

1) NSF Merit Review Criteria

Recommendations

<http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/publications/2011/meritreviewcriteria.pdf>

This is a valuable document!!!

2) National Science Foundation

Dear Colleague Letter - CREATIV: Creative Research Awards for Transformative Interdisciplinary Ventures

"INSPIRE is aimed to encourage cross-disciplinary science. INSPIRE will help to break down any disciplinary barriers that may exist within NSF and encourage its program managers to use new tools, collaboration modes and techniques in the merit-review process to widen the pool of prospective discoveries that may be hidden from or circumvented by traditional means."

CREATIV is the first grant award mechanism under INSPIRE, and will be the only one launched in FY 2012. In brief, its distinguishing characteristics are: *only internal merit review is required; proposals must be interdisciplinary and potentially transformative; requests may be up to \$1,000,000 and up to five years duration* (further details and specifications below). In the future, [further announcements](#) will be made regarding INSPIRE activities to be launched in FY 2013 and beyond. The funding for INSPIRE in future years is expected to increase substantially each year, reaching a steady state in FY 2016.

Proposals for support in FY 2012 may be [submitted at any time](#) between **December 1, 2011, and June 15, 2012.**

Awards will generally support an [individual PI or a small team](#).

The allowable duration is up to five years.

A CREATIV award must be [substantially co-funded](#) by at least two [intellectually distinct](#) NSF divisions or programs (this criterion is elaborated in the FAQ

page at

http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf12012). The maximum total award is \$800,000 for two co-funding programs, and \$1,000,000 for three or more co-funding programs. All awards are subject to the availability of funds. http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2012/nsf12011/nsf12011.jsp?WT.mc_id=USNSF_25&WT.mc_ev=click

3. Foundation Solicitations

a) Sundance Documentary Fund Accepting Proposals for Spring 2012 Grants Round

The Sundance Documentary Fund, a program of the [Sundance Institute](#), is dedicated to supporting documentary films from around the world that focus on current human rights issues, freedom of expression, social justice, civil liberties, and critical issues of our time. In funding such work, the fund seeks to encourage the diverse exchange of ideas crucial to developing an open society, raise public consciousness about human rights abuses and restrictions of civil liberties, and foster an ongoing dialogue about these issues.

Deadline: February 9, 2012

[Link to Complete RFP](#)

b) Taubman Medical Research Institute Establishes New International Translational Science Prize

The [A. Alfred Taubman Medical Research Institute](#) at the University of Michigan, which seeks to support medical scientists in developing effective treatments for some of the world's most devastating illnesses, has announced the establishment of the \$100,000 annual Taubman Prize for Excellence in Translational Medical Science.

Deadline: April 1, 2012

[Link to Complete RFP](#)

c) American Legacy Foundation Invites Applications for Dr. Alma S. Adams Scholarship Program

The [American Legacy Foundation](#), which works to reduce tobacco use among priority populations in the United States, is accepting applications for the Dr. Alma S. Adams Scholarship for Outreach and Health Communications.

Deadline: April 30, 2012

[Link to Complete RFP](#)

d) Social Science Research Council and Mellon Foundation Create New Postdoctoral Fellowship for Transregional Research: Inter-Asian Contexts and Connections

The [Social Science Research Council](#) has announced a pilot postdoctoral fellowship program that will support transregional research under the rubric Inter-Asian Contexts and Connections. Funded by the [Andrew W. Mellon Foundation](#), the new program is designed to strengthen the understanding of issues and geographies that do not fit neatly into existing divisions of academia or the world and to develop new approaches, practices, and opportunities in international, regional, and area studies in the United States.

Deadline: February 13, 2012

[Link to Complete RFP](#)

e) Sohn Conference Foundation and Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation Launch Pediatric Cancer Research Fellowship

The [Sohn Conference Foundation](#), a nonprofit organization dedicated to curing pediatric cancers, has granted \$1.5 million to the [Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation](#), the leading charity supporting innovative young cancer researchers, to establish the Damon Runyon-Sohn Pediatric Cancer Fellowship Award.

Deadline: March 15, 2012

[Link to Complete RFP](#)

f) Prostate Cancer Foundation Invites Highly Experienced Investigators Worldwide to Apply for Special Challenge Award Research Program

The [Prostate Cancer Foundation](#) is inviting applications for the PCF-Honorable A. David Mazzone Special Challenge Award Research Program. Designed to support large-scale team-driven research projects, the program provides two-year awards totaling \$1 million.

Deadline: March 16, 2012

[Link to Complete RFP](#)

4) CPRIT Prevention Program Announces Q&A Webinar for Three Current Funding Opportunities

The CPRIT [Prevention Program](#) will host a webinar [Evidence-Based Cancer Prevention Services, Cancer Prevention Microgrants](#) and [Health Behavior Change Through Public and Professional Education and Training](#).

Webinar -Wednesday, January 25, 2012, 2–3:30 p.m. Central Time

Applications are due February 21, 2012.

Miscellaneous

[NOT-CA-12-009: Request for Information \(RFI\): U. S.-China Collaborative Cancer Research in Complementary and Alternative Medicine](#)

[NOT-OD-12-026: Notice of NIH Plans to Transfer All Programs, Awards, and Applications Associated with the National Center of Research Resources to Other NIH Institutes and Centers](#)

[OIG Discusses Compliance Program Guidance, Advisory Opinions and Other Guidance \(podcast\)](#)

[1/9/12 FR: Meetings, National Biodefense Science Board, Feb. 2](#)

[President Obama Honors Outstanding Early-Career Scientists](#)

[NASA Issues Call for Visionary Advanced Technology Concepts](#)

