamental research in the petroleum field, and

To develop the next generation of engineers and scientists through support of advanced.....

[Faculty Early Career Development Program \(CAREER\)](#)

Sponsored by: [Directorate for Biological Sciences](#); [Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering](#); [9 more sponsors](#)

Deadline: Jul 24, 2024

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Amount: Award Information
Anticipated Type of Award:
Standard Grant or Continuing Grant
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Funding Opportunity Number: NSF 22-586

Synopsis

CAREER: The Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program is a Foundation-wide activity that offers the National Science Foundation's most prestigious awards in support of early-career faculty who have the potential to serve.....

Mid-Career Advancement (MCA)

Sponsored by: [Directorate for Biological Sciences](#); [Directorate for Geosciences](#); [20 more sponsors](#)

Deadline: Mar 01, 2024

Amount: Award Information
Anticipated Type of Award: Standard Grant
Estimated Number of Awards: 35 to 45
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Funding Opportunity Number: NSF 22-603

Synopsis

The MCA program offers an opportunity for scientists and engineers at the mid-career stage (see restrictions under Additional Eligibility Information) to substantively enhance and advance their research program and career trajectory. Mid-career.....

Social Psychology

Sponsored by: [Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences](#); [Division of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences](#); [1 more sponsor](#)

Deadline: Jul 15, 2024

Amount: No Information

Funding Opportunity Number: PD 22-1332

Synopsis

The Social Psychology Program at NSF supports research and research infrastructure to advance basic knowledge in social psychology. Projects funded by the Social Psychology Program support the NSF mission to promote the.....

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Arts, Humanities, and Social Science Opportunities

Call for Proposals: Understanding the Forces Shaping the Global Order

Sponsored by: [Carnegie Corporation of New York](#)

Deadline: Jan 28, 2024

Amount: From \$300,000 To \$500,000

Scope: The relationships, rules, institutions, and norms that make up the existing global order face numerous changes and disruptions. Carnegie Corporation of New York has launched a request for proposals that will advance and disseminate knowledge and understanding about the key.....

Grants for Arts Projects: Folk And Traditional Arts

Sponsored by: [National Endowment for the Arts](#)

Deadline: Feb 15, 2024

Amount: From \$10,000 To \$100,000

The folk and traditional arts embody the expressive culture that grows out of shared activities in everyday life. Rooted in and reflective of the cultural life of a community, folk and traditional arts are constantly evolving, shaped by values and.....

Immigration and Immigrant Integration (III)

Sponsored by: [Russell Sage Foundation](#)

Deadline: Feb 21, 2024

Amount: To \$200,000

The Russell Sage Foundation/Carnegie Corporation of New York Initiative on Immigration and Immigrant Integration seeks to support innovative research on the effects of race, citizenship, legal status and politics, political culture, and public policy on outcomes for immigrants to the...

Gerald Westheimer Career Development Fellowship

Sponsored by: [Leo Baeck Institute](#)

Deadline: Mar 01, 2024

Amount: To \$25,000

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The Leo Baeck Institute is offering a Career Development Award as a personal grant to a scholar or professional in an early career stage, e.g. before gaining tenure in an academic institution or its equivalent, whose.....

[Research Grants in the Arts](#)

Sponsored by: [National Endowment for the Arts](#)

Deadline: Mar 25, 2024

Amount: From \$20,000 To \$100,000

Research Grants in the Arts support research studies that investigate the value and/or impact of the arts, either as individual components of the U.S. arts ecosystem or as they interact with each other and/or with other domains of American life.

[Research Grants on Education: Small](#)

Sponsored by: [Spencer Foundation](#)

Deadline: Apr 30, 2024

Amount: To \$50,000

The Small Research Grants on Education Program supports education research projects that will contribute to the improvement of education, broadly conceived, with budgets up to \$50,000 for projects ranging from one to five years. Eligible investigators may also request additional.....

[Hunt Postdoctoral Fellowship](#)

Sponsored by: [Wenner-Gren Foundation](#)

Deadline: May 01, 2024

Amount: To \$40,000

Recent PhDs in anthropology and related fields frequently lack the time and resources to publish their work. But their research is often the source of the discipline's most exciting new ideas. This program supports emerging scholars whose work has the.....

[Research and Development - Tier I: Planning, Basic Research, or Modifications](#)

Sponsored by: [National Endowment for the Humanities](#)

Deadline: May 21, 2024

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Amount: To \$100,000

The Research and Development program supports projects that address major challenges in preserving or providing access to humanities collections and resources. These challenges include the need to find better ways to preserve materials of critical importance to the nation's.....

[Massachusetts Cultural Council - Festivals & Projects](#)

Sponsored by: [Massachusetts Cultural Council](#); [Massachusetts](#)

Deadline: May 23, 2024

Amount: To \$2,500

Culture elevates the quality of life and well-being of communities across Massachusetts. Through Festivals & Projects we support efforts that celebrate our vibrant cultural landscape. These \$2,500 grants to organizations fund public activities that incorporate the arts, humanities, or sciences.....

[Russell Sage Foundation - Visiting Scholars Program](#)

Sponsored by: [Russell Sage Foundation](#)

Deadline: Jun 25, 2024

Amount: To \$125,000

The Russell Sage Foundation's Visiting Scholars Program provides a unique opportunity for select scholars in the social, economic, political and behavioral sciences to pursue their data analysis and writing while in residence at the foundation's headquarters in New York.

Keep in Touch

Learn more about our office on our website: [Meet Our Team](#). Email or call us anytime to set up a time to talk.

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