

## Funding Opportunity Announcements 11.30.16

### Humanities

#### [American Music Abroad Invites Applications for International Exchange Program](#)

POSTED: November 19, 2016

DEADLINE: January 27, 2017

American Music Abroad, a partnership of American Voices and the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, is an international exchange program designed to share America's rich musical contributions and diverse culture with audiences around the world. Each year, approximately ten ensembles are selected to conduct a month-long regional cultural exchange tour in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Central and South America, or the Middle East. As part of their program activities, selected ensembles will perform high-profile public concerts, engage in intensive collaborations with local musicians, lead jam sessions, appear in local media, and offer educational activities such as workshops, music business training for aspiring musicians, and motivational and education programs for underserved youth. Musicians will also feature their music and share their expertise through Skype chats and Internet radio broadcasts on AMA Radio.

### Social Sciences

#### [Small Business Administration: Request for Statement of Interest for Upcoming Boots to Business Funding Opportunity](#)

POSTED: Updated November 22, 2016

DEADLINE: December 18, 2016

Funding Instrument Type: Cooperative Agreement

The U.S. Small Business Administration's Office of Veterans Business Development requests statement of interest for the Boots to Business (B2B) program funding opportunity from organizations interested in providing entrepreneurship training to transitioning service members, veterans, and military spouses interested in starting and growing a small business. The B2B entrepreneurial development program provides introductory and follow-on small business ownership education and training to U.S. military service members and spouses (including members of the Reserve and National Guard) via the U.S. Department of Defense's Transition Assistance Program (TAP). Statements of interest are expected to provide insight on the potential applicant's experience in administering entrepreneurship training programs by utilizing instructors with practical experience in starting, owning, and operating businesses to clients, specifically veterans and military spouses, in addition to those interested in starting new businesses or those who currently own an established business and are seeking opportunities for expansion or diversification.

#### [Dept. of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor \(DRL\): DRL FY16 Statement of Interest: Supporting Human Rights Defenders in Eurasia](#)

POSTED: November 22, 2016

DEADLINE: December 22, 2016

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

DRL announces a Request for Statements of Interest (RSOI) from organizations interested in submitting Statements of Interest (SOI) for programs that support the policy objective to provide critical support to human rights defenders in Eurasia. SOIs should support DRL's objective to assist activists in Eurasia who have been forced to flee their country and help them remain engaged in human rights work from abroad. This program should focus on supporting these activists in the medium term through 6 month or longer internship placements and applied fellowship programs; English language instruction and psychological and logistical support should also be considered.

### [Russell Sage Foundation Seeks Letters of Inquiry for Social Inequality Research](#)

POSTED: November 23, 2016

DEADLINE: Letters of Inquiry due January 9, 2017; upon review, select applicants will be invited to submit proposals by March 13, 2017.

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

The Russell Sage Foundation's program on Social Inequality supports research on the social, economic, political, and labor market consequences of rising economic inequalities in the United States. The program seeks Letters of Inquiry for investigator-initiated research projects that will broaden current understanding of the causes and consequences of rising economic inequalities. Priority will be given to projects that use innovative data or methodologies to address important questions about inequality. The foundation encourages methodological variety, but all proposals should have well-developed conceptual frameworks and research designs. Analytical models should be specified, and research questions and hypotheses should be clearly stated. Awards are available for research assistance, data acquisition, data analysis, and investigator time for conducting research and writing up results.

### [Dept. of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor \(DRL\): DRL FY16 Supporting Local Civil Society in Ukraine](#)

POSTED: November 23, 2016

DEADLINE: January 17, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Grant or Cooperative Agreement

DRL announces an open competition for organizations interested in submitting applications for projects that support local civil society in Ukraine. DRL's goal is to enhance the accountability and responsiveness of the Ukrainian government at the local level through civil society advocacy, monitoring, and civic activism. DRL seeks proposals that will empower local civil society organizations to perform a watchdog function and advocate for democratic governance through activism and networking; and raise awareness among and build the capacity of citizens to use existing local mechanisms and institutions for holding government more accountable.

### [Merck Foundation Issues RFP for Type 2 Diabetes Program](#)

POSTED: November 23, 2016

DEADLINE: Letters of Intent due January 24, 2017; upon review, selected applicants will be invited to submit full applications by February 28, 2017.

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

The Merck Foundation has issued a Request for Proposals for a new \$10 million initiative to improve access to high-quality diabetes care and reduce health disparities for vulnerable and underserved populations in the United States. Through the Bridging the Gap: Reducing Disparities in Diabetes Care, the foundation will build sustainable partnerships across sectors to support innovative approaches to diabetes treatment and management. Bridging the Gap partners will work to ensure that individuals with diabetes can benefit not only from improved medical care, but also from interventions that address the multiple social and environmental factors outside of the health care system that influence health and well-being. Through the program, grants of up to \$1.5 million over up to five years will be awarded to support the implementation of multifaceted programs focused on type 2 diabetes that will transform the delivery of primary care to improve diabetes management for vulnerable and underserved populations; use intersectoral collaborations to address factors inside and outside of the health care system that influence diabetes outcomes; and/or improve health outcomes for individuals with type 2 diabetes, such as improved glucose and lipid control.

[National Institutes of Health \(NIH\): National Cancer Institute Youth Enjoy Science Research Education Program \(R25\)](#)

POSTED: November 25, 2016

DEADLINE: The next funding cycle's deadline is January 25, 2017.

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

The NIH Research Education Program (R25) supports research education activities in the mission areas of the NIH. The over-arching goal of this National Cancer Institute (NCI) R25 program is to support educational activities that enhance the diversity of the biomedical, behavioral and clinical research workforce.

[Centers for Disease Control: Strengthening Surveillance in Jurisdictions with High Incidence of Hepatitis C Virus \(HCV\) and Hepatitis B Virus \(HBV\) Infections](#)

POSTED: November 29, 2016

DEADLINE: January 31, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Cooperative Agreement

The purpose of this funding announcement is to support and improve active surveillance of hepatitis C and B in statewide jurisdictions experiencing high rates of incident cases of HCV, HBV, or both to support implementation of testing, treatment and prevention services and activities based on surveillance data.

[National Institutes of Health \(NIH\): Alzheimer's Disease Outcomes Research Resource \(U2C\)](#)

POSTED: November 23, 2016

DEADLINE: February 2, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Cooperative Agreement

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites applications to establish the measurement properties of the NIH Toolbox for Assessment of Behavioral and

Neurological Function in persons with amnesic mild cognitive impairment (aMCI) and early Alzheimers disease (AD), and in individuals over 85 years of age, in order to establish a research resource that facilitates detection of disease at the earliest stages, assessment of change in function over time, and ability to track success of prevention and therapeutic interventions.

## **Natural Sciences**

### [American Gastroenterological Association \(AGA\) Invites Applications for Research and Pilot Device Awards](#)

POSTED: November 23, 2016

DEADLINE: January 6, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

The AGA is accepting applications from new and established investigators for research projects related to the development of novel devices or technologies that will potentially impact the diagnosis or treatment of digestive disease. Through its AGA-Medtronic Research & Development Pilot Award in Technology program, AGA will award grants of up to \$30,000 to research and develop new devices, design and test a significant improvement to an existing technology, develop a new diagnostic, develop a novel research method technology, and/or investigate the application of nanotechnology or methodologies such as computational biology to the field of gastroenterology. In addition to the grant, a \$1,000 travel stipend will be provided to allow the recipient to attend the AGA Technology Summit. AGA membership is required at the time of application submission.

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[DOT/Federal Transit Administration: Zero Emission Research Opportunity \(ZERO\)](#)

POSTED: November 28, 2016

DEADLINE: February 21, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Cooperative Agreement

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the availability of \$2.75 million of funding for its Zero Emission Research Opportunity (ZERO). This solicitation also will establish eligibility for possible future funding, subject to Congressional appropriations and FTA approval, for ZERO. The purpose of the program is to facilitate the advancement, production, and deployment of zero-emission public transportation vehicle technology and related infrastructure. FTA intends to select, and enter into cooperative agreements with, multiple (up to three) nonprofit consortia to build on past research innovation and development efforts to facilitate the deployment of zero-emission vehicles and associated advanced technology. Eligibility for future ZERO funding opportunities in fiscal years 2017-2020 will be limited to those nonprofit consortia selected under this fiscal year 2017 notice. The federal cost- share of a project carried out under ZERO shall not exceed 80 percent. Subject to FTA discretion and future appropriations, the selected organization(s) will be eligible for future funding from FY17-FY20, without further competition.

**Student Affairs:**

[Sillerman Center for the Advancement of Philanthropy Accepting Entries for Generous U Competition](#)

POSTED: November 23, 2016

DEADLINE: March 17, 2017

The Sillerman Center for the Advancement of Philanthropy at Brandeis University is accepting entries for a national contest to increase philanthropy and philanthropic values on United States college campuses. Through the annual Generous U competition, student groups are invited to compete for the \$10,000 Sillerman Prize by demonstrating their success in engaging a substantial number of peers in charitable giving; increasing philanthropic awareness and a culture of giving on campus; nurturing the lifelong habit of charitable giving; and developing a model that can be adopted on other campuses. The competition will consider any organized activity intended to

encourage charitable giving by students. Examples include giving campaigns or campus-wide challenges, giving circles, social networking or social media initiatives, publications, or intercollegiate events. The competition is judged on YouTube videos and essays submitted by college and graduate students eligible to receive the prize through the university. In addition to the cash prize, the honorary title of Generous U will be awarded to the winner's college or university. A certificate, press kit, and plaque that may be kept on permanent display anywhere on campus will be provided by the Sillerman Center.