

## Funding Opportunity Announcements 4.6.17

### Humanities

#### [Center for Craft, Creativity & Design: 2017 Spring Craft Research Fund - Travel Grant](#)

DEADLINE: April 30, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

Deadline: April 30, 2017

The purpose of the Craft Research Fund is to advance, expand and support research about craft in the United States. Travel Grants encourage the dissemination of craft-based research by providing financial aid to scholars invited to present new research on a craft-specific topic at any organized scholarly conference. Grants of up to \$1,000 will be awarded to support travel expenses to present a craft-focused paper at any scholarly conference occurring after May 2017. Proposals are welcome from academic researchers and independent scholars. The Craft Research Fund Travel Grant should be used towards travel and accommodation expenses only; funds should not be used as an honorarium, to conduct research, or to cover conference fees. Applicants must hold a MA/Pending MA in Art History, History of Design, History of Decorative Arts, other relevant discipline, or hold equivalent professional experience.

#### [Conference on College Composition and Communication \(CCCC\) Seeks Nominations for Advancement of Knowledge Award](#)

POSTED: March 30, 2017

DEADLINE: July 15, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Award

CCCC supports and promotes research on and the teaching and study of college composition and communication and the publication of scholarly materials about composition, composition pedagogy, and rhetoric. It also works to enhance the conditions for learning and the teaching of college composition and to promote professional development and acts as an advocate for language and literacy education nationally and internationally. To that end, CCCC is accepting nominations for the Advancement of Knowledge Award, which is presented annually in recognition of empirical research published in the previous two years that most advances writing studies (i.e., a work eligible for the 2017 award will have been published in calendar year 2015 or 2016). To be eligible for the award, a nominee must be a member of CCCC and/or the National Council of Teachers of English at the time of nomination. To nominate a publication for the award, the author, editor, publisher, or reader must be a CCCC and/or NCTE member.

#### [Kress Foundation Invites Applications for Scholarly European Art Projects](#)

POSTED: March 31, 2017

DEADLINE: The next cycle's deadline is October 1, 2017.

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

The Samuel H. Kress Foundation is accepting applications from nonprofit organizations for its History of Art grant program, which supports scholarly projects that enhance the

appreciation and understanding of European art and architecture, from antiquity to the dawn of the modern era. Grants are awarded to projects that create and disseminate specialized knowledge, including archival projects, the development and dissemination of scholarly databases, documentation projects, museum exhibitions and publications, photographic campaigns, scholarly catalogs and publications, and technical and scientific studies. The program also supports activities that permit art historians to share their expertise through international exchanges, professional meetings, conferences, symposia, consultations, the presentation of research, and other professional events.

#### [Kurt Weill Foundation Accepting Applications for Grant Program](#)

POSTED: March 26, 2017

DEADLINE: November 1, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

Founded in 1962, the Kurt Weill Foundation for Music is dedicated to promoting understanding of the life and works of composers Kurt Weill (1900-1950) and Marc Blitzstein (1905-1963) and preserving the legacies of Weill and his wife, actress-singer Lotte Lenya (1898-1981). The foundation awards grants to individuals and nonprofit organizations for performances of musical works by Weill and Blitzstein; for scholarly research pertaining to Weill, Lenya, Marc Blitzstein; and for relevant educational initiatives. To that end, the foundation is accepting applications for projects and performances taking place on or after January 1, 2018, and before July 1, 2019. An additional application deadline of June 1 is restricted exclusively to College/University Performance grants for productions taking place in the fall semester of the following academic year.

#### [Women's Studio Workshop \(WSW\) Invites Applications for Art-in-Education \(AIE\) Artist Book Residency](#)

POSTED: March 27, 2017

DEADLINE: November 15, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

The mission of the WSW in Rosendale, New York, is to operate and maintain a workspace that encourages the voice and vision of individual women artists, provide professional opportunities for women artists at various stages of their careers, and promote programs designed to stimulate public involvement, awareness, and support for the visual arts. In support of that mission, WSW is accepting applications for its AIE Artist's Book Grant. Through the program, eight- to ten-week residencies will be awarded to two emerging women artists to create a new artist's book and teach young people. Generally, the resident dedicates her first month to producing a limited-edition artist's book that is hand-printed and bound in the studio. WSW can provide technical advice; training on new equipment, techniques, and materials; and production assistance. During the second half of the residency, the artist works with young people in WSW's studios, teaching one to two days/week for three to four weeks and visiting the students twice in school. The program provides a stipend of \$350 per week for up to ten weeks, up to \$750 for materials, up to \$250 for travel within the continental United States, free onsite housing, and 24/7 studio access during non-AIE sessions.

[Ezra Jack Keats Foundation Invites Entries for New Writer and New Illustrator Children's Book Awards](#)

POSTED: March 28, 2017

DEADLINE: December 15, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Award

The awards are designed to recognize and encourage authors and illustrators starting out in the field of children's books who share Ezra Jack Keats' commitment to children and diversity. The award is given annually to an outstanding new writer and new illustrator of picture books for children (9 years of age and under). Publishers are encouraged to submit works by new writers and illustrators who are committed to celebrating diversity through their writing and art. To be eligible, writers and illustrators must have had no more than three books published. A selection committee of early childhood education specialists, librarians, illustrators, and experts in children's literature will review the entries, seeking books that portray the universal qualities of childhood, a strong and supportive family, and the multicultural nature of our world. The award includes an honorarium of \$1,000 for each winner.

**Social Sciences**

[Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs \(ECA\): FY17 U.S. South Pacific Scholarship Program \(USSP\) and FY17 United States Timor-Leste Scholarship Program \(USTL\)](#)

POSTED: March 31, 2017

DEADLINE: May 29, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Cooperative Agreement

Eligible applicants may submit a proposal to administer one or both of the scholarship programs. Organizations may submit proposals to organize and carry out academic exchange program activities for approximately three (3) participants from the sovereign island nations of the South Pacific and/or approximately three (3) participants from Timor-Leste. Working closely with U.S. Embassy Public Affairs Sections in the region, the award recipient(s) will be responsible for the administration of the programs, including publicity and recruitment, review of academic credentials, convening review panels and assisting with merit-based competitive selection and nomination, placing students at appropriate U.S. institutions for academic degree study leading to a bachelors or masters degree, facilitating student travel to the United States, providing orientation, enrichment activities, and pre-return activities, providing monitoring and support services, conducting on-going evaluation and follow-up with program alumni. The duration of the cooperative agreement(s) will be up to five years, beginning approximately on August 1, 2017 and ending on July 31, 2022.

[Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs \(ECA\): FY 2017 Youth Ambassadors Program](#)

POSTED: March 31, 2017

DEADLINE: May 29, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Cooperative Agreement

The Office of Citizen Exchanges, Youth Programs Division of the ECA announces an open competition for the FY 2017 Youth Ambassadors Program. Organizations may submit proposals to administer a program that will recruit and select youth and adult participants, provide the participants with three-week exchanges focused on civic education, community service, and youth leadership development, and support follow-on programs in their home communities. The Youth Ambassadors program directly supports the U.S. foreign policy goal of youth empowerment and development by equipping exchange participants with the knowledge and skills to become active and responsible members of their communities. The program will build mutual understanding, tolerance, and respect through shared culture and values, empower participants to be actively engaged in addressing issues of concern in their schools and communities upon their return home; and foster relationships among youth from different ethnic, religious, and national groups.

[Office of National Drug Control Policy \(ONDCP\): ONDCP Model State Drug Laws](#)

POSTED: March 31, 2017

DEADLINE: May 31, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

The ONDCP is seeking applications from a non-profit corporation to (1) Advise States on establishing laws and policies to address alcohol and other drug issues, based on the model State drug laws developed by the President's Commission on Model State Drug Laws in 1993; and (2) Revise such model State drug laws and draft supplementary model State laws to take into consideration changes in the alcohol and drug abuse problems in the States involved. The successful non-Federal entity (NFE) receiving the award will conduct research and analysis, provide technical assistance, and draft model legislation on current and emerging drug and alcohol-related issues. The successful NFE receiving the award must also maintain a web-based resource center, accessible to the public, on state drug and alcohol laws and related statutes, policies and programs for use in advising States and associated groups on establishing laws and policies based on Model State Drug Laws. Goals, Objectives and What the Government is Supporting.

[Department of State, U.S. Mission to Russia: 2017 U.S.-Russia Peer-to-Peer Dialogue Program](#)

POSTED: March 31, 2017

DEADLINE: June 1, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Cooperative Agreement

The U.S. Department of State announces the next round of competition for the U.S.-Russia Peer-to-Peer Dialogue Program, which provides grants of up to \$100,000 to support unique projects centered on Russian-American, peer-to-peer collaboration, including an exchange of best practices on a topic of mutual interest. The purpose of the program is to foster greater contacts between Americans and Russians. In the proposal, applicant organizations must clearly demonstrate collaboration with a peer organization in the other country. Projects must be non-political in nature and focus on Russian-American peer-to-peer dialogue or people-to-people engagement on themes of

mutual interest. Applicants are encouraged to incorporate innovative methodologies to accomplish program goals and foster interaction among peers. Successful projects will result in a product or outcome which enhances interaction and understanding between our two societies.

[U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service \(USFWS\): Combating Wildlife Trafficking](#)

POSTED: April 4, 2017

DEADLINE: June 3, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Cooperative Agreement

To more efficiently counter the serious threat that wildlife trafficking poses to the conservation of animal and plant species and the national interests of the United States, the Service has reoriented its response to combat wildlife trafficking in light of a whole-of-government approach that is outlined in the Eliminate, Neutralize, and Disrupt Wildlife Trafficking Act of 2016 and implementation of the National Strategy referred to therein. A critical element of the National Strategy is to strengthen international arrangements that protect wildlife. USFWS has the primary responsibility for provision of support and technical assistance to ensure that Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) have appropriate domestic measures in place to implement the treaty effectively and to ensure the effective implementation and enforcement of the treaty. To complement and facilitate existing efforts, USFWS has issued this Notice of Funding Opportunity to provide technical and financial assistance to projects that advance counter-wildlife trafficking activities through strengthening CITES implementation.

[USDA, Food and Nutrition Service: USDA-CN-FY17-OPS-Mobile Technology for CN Innovation Laboratory](#)

POSTED: April 3, 2017

DEADLINE: June 5, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Cooperative Agreement

The USDA anticipates awarding up to \$1.5 million in grant funding to support the creation of a Mobile Technology for Child Nutrition Research Innovation Laboratory. This “lab” will support the development, testing and implementation of innovative mobile technology-based solutions to improve services, effectiveness, participation, and customer satisfaction in the Child Nutrition (CN) programs through subgrants. Subgrantees may include partnerships between State and local programs, researchers, and small businesses that are well-positioned to develop and test the effectiveness of novel mobile applications for consideration and eventual use by FNS and State agencies. FNS has a particular interest in mobile technology solutions that integrate behavioral economic approaches in their design. Mobile applications developed under this grant should support the activities of those who administer Child Nutrition programs and/or improve service delivery for program participants.

[Dept. of State, Office of the Secretary: Comprehensive Programming to Address and Respond to Gender-based Violence in Laos and Nepal Initiative](#)

POSTED: April 4, 2017

DEADLINE: June 5, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Cooperative Agreement

The U.S. Strategy to Prevent and Respond to Gender-based Violence Globally (the GBV Strategy) is an interagency strategy to advance the Department of State's efforts to address gender-based violence through policy, diplomacy and programs, underscoring the broader United States Government commitment to preventing and responding to gender-based violence (GBV). This approach seeks to empower women and girls through a gender equality framework, as GBV undermines not only the safety, dignity, and human rights of the millions of individuals who experience it, but also threatens broader public health, economic stability, and security. The U.S. Department of State seeks proposals from qualified organizations with the capacity to oversee the implementation of third-party sustainable sub-grantees advancing the outcomes and actions committed to by the U.S. Department of State in the GBV Strategy and accompanying implementation plans. Applicants should demonstrate experience in developing partnerships with relevant stakeholders including the public and/or private sector as well as local organizations to design, implement, monitor, and evaluate comprehensive programming that both responds to the needs of women and girls in the target countries, and coordinates with existing efforts currently being implemented by U.S. government, host country, and international and local actors.

[Dept. of State, Office of the Secretary: Global Programming Consortium to Advance the Status of Women and Girls](#)

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[DHHS: Agency for Health Care Research and Quality \(AHRQ\): Health Information Technology \(IT\) to Improve Health Care Quality and Outcomes \(R21\)](#)

POSTED: April 3, 2017

DEADLINE: The next funding cycle's deadline is June 16, 2017.

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

This FOA issued by AHRQ invites grant applications for funding to conduct exploratory and developmental research grants (R21) for projects in the early and conceptual stages of development that will contribute to the evidence base of how health information technology (IT) improves health care quality and outcomes.

[Rheumatology Research Foundation Accepting Applications for Scientist Development Award](#)

POSTED: March 30, 2017

DEADLINE: July 3, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

The Rheumatology Research Foundation is accepting applications for the 2017 Scientist Development Award, an annual program designed to provide support for a structured, formal, clinical, or basic science research training program for rheumatologists or health professionals in the field of rheumatology. Grants of up to \$225,000 for up to three years will be awarded to individuals in the early stages of their careers or those without significant prior research experience who plan to embark on a career in biomedical and/or clinical research in arthritis and rheumatic diseases. The goal of funding at this level is to provide an opportunity for young scientists to embark on focused research and research training that will allow them to be competitive for the next level of career development awards. Through the program, the foundation aims to provide a means for ensuring more qualified, highly-trained investigators in the field of rheumatology. To be eligible, applicants must be a member of the American College of Rheumatology or the Association of Rheumatology Health Professionals at the time of submission and for the duration of the award.

[Department of State, U.S. Mission to Nigeria: U.S. Embassy Abuja Annual Program Statement](#)

POSTED: March 31, 2017

DEADLINE: July 31, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Grant or Cooperative Agreement

This is an annual program statement, outlining U.S. Embassy Abuja Public Affairs funding priorities, strategic foci, and the procedures for submitting requests for funding. The U.S. Embassy Abuja Public Affairs Grants Program supports projects that: (a) Advance good governance in Nigeria through the promotion of improved transparency and accountability in government, rule of law, and enhanced civic participation; (b) Increase public support for U.S.-Nigerian cooperation in entrepreneurship and economic development, science and technology, and cultural exchange; (c) Support peace and security through civic education, countering violent extremism programming, and peace and reconciliation projects; (d) Improve and expand English language learning through curriculum development, teacher training, and partnerships with U.S. education

institutions.

[Meso Foundation Invites Proposals for Mesothelioma Research Funding](#)

POSTED: March 31, 2017

DEADLINE: August 5, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

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[National Institutes of Health \(NIH\): Avenir Award Program for Research on Substance Abuse and HIV/AIDS \(DP2\)](#)

POSTED: March 31, 2017

DEADLINE: The deadline for the next funding cycle is November 13, 2017.

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

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**Natural Sciences**

[National Science Foundation \(NSF\) Releases Dear Colleague Letter: Growing Convergence Research at NSF](#)

POSTED: March 31, 2017

DEADLINE: See hyperlink above for deadlines specific to each area.

Funding Instrument Type: See hyperlink for funding specific to each area

Growing Convergence Research at the NSF is one of 10 Big Ideas for Future NSF Investments. NSF seeks to highlight the value of convergence as a process for catalyzing new research directions and advancing scientific discovery and innovation. This Dear Colleague Letter describes an initial set of opportunities to explore

Convergence approaches within four of the research-focused NSF Big Ideas: Harnessing the Data Revolution for 21st Century Science and Engineering; Navigating the New Arctic; The Quantum Leap: Leading the Next Quantum Revolution; and Work at the Human-Technology Frontier: Shaping the Future. Another Big Idea, Understanding the Rules of Life: Predicting Phenotype, is actively promoting Convergence research through other mechanisms. Please see the hyperlink above for details regarding each of these programs.

#### [Fish and Wildlife Service: White-Nose Syndrome Research Grants 2017](#)

POSTED: March 31, 2017

DEADLINE: May 30, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

WNS has been confirmed in bats in 30 states and the causative fungus *Pseudogymnoascus destructans* (Pd) has also been detected in two additional states without confirmation of the disease. Twelve North American and 21 Eurasian species of bats have been confirmed with WNS or detected carrying Pd. Surveys in affected areas continue to reveal population declines associated with the disease at most contaminated sites in North America. The Service has targeted up to \$1.2 million for an open funding opportunity in 2017 to investigate high priority questions about WNS that will improve our ability to manage the disease and conserve affected bats. The topics that follow each priority listed below are provided as examples and may not represent a comprehensive list of objectives that will be funded: 1. Understand mechanisms and patterns of survival and persistence between and within species, with emphasis on quantifying vulnerability of species to WNS; 2. Address gaps in knowledge of bat life history as it relates to the biological and ecological needs of species heavily impacted by WNS.

#### [Dept. of Defense, Air Force Office of Scientific Research: Fiscal Year 2018 Air Force Young Investigator Research Program \(YIP\)](#)

POSTED: April 4, 2017

DEADLINE: June 1, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

The Fiscal Year 2018 Air Force Young Investigator Research Program ( YIP) intends support for scientists and engineers demonstrating exceptional ability and promise for conducting basic research who have: 1. Received a Ph.D. or equivalent degree on 1 April 2012 or later; or, 2. Received a Ph.D. or equivalent degree between 1 April 2010 and 1 April 2012 and: a. have served as a Tenure-track faculty member for no more than two years prior to 1 April 2017; or, b. held two consecutive post-doc positions; or, c. held one post-doc and research associate position.

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[National Science Foundation \(NSF\): Ideas Lab: Practical Fully-Connected Quantum Computer Challenge \(PFCQC\)](#)

POSTED: April 4, 2017

DEADLINE: Preliminary Proposals (required) due June 19, 2017; Full Proposals due November 30, 2017

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

This solicitation describes an Ideas Lab focused on the Practical Fully-Connected Quantum Computer (PFCQC) challenge. Ideas Labs are intensive meetings that bring together multiple diverse perspectives to focus on finding innovative cross-disciplinary solutions to grand challenge problems. The ultimate aim of this Ideas Lab is to facilitate the development and operation of a practical-scale quantum computer. The aspiration is that bringing together researchers from diverse scientific backgrounds will engender fresh thinking and innovative approaches that will provide a fertile ground for new ideas on the design and fabrication of quantum devices and processors and implementation of quantum information processing algorithms. This will enable the solution of science problems that are currently beyond the reach of modern high-performance computing applications on classical computers. The goal is to form teams of domain scientists and engineers that will develop multidisciplinary ideas that eventually will be submitted as full proposals.

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#### [NC Biotechnology Center: Collaborative Funding Grant](#)

POSTED: March 30, 2017

DEADLINE: The next funding cycle's deadline is July 12, 2017 (at noon).

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

The Collaborative Funding Grant (CFG) supports a university-company partnership that will advance a company's technology toward the marketplace. This grant provides funds for a postdoctoral fellow or senior technician in a university lab to conduct research on a project of commercial interest. University investigators and companies first form the partnership and then apply together through the university. The CFG is jointly sponsored by the North Carolina Biotechnology Center and the Kenan Institute for Engineering, Technology and Science at North Carolina State University.

#### [NC Biotechnology Center: Biotechnology Innovation Grant](#)

POSTED: March 30, 2017

DEADLINE: The next funding cycle's deadline is July 19, 2017 (at noon).

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

The Biotechnology Innovation Grant (BIG) provides funding that enables university researchers to explore commercial applications of their inventions. Each BIG award funds a technical project in parallel with a commercially focused project designed to contribute to early product milestones and inform subsequent development. The technical project extends beyond the existing foundational research base to test some aspect of the product potential of the invention. The commercial development project is undertaken by a partner Commercial Development Adviser and examines the market, IP landscape or other factors influencing commercial potential. A successful BIG project can uncover technical and commercial opportunities or weaknesses; provide go/no-go decision points regarding continued development and IP protection; enhance IP value; and position the invention for further commercial development. More broadly, the BIG program helps nurture an entrepreneurial culture within the university by pairing technologists with commercial development expertise at the earliest stages of product development.

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[National Institutes of Health \(NIH\): Extracellular Vesicles and Substance Use Disorders \(R21\)](#)

POSTED: April 4, 2017

DEADLINE: The next funding cycle's deadline is August 15, 2017.

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

The purpose of this FOA is to encourage research projects that investigate the interplay between extracellular vesicles (EVs) and substance use disorders (SUDs). In particular, the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) is interested in the potential utility of EVs with respect to understanding neuroplastic mechanisms relevant to SUDs or as biomarkers or therapeutics.

[NC Biotechnology Center: Institutional Development Grant](#)

POSTED: March 30, 2017

DEADLINE: August 30, 2017 (at noon); please note this is an earlier deadline than in previous years.

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

The purpose of the Institutional Development Grant program is to enhance and grow the infrastructure for biotechnology research at North Carolina research institutions. Grant funds support the purchase of research equipment or core facilities that serve multiple investigators. Proposals from UNC-CH, NCSU and Duke require at least six investigators; Proposals from other universities require at least three investigators. Proposals with any of the following features will be more competitive: shows that the request is occurring within the context of an institutional initiative; involves new ideas that may lead to biotechnology breakthroughs; involves collaboration between academic and industrial scientists; strengthens regional and statewide biotechnology capabilities.

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