

1. Harry Ransom Center-Research Fellowships in the Humanities

Deadline February 1, 2012

Fellowships are to support projects that require substantial on-site use of collections at the Harry Ransom Center (library and museum) at UT Austin. Fellowships up to 3 months at \$3000/mo; Travel stipends \$1,200; Dissertation fellowships \$1,500.

www.hrc.utexas.edu/fellowships

2. Woodrow Wilson Fellowships

The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars aims to unite the world of ideas to the world of policy by supporting pre-eminent scholarship and linking that scholarship to issues of concern to officials in Washington. Information and online application materials are available at

www.wilsoncenter.org/fellowship application

Deadline October 1, 2011

3. Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Grant Opportunities

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is now accepting grant proposals for Round 8 of Grand Challenges Explorations, an initiative to encourage innovative and unconventional global health and development solutions. Applicants can be at any experience level; in any discipline; and from any organization, including colleges and universities, government laboratories, research institutions, non-profit organizations and for profit companies.

Grant proposals are being accepted online until November 17, 2011 on the following topics:

- Protect Crop Plants from Biotic Stresses From Field to Market
- Design new approaches to optimize immunization systems
- Explore New Solutions in Global Health Priority Areas
- Explore Nutrition for Healthy Growth of Infants and Children

--Apply Synthetic Biology to Global Health Challenges

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Initial grants will be US \$100,000 each, and projects showing promise will have the opportunity to receive additional funding of up to US \$1 million. Full descriptions of the new topics and application instructions are available at: www.grandchallenges.org/r8_gce

4. NIH Pioneer and New Innovator Awards

The NIH expects to make at least seven Pioneer Awards and at least 33 New Innovator Awards in summer 2012, depending on the quality of applications and the availability of funds. To continue its strong record of diversity in these programs, the NIH especially encourages women and members of groups that are underrepresented in NIH research to apply.

Pioneer Awards

Up to \$2.5 million in direct costs over 5 years is provided.

Scientists at any career stage are eligible.

Applications are due October 7, 2011.

For instructions and additional information, see Funding RFA-RM11004

(<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-11-004.html>);

<http://commonfund.nih.gov/pioneer>.

Questions may be sent to pioneer@nih.gov.

New Innovator Awards

Up to \$1.5 million in direct costs over 5 years is provided.

Early career stage investigators (ESI) (i.e., those who have not received an NIH R01 or similar grant and are within 10 years of completing their terminal research degree or medical residency) are eligible. **Applications are due**

October 14, 2011. For instructions and additional information, see Funding Opportunity Announcement RFA-RM-11-005 (<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-11-005.html>) and

<http://commonfund.nih.gov/newinnovatorQuestions> may be sent to newinnovator@nih.gov.

5. NSF Regional Grants Conference, October 17 – 18, 2011, Austin, Texas

The first [National Science Foundation](#) Regional Grants Conference of fiscal year 2012, will be hosted by The University of Texas at Austin on October 17-18, 2011. Key officials representing each NSF program directorate, administrative office, the NSF Office of International Science & Engineering, Office of General Counsel, and Office of the Inspector General will participate in this two-day conference. The conference is considered a must, particularly for new faculty, researchers, educators and administrators who want to gain insight into a wide range of important and timely issues at NSF including: the state of current funding; the proposal and award process; and current and recently updated policies and procedures.

6. American Health Assistance Foundation Invites Grant Proposals for Glaucoma Research Program

The [American Health Assistance Foundation's](#) National Glaucoma Research program is accepting grant proposals from domestic as well as international researchers. Grants are awarded on the basis of scientific merit and relevance of the research to understanding aspects of glaucoma that lead to improved treatments, prevention strategies, and diagnoses. Preference is given to exciting pilot projects that would not, at their present stage, be competitive for large government or industry awards. Recipients range from junior investigators to more established investigators who are proposing particularly innovative research or attempting to enter the glaucoma disease field.

AHAF standard awards for early stage glaucoma research have a maximum value of \$100,000, payable over two years.

Deadline: October 26, 2011 [Link to Complete RFP](#)

7. Parkinson's Disease Foundation Offers Funding for Conferences Addressing Emerging Issues in Parkinson's Therapy Advancement

The [Parkinson's Disease Foundation](#) has announced a Request for Proposals for conferences addressing emerging issues in Parkinson's disease therapy advancement. Scientists, neurologists, and members of the scientific community are invited to submit proposals.

This award is open to independent investigators both nationally and internationally, possessing a Ph.D., M.D., or the equivalent. Postdoctoral researchers and fellows are not eligible for this award.

A total of \$45,000 is available for grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$15,000 per conference.

Multiple funding partners are permitted and encouraged, including contributions from the applicant institution itself. The foundation anticipates making regular awards as part of this RFP; consequently, competitive, follow-up applications may be considered in the future.

Visit the PDF Web site for complete program guidelines and the application procedures. Proposals will be accepted at the Web site between October 14, 2011, and November 1, 2011. **Deadline November 1, 2011.**

8. The Science, Mathematics, And Research for Transformation (SMART) scholarship-for-service Program fully funds undergraduate and graduate degrees in a wide range of technical areas, including all fields of engineering, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Brain and Cognitive Sciences, and Mathematics.

A SMART brochure and a poster are attached and the application web page is at www.asee.org/SMART. The application deadline is December 1, 2011 for the 2012 school year. SMART provides:

Full Tuition – to any accredited U.S. University A very generous stipend while in school \$25,000 for undergraduates \$33,000 for masters candidates \$36,300 to \$41,800 for doctoral candidates Book allowance – \$1,000 Health Insurance; Paid Summer internships; All required student fees; Travel for internships

Summer internships at Labs are required. In return for fully funding their education, students are required work as a civilian employee at a Service (Army, Navy, Air Force) or DoD Agency (NSA, DIA, DARPA, etc.) laboratory, or other research and development activity for a period equal to the time the program paid for their school. Students must be U.S. Citizens, able to obtain a DoD Security Clearance, and be willing to work as a civilian in the DoD upon graduation.

There will be approximately 300 new awards this year. A list of SMART awards from previous years is listed by University at: http://smart.asee.org/schools/scholar_directory. Please direct your interested students to: www.asee.org/SMART.

9. Effective immediately, IOS has instituted an annual cycle of preliminary and full proposals.

A IOS Webinar about the new solicitation has been scheduled for **September 30 at 2:00 PM**. Please visit this link to register for the event. http://www.nsf.gov/events/event_summ.jsp?cntn_id=121737&org=IOS

General information at the IOS website:

<http://www.nsf.gov/div/index.jsp?div=IOS>

You may read the Dear Colleague Letter here:

<http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2011/nsf11078/nsf11078.jsp?org=NSF>

The full solicitation is found here:

http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?WT.z_pims_id=503623&ods_key=nsf11572