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Humanities

[J.M. Kaplan Fund Offers Grants to Nonprofit Publishers](#)

POSTED: April 10, 2017

DEADLINE: September 1, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

Through its Furthermore program, the J.M. Kaplan Fund supports nonfiction book publishing about the urban experience; natural and historic resources; art, architecture, and design; cultural history; and civil liberties and other public issues. The program seeks work that appeals to an informed general audience; demonstrates evidence of high standards in editing, design, and production; promises a reasonable shelf life; might not otherwise achieve top quality or even come into being; and "represents a contribution without which we would be the poorer." Individual grants will range from \$1,500 to approximately \$15,000 and may be used to support writing, research, editing, design, indexing, photography, illustration, and/or printing and binding.

[Kress Foundation Accepting Applications for Digital Resources Program](#)

POSTED: April 10, 2017

DEADLINE: October 1, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

The Kress Foundation's Digital Resources program is intended to foster new forms of research and collaboration and new approaches to teaching and learning art history. To that end, grants will be awarded to support the digitization of important visual resources (especially art history photographic archives) in the area of pre-modern European art history and primary textual sources (especially the literary and documentary sources of European art history); promising initiatives in online publishing; and innovative experiments in the field of digital art history. The program does not typically support the digitization of museum object collections. Grant amounts will be determined on a project-by-project basis. Past grants have ranged between \$12,000 and \$70,000.

Social Sciences

[Robert Wood Johnson Foundation \(RWJF\) Issues Request for Proposals for Program to Increase Diversity Across Its Programming](#)

POSTED: April 13, 2017

DEADLINE: May 16, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

The RWJF has issued a Request for Proposals for an annual initiative to increase diversity across its research network and programming. Now in its eleventh year, New Connections: Increasing Diversity of RWJF Programming, a career development program for early-career researchers, is designed to expand the diversity of perspectives that inform RWJF programming and introduce new researchers to the foundation to help address research and evaluation needs. Through grantmaking,

mentorship, career development and networking, New Connections enhances the research capacity of its grantees and network members. The researchers in the program transcend disciplines (health, health care, social sciences, business, urban planning, architecture and engineering); work to build the case for a Culture of Health with strong qualitative and quantitative research skills; and produce and translate timely research results. In 2017, the foundation will up to twenty grants of up to \$50,000 through the program. To be eligible, applicants must have completed a doctoral degree within the last ten years (obtained by September 1, 2007, or later) and be an early-career scholars (e.g., post-doc or assistant professor). In addition, applicants must be from a background that is historically disadvantaged or underrepresented in research.

[Department of State, Assistance Coordination: Increasing Women's Political Participation in Kuwait](#)

POSTED: April 18, 2017

DEADLINE: June 7, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Cooperative Agreement

The Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs Office of Assistance Coordination (NEA/AC) announces a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to increase women's political participation in Kuwait. NEA/AC seeks proposals that will enable women leaders and emerging leaders to:

1. Increase their skills and ability to compete in political processes;
2. Launch strategic alliances with civic actors who are advocating issues of concern;
3. Develop communication skills and strategies to engage with the public and government representatives on issues of concern; and
4. Prepare young women for assuming leadership roles and increasing their civic engagement.

Applications will be accepted only from organizations that have previously operated in Kuwait, or have personnel who have previously worked in Kuwait. Successful applications will complement the ongoing work to build skills for women candidates at Kuwait University Womens Research and Studies Center. Funds will support activities that: build the leadership and technical capacity of women in government and civil society; address persistent barriers that prevent women from accessing decision-making processes; and facilitate constructive engagement and collaboration between women civic actors and government officials.

[Department of State, Bureau of Democracy Human Rights and Labor \(DRL\): Supporting Anti-Torture Efforts in Tunisia](#)

POSTED: April 14, 2017

DEADLINE: June 15, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Cooperative Agreement or Grant

DRL announces an open competition for organizations interested in submitting applications for projects that support Tunisia's efforts in the prevention of torture. DRL seeks to support programming that will assist the Government of Tunisia's new anti-torture authority, the National Body for the Prevention of Torture (Instance Nationale de la Prévention de la Torture, INPT). DRL seeks to strengthen the expertise and capacity of the INPT by providing its members with technical assistance and

management systems, and engaging networks of key stakeholders and experts in anti-torture efforts. Program approaches could include, but are not limited to: Increase INPT technical expertise and access to training and experts, Create a secure digital platform and information management system, Promote a system to institutionalize visits by INPT members and independent experts, Support the INPT in assessing the scope of torture and assessing the quality of case management, Develop technical expertise of INPT regional offices, Increase civil society's capacity for and engagement in rights awareness around torture issues and obligations, Support a referral system for survivors of torture to access services.

[National Institutes of Health \(NIH\): Synthetic Psychoactive Drugs \(SPDs\) and Strategic Approaches to Counteract Their Deleterious Effects \(R21\)](#)

POSTED: April 18, 2017

DEADLINE: The deadline for the next funding cycle is June 16, 2017.

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

The goal of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to support the necessary science to help inform researchers, clinicians, emergency personnel, and policymakers of the current epidemiologic trends, mechanisms of actions, and the clinical strategies to mitigate the consequences of these dangerous SPD compounds. Epidemiological data generated will be the main guiding force for research directions, which will consist of basic research into the analysis of the new products and development of detection techniques, methods development and preclinical evaluation. Concomitantly, research on clinical evaluation, determination of toxicological and medical consequences is also needed. For the purposes of this FOA, priority will be given to research examining the SP cannabinoids and cathinones, although all classes will be considered if well-justified. Where applicable, applicants are encouraged to conduct research to address sex/gender differences. This FOA will support 4 specific categories of research: Epidemiological and prevention research, Basic and preclinical research, Human studies and clinical research, and Medical consequences and therapeutic approaches.

[Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service \(FNS\): FY17 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program \(SNAP\) Process and Technology Improvement \(PTI\)](#)

POSTED: April 18, 2017

DEADLINE: June 18, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

The purpose of this grant competition is to support efforts by State agencies and their community-based and faith-based partners to develop and implement: Simple SNAP application and eligibility determination systems; or Measures to improve access to SNAP benefits by eligible applicants. This Request for Applications seeks diverse proposals that would make the entire process easier and more efficient for SNAP applicants and participants. Grant proposals should focus on improving the quality and efficiency of operations and processes within the SNAP office. Specifically, FNS is interested in initiatives that use new technologies or examine office processes in order to improve application processing timeliness for initial or recertification applications.

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[National Institutes of Health \(NIH\): NIH Director's Early Independence Awards \(DP5\)](#)

POSTED: April 18, 2017

DEADLINE: September 22, 2017

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Natural Sciences

[Wildlife Acoustics Seeks Applications for Bioacoustic Research](#)

POSTED: April 13, 2017

DEADLINE: May 15, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

The mission of Wildlife Acoustics is to advance conservation and environmental stewardship, enabling those involved in animal biology, research, and conservation to do their best work easily and quickly. To advance this mission, the organization will award grants of up to \$5,000 in support of bioacoustics research on chiropteran, avian,

terrestrial, amphibious, and marine wildlife, and everything else in between. Projects must make significant use of bioacoustics for data collection and/or analysis, advance scientific knowledge, and contribute to long-term conservation. In addition, the grant award must have a significant impact on the success of the project.

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[Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation Issues Request for Proposals for Pre-Clinical Drug Discovery Program](#)

POSTED: April 12, 2017

DEADLINE: Letters of intent due May 19, 2017. Upon review, selected applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal by June 9, 2017.

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

Grants of up to \$600,000 over two years will be awarded in support of promising preclinical drug discovery programs relevant to Alzheimer's disease, related dementias, and cognitive aging. Preclinical research funding priorities include high through-put screening, medicinal chemistry hit-to-lead development (and lead optimization), in vitro and in vivo efficacy studies, ADME, toxicology, pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics, and in vivo proof-of-concept with lead compounds and biologics. Program areas of particular interest include new chemical compounds for Alzheimer's disease, preclinical proof-of-concept, and re-purposing. With regards to potential drug targets, ADDF is interested in novel targets that include but are not limited to neuroinflammation, protein degradation/autophagy, growth factor signaling, synaptic function/morphology, calcium regulation, energy utilization/mitochondria function, insulin

sensitivity, epigenetics, ApoE function and cholesterol metabolism, vascular injury and the blood-brain barrier interface, cognitive enhancers, myelin changes, ischemia and oxidative stress, and tau-related toxicities.

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[National Institutes of Health \(NIH\): PsychENCODE: Non-coding Functional Elements in the Human Brain and their Role in the Development of Psychiatric Disorders \(Collaborative U01\)](#)

POSTED: April 18, 2017

DEADLINE: The deadline for the next funding cycle is July 6, 2017.

Funding Instrument Type: Cooperative Agreement

The objective of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to support research in the discovery and characterization of the full spectrum of human-specific non-coding functional genomic elements across brain regions, cell types, and developmental time periods to elucidate their role(s) in the molecular pathophysiology of mental illness. It is expected that projects under this FOA will apply unbiased genome-wide approaches, computational methods, and experimental assays to identify and characterize functional genomic elements in both healthy and diseased human brains to correlate findings with development of mental illnesses and outcomes relevant to brain function and dysfunction. Projects should work towards developing comprehensive maps of functional elements, including insulators, enhancers, promoters, silencers, transcription binding factors, non-coding RNAs (e.g., long non-coding RNAs [lncRNAs], microRNAs [miRNAs], piwi-interacting RNAs [piRNAs]), modifications to RNA, RNA spliceoforms, long-range chromatin interactions, DNA methylations, etc. This FOA should be used when two or more collaborating sites are essential to complete the proposed research. Applications that stand alone and are not collaborative should be submitted under the

companion [U01 FOA \(PAR-17-257\)](#).

[National Science Foundation \(NSF\): Computer and Information Science and Engineering \(CISE\) Research Initiation Initiative \(CRII\)](#)

POSTED: April 18, 2017

DEADLINE: August 9, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

With the goal of encouraging research independence immediately upon obtaining one's first academic position after receipt of the PhD, the Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE) will award grants to initiate the course of one's independent research. Understanding the critical role of establishing that independence early in one's career, it is expected that funds will be used to support untenured faculty or research scientists (or equivalent) in their first three years in a primary academic position after the PhD, but not more than a total of five years after completion of their PhD. It is expected that these funds will allow the new CISE Research Initiation Initiative Principal Investigator to support one or more graduate students for up to two years.

[National Science Foundation \(NSF\): Plant Biotic Interactions \(PBI\)](#)

POSTED: April 14, 2017

DEADLINE: September 1, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

The Plant Biotic Interactions (PBI) program supports research on the processes that mediate beneficial and antagonistic interactions between plants and their viral, bacterial, oomycete, fungal, plant, and invertebrate symbionts, pathogens and pests. This joint NSF-National Institute of Food and Agriculture program supports projects focused on current and emerging model and non-model systems, and agriculturally relevant plants. The program's scope extends from fundamental mechanisms to translational efforts, with the latter seeking to put into agricultural practice insights gained from basic research on the mechanisms that govern plant biotic interactions. Projects must be strongly justified in terms of fundamental biological processes and/or relevance to agriculture and may be purely fundamental or applied, or include aspects of both perspectives. Quantitative modeling in concert with experimental work is encouraged. Overall, the program seeks to support research that will deepen our understanding of the fundamental processes that mediate interactions between plants and the organisms with which they intimately associate and advance the application of that knowledge to benefit agriculture.

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