

## Funding Opportunity Announcements 3.2.17

### Campus wide

#### [Department of State, Bureau Of Educational and Cultural Affairs: FY 2017 Alumni Thematic International Exchange Seminars \(TIES\)](#)

POSTED: February 22, 2017

DEADLINE: April 24, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Cooperative Agreement

Organizations may submit proposals to conduct approximately eight to ten regional or sub-regional enrichment seminars for U.S. government-sponsored people-to-people exchange program alumni. The seminars will focus on thematic topics that support U.S. foreign policy priorities and foster a sense of shared identity, networking, and dialogue among participating alumni. The seminars will be three to four days in duration for 20 - 100 participants each, and can take place in any of the U.S. Department of State's six designated geographical regions: Africa, Europe and Eurasia, East Asia and Pacific, Near East and North Africa, South and Central Asia, and Western Hemisphere.

“Seminars” are defined as a set of learning, leadership, and networking activities for exchange alumni, focused on one specific U.S. foreign policy priority. Each seminar will also include an operational, skills-building component, such as project planning, monitoring and evaluation, grants writing, social media tools, etc. in order to foster alumni-driven initiatives that support U.S. foreign policy objectives.

#### [National Endowment for the Arts: NEA 2017 Careers in the Arts Toolkit - Increasing Employment Opportunities in the Arts for People with Disabilities](#)

POSTED: February 28, 2017

DEADLINE: April 28, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Cooperative Agreement

People with disabilities experience many barriers to careers in the arts, such as inaccessible work spaces, fluctuating job stability and health benefits, and attitudinal barriers about employment opportunities. The purpose of this Program Solicitation is to select an organization to develop a web-based toolkit designed to provide resources for job seekers and employers to help reduce barriers to careers in the arts for people with disabilities. These resources will assist artists and arts workers with disabilities with developing careers in the arts, as well as build capacity within arts organizations and the disability sector to better serve people with disabilities who seek employment.

**Limited Submission Note: Organizations may submit a maximum of one proposal for this program. If interested in responding to this funding opportunity, please contact Chief Research Officer Ed Katz to discuss.**

### Humanities

#### [International Reading Association Seeks Applications for International Professional Development Award](#)

POSTED: February 18, 2017

DEADLINE: Applications accepted March 1 through June 30, 2017

#### Funding Instrument Type: Grant

This award, which carries a grant of \$4,000, is awarded annually to assist an IRA member in the investigation of reading-related problems and to encourage international professional development activities that are carried out in countries outside North America. This award represents a specific means for working toward as many as three articulated goals of the association: 1) Advocacy: Through the Constance McCullough Award the association seeks to promote universal access to literacy and provide leadership in support of adequate funding for literacy programs on an international basis. 2) Professional Development: Through the award, the association seeks to enhance and improve professional development of literacy educators on an international basis — including professional development that supports programs and processes in response to expressed needs and that responds quickly to those needs. 3) Emerging Global Issues: The association seeks to identify and provide leadership on such emerging globally significant literacy issues as access to primary education for all, access to current materials, and assessment of literacy levels. Any IRA member is eligible to submit a proposal, remembering that the Constance M. McCullough bequest to IRA is designated for use in international professional development activities undertaken in countries outside North America.

#### [Chamber Music America Invites Applications for Classical Commissioning Program](#)

POSTED: February 23, 2017

DEADLINE: April 2, 2017

#### Funding Instrument Type: Grant

Chamber Music America's Classical Commissioning Program provides grants to U.S.-based presenters and professional contemporary classical and world music ensembles for the commissioning and performance of new works by American composers. The program supports works scored for two to ten musicians and composed in any of the musical styles associated with contemporary classical music. Grants will provide a composer's fee of up to \$20,000, a \$1,000 honorarium to each ensemble member for rehearsing the new piece, and copying costs of up to \$1,000. To be eligible, an ensemble must be based in the U.S. or one of its territories; be a professional group with a commitment to contemporary classical or world music: consist of "fixed" personnel and instrumentation or be part of a flexible roster or a collective that performs in varying configurations of no more than ten; perform as equal partners (in the case of a duo), rather than as soloist and accompanist, and consistently publicize itself as a duo; and be a CMA organization-level member.

#### [National Endowment for the Humanities \(NEH\): Preservation and Access Education and Training Grants](#)

POSTED: February 27, 2017

DEADLINE: May 2, 2017

#### Funding Instrument Type: Grant

The Preservation and Access Education and Training program supports the development of knowledge and skills among professionals responsible for preserving and establishing access to humanities collections. Thousands of libraries, archives,

museums, and historical organizations across the country maintain important collections of books and manuscripts, photographs, sound recordings and moving images, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, art and material culture collections, electronic records, and digital objects. The challenge of preserving and making accessible such large and diverse holdings is enormous, and the need for knowledgeable staff is significant and ongoing. Preservation and Access Education and Training grants are awarded to organizations that offer national or regional education and training programs that reach audiences in more than one state. Grants aim to help the staff of cultural institutions, large and small, obtain the knowledge and skills needed to serve as effective stewards of humanities collections. Grants also support educational programs that prepare the next generation of preservation professionals, as well as projects that introduce the staff of cultural institutions to new information and advances in preservation and access practices.

[William H. Johnson Foundation Invites Applications From African-American Artists for 2017 Johnson Prize](#)

POSTED: February 21, 2017

DEADLINE: November 16, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Prize

The prize is awarded annually to an early-career African-American artist working in the area of painting, photography, sculpture, printmaking, installation, and/or a new genre. For award purposes, "early career" is a flexible term that should be interpreted liberally to include artists who have finished their academic work within twelve years from the year the prize is awarded. Age is not determinative, and artists who have not earned BFAs or MFAs are still eligible, so long as they have not been working as an artist for more than twelve years. The 2017 prize recipient will receive \$25,000. The winner will be announced in December 2017.

**Social Sciences**

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[National Science Foundation \(NSF\): STEM + Computing Partnerships \(STEM+C\)](#)

POSTED: February 27, 2017

DEADLINE: March 29, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

As computing has become an integral part of the practice of modern science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), the STEM + Computing Partnerships program seeks to address the urgent need to prepare students from the early grades through high school in the essential skills, competencies, and dispositions needed to succeed in a computationally-dependent world. Thus, STEM+C advances the integration of computational thinking and computing activities in early childhood education through high school (pre-K-12) to provide a strong and developmental foundation in computing and computational thinking through the integration of computing in STEM teaching and learning, and/or the applied integration of STEM content in pre-K-12 computer science education.

[Bureau of State, Bureau of Oceans: The Private Investment for Enhanced Resilience \(PIER\) project](#)

POSTED: February 22, 2017

DEADLINE: May 10, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Cooperative Agreement

The PIER project aims to increase private sector investment in resilience in developing countries by focusing on two goals: (1) the actions needed at the national- and subnational-levels in developing countries to attract resilient investment which focuses on creating a more conducive environment that incentivizes and allows businesses to integrate climate change considerations in investment decision-making and (2) the information, market conditions and investment tools/mechanisms needed by the private sector to increase investment in resilience in developing countries. (1) Creating this environment might involve: reforming regulations, establishing building codes and standards, local zoning regulations, land tenure policies, frameworks for enforcing codes, standards and policies, etc.; developing or refining national adaptation plans and subnational strategies; identifying relevant funding sources and viable investment opportunities; developing project pipelines; and, preparing viable funding proposals and tenders to implement priority resilience activities and projects. (2) The second goal is to identify and produce information, tools, mechanisms and models to improve the ability of private sector companies to identify viable resilience investment opportunities in developing countries, such as feasibility studies, business risk assessments, market studies, analytics that contribute to improving the business case to be made by the developing country actor or institution to attract private sector investment in resilience,

climate risk analysis of specific industry/sector, etc.

#### [Brookdale Foundation Announces RFP for Respite and Early Memory Programs](#)

POSTED: February 19, 2017

DEADLINE: June 15, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

1) Group Respite Program: The goals of the program are to offer opportunities for individuals with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia to engage in a program of meaningful social and recreational activities in a secure and supportive setting, with the goals of maximizing their cognitive and social abilities and providing relief and support to family members and other primary caregivers. 2) Early Memory Loss: Memory enhancement and compensatory skill building are central elements in this consumer-directed social and educational program. Other components are group problem-solving, socialization, peer support, exercise, and camaraderie. This model has been replicated around the country in response to the growing population of people seeking both earlier diagnosis and resources to meet their unique needs. Grant support for either program includes a one-year grant of \$10,000, renewable for a second year.

#### [Department of Defense: Minerva Research Initiative](#)

POSTED: February 28, 2017

DEADLINE: June 21, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

The Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) is interested in receiving proposals for the Minerva Research Initiative (<http://www.minerva.defense.gov>), a university-led defense social science program seeking fundamental understanding of the social and cultural forces shaping U.S. strategic interests globally. The Minerva Research Initiative seeks to increase the Department's intellectual capital in the social sciences and improve its ability to address future challenges and build bridges between the Department and the social science community. The Minerva program aims to promote research in specific areas of social science and to promote a candid and constructive relationship between DoD and the social science academic community. The Minerva Research Initiative competition is for research related to a general interest area and four (4) special interest areas: Understanding the Social Impact of Autonomy, Societal Resilience & Sociopolitical (In)stability, Power & Deterrence for Shaping Operations, Military Cyber Defense. The research questions addressed should extend across a fairly broad range of linked issues where there is clear potential synergy among the contributions of the distinct disciplines represented on the team.

#### [American Psychoanalytic Association Seeks Nominations for Award for Excellence in Journalism](#)

POSTED: February 20, 2017

DEADLINE: September 18, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Prize

Established in 1999, the annual prize recognizes professional reporting of outstanding merit that contributes in an exceptional way to public understanding of psychoanalytic

and psychological principles and phenomena. The award, which is juried by a panel of professional journalists and psychoanalysts, offers a \$1,000 prize. Any person, including authors, may nominate an article. To be eligible, work must have been written in English, be intended for the layperson, and have first been published between July 1 and June 30 of the year of the award. Nominated work need not be specifically about psychoanalysis or psychotherapy and may critique or question psychoanalysis, as long as it advances understanding of human relationships and/or the life of the mind.

## **Natural Sciences**

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### [Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health \(NIH\): From Genomic Association to Causation: A Convergent Neuroscience Approach for Integrating Levels of Analysis to Delineate Brain Function in Neuropsychiatry \(U01\)](#)

POSTED: February 27, 2017

DEADLINE: April 1, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Cooperative Agreement

The primary objective of this FOA is to stimulate innovative Convergent Neuroscience (CN) approaches to establish causal and/or probabilistic linkages across contiguous levels of analysis (e.g., gene, molecule, cell, circuit, system, behavior) in an explanatory model of psychopathology. In particular, applicants should focus on how specific constituent biological processes at one level of analysis contribute to quantifiable properties at other levels, either directly or as emergent phenomena. Although not required, it is preferable that applications link at least three levels of analysis and include an emphasis on genetics. The projects under this FOA will develop novel methods, theories, and approaches through a CN team framework, bringing together highly synergistic inter/transdisciplinary teams from neuroscience and "orthogonal" fields (e.g., data/computational science, physics, engineering, mathematics, and environmental sciences). Successful teams will combine, expand upon, or develop conceptual frameworks and theoretical approaches, and build explanatory computational models that connect contiguous levels of analysis. Such frameworks, theories, and computational explanatory models should be validated through

experimental approaches to elucidate biological underpinnings of complex behavioral (including cognitive and affective) outcomes in psychopathology. Additionally, a goal of this program is to advance research in CN by creating a shared community framework of resources which may be used by the broader research community to further research, as such, successful team will have robust plan for sharing data and other resources.

[Department of State, U.S. Mission to Thailand: U.S.-ASEAN Conference on Marine Environmental Issues in the Seas of Southeast Asia](#)

POSTED: February 22, 2017

DEADLINE: April 7, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

U.S. Embassy Bangkok announces an open competition for organizations interested in submitting proposals to organize a conference that examines current marine environmental issues in the seas of Southeast Asia that are of interest to the United States, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), and its partners. Proposals should encourage think tanks and academia to engage in a comprehensive conversation examining and analyzing international issues related to environmental challenges in the seas of Southeast Asia. This conference will be part of a series of thematic U.S.-ASEAN conferences for think tank specialists, strategic thinkers, and academics. Conference presenters and participants should be encouraged to discuss the current environmental state, examine any challenges, and make recommendations for policy makers in ASEAN and the wider multi-lateral architecture in the Asia-Pacific region.

[Whitehall Foundation Invites Letters of Interest for Bioscience Research Projects](#)

POSTED: February 21, 2017

DEADLINE: Letters of Intent due April 15, 2017; upon review, selected applicants will be invited to submit full applications by September 1, 2017.

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

The foundation emphasizes the support of young scientists at the beginning of their careers and productive senior scientists who wish to move into new fields of interest.

1) Research: Research grants of up to \$225,000 over three years will be awarded to established scientists of all ages working at an accredited institution in the United States. Grants will not be awarded to investigators who have already received, or expect to receive, substantial support from other sources, even if it is for an unrelated purpose. 2) Grants-in-Aid: One-year grants of up to \$30,000 will be awarded to researchers at the assistant professor level who experience difficulty in competing for research funds because they have not yet become firmly established. Grants-in-Aid can also be made to senior scientists.

[Child Neurology Society \(CNS\) Invites Applications for Young Academic Researchers Award Program](#)

POSTED: February 24, 2017

DEADLINE: April 15, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

The program offers three annual awards for members just starting out in their academic/research careers, including: the Philip R. Dodge Young Investigators Award for original, succinct, and relevant research; the Child Neurology Shields Research Grant for translational or clinical research by a child neurologist or developmental pediatrician early in his/her academic career; and the Pediatric Epilepsy Research Foundation Scientific Research Grant for clinical or basic science research by a child neurologist or developmental pediatrician early in his/her academic career. To be eligible, applicants must be a current CNS member in good standing.

[Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service: Region 3 Migratory Birds](#)

POSTED: February 23, 2017

DEADLINE: April 23, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Grant and Cooperative Agreement

Proposals should address projects in the geographic area that includes USFWS Region 3 (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin); non-breeding season areas important for birds breeding in Region 3 states; or broad-scale actions that will have tangible benefits that include birds in these states. To focus conservation on the highest priority issues with the greatest probability of making a difference for birds, the Midwest Migratory Bird Conservation Program operates under the USFWS business model known as Strategic Habitat Conservation (SHC). SHC integrates biological planning, landscape design, conservation delivery, and monitoring and evaluation in a way that generates adaptive feedback that enables sound decisions and constantly improves our efficiency and effectiveness in conserving birds. Specific areas include: Urban Bird Conservation, Grassland Bird Conservation, Full Life Cycle Conservation Planning for Focal Species, and Coordinated Bird Monitoring.

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[National Science Foundation \(NSF\): Antarctic Research](#)

POSTED: February 27, 2017

DEADLINE: May 23, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

The U.S. Antarctic Program (USAP) supports scientific research in Antarctica and provides operational research support. The NSF Office of Polar Programs Antarctic Sciences Section (ANT) supports research to: 1) expand fundamental knowledge of the Antarctic region, 2) improve understanding of interactions between the Antarctic region and global earth systems, and 3) utilize the unique characteristics of the Antarctic continent as an observing platform. Antarctic fieldwork is supported for research that can only be performed or is best performed in Antarctica. ANT encourages research using existing samples, data, and models that do not require fieldwork. ANT encourages research that crosses and combines disciplinary perspectives and approaches.

[Forest Service, Department of Agriculture: 2018 Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Cost Share Grant Program](#)

POSTED: February 23, 2017 (Posting Date Changed Due to Dept. Administration Hold on all grant RFP Announcements. This RFP status is pending.)

DEADLINE: May 24, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

The National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council seeks innovative (new, cutting-edge or builds upon existing studies) grant proposals for program development, study, and collaboration that will address strategies in the National Ten Year Urban Forestry Action Plan (2016-2026) with 2018 focusing on Planting, Inventory, and Analysis for Forest and Environmental Health. Organizations, local governments, tribal agencies, and partnerships are encouraged to submit proposals that will demonstrate the reach, resources, and expertise needed to address the priority issue (s) in ways that will lead to meaningful, replicable results across the country. Projects in this category should increase knowledge about, or understanding of, how urban planting, inventory, and, analysis of our urban forest natural resources contributes to the health, energy, ecological, economic, and other critical benefits our urban forests provide communities and in improving human well-being. Additional research is needed to better understand how the urban forest, as a green infrastructure element, can be integrated with other urban systems, such as stormwater management installations, and with grey infrastructure like roofs and parking lots. Science-based assessment and decision support tools are also needed to more rapidly recognize and respond to threats that may negatively impact the essential contributions of trees and forest patches across the entire urban to rural landscape gradient. The grant review process takes about six to

nine months to review the proposals once they are received.

[Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health: Neuroskeletal Biology of the Dental and Craniofacial Skeletal System \(R21\)](#)

POSTED: February 27, 2017

DEADLINE: September 28, 2017 for non-AIDS related applications; November 25, 2017 for AIDS and AIDS-related applications

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage exploratory or developmental research on the role of the nervous system in metabolism, homeostasis, and remodeling and/or regeneration of the postnatal dental and craniofacial skeletal system (DCS) in health and disease. This exploratory/developmental FOA will provide support for early and conceptual stages of project development including development of appropriate strategies and models to study the interactions between the peripheral and central nervous systems (PNS/CNS) and the DCS. It is expected that these exploratory and developmental projects will facilitate development of strategies to optimize normal function, reduce the impact of disease, and develop capacity to repair and regenerate injured teeth and craniofacial bones.

[National Science Foundation \(NSF\): Petascale Computing Resource Allocations \(PRAC\)](#)

POSTED: February 27, 2017

DEADLINE: November 6, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

In 2013, a new NSF-funded petascale computing system, Blue Waters, was deployed at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The goal of this project and system is to open up new possibilities in science and engineering by providing computational capability that makes it possible for investigators to tackle much larger and more complex research challenges across a wide spectrum of domains. The purpose of this solicitation is to invite research groups to submit requests for allocations of resources on the Blue Waters system. Proposers must show compelling science or engineering challenges that require petascale computing resources. Proposers must also be prepared to demonstrate that they have science or engineering research problems that require and can effectively exploit the petascale computing capabilities offered by Blue Waters. Proposals from or including junior researchers are encouraged, as one of the goals of this solicitation is to build a community capable of using petascale computing.