

ARTS, HUMANITIES, and INTERNATIONAL

Mellon Foundation 2026 Higher Learning Program

Notice seeking applications for research and/or curricular projects focused on either of the following two areas: Unruly Intelligences concerning generative AI and Normalization and its discontents. Projects must be grounded in humanities and led by humanities scholars. Institutions are limited to submitting no more than three concepts by the application deadline.

Registrations are due by December 1, 2025. Applications are due February 17, 2026. An estimated \$10 million is available for this call. Colleges and universities in the United States and its territories that offer a liberal arts education are eligible.

LINKS: [Agency Site](#)

EDUCATION and ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Innovations for Poverty Action Human Trafficking Research Initiative

Notice seeking applications to generate a more expansive pool of high-quality research proposals focused on human trafficking and in support of early-stage activities to develop partnerships, carry out exploratory research, and demonstrate the feasibility of larger-scale studies evaluating current or planned counter-trafficking interventions. We will consider proposals that include: Small research pilots of promising interventions; Seed money for a travel grant or staff time to build on nascent research ideas; and Small grants for data work using existing sources to examine program impact.

Applications are due December 4, 2025. Awards range from \$10,000 to \$75,000. Research teams must include at least one member that either holds a PhD or is currently pursuing a PhD in a relevant social science discipline, and at least one member with demonstrated experience in field research and randomized evaluations.

LINKS: [Solicitation](#)

William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Program

Notice announcing new regulations on the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) program in the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) program.

These regulations are effective July 1, 2026.

LINKS: [Federal Register](#)

Capital One Foundation Scaling Pathways to Homeownership

Notice seeking applications to drive transformative change, including innovations in housing counseling, consumer education, and for-sale housing production at scale. Priority will be given to proposals with the potential to create meaningful and measurable impact through resources and tools that address information gaps or supply challenges, improve access, and support homeownership readiness to make it easier for individuals and families to benefit from the wealth-building that can come from homeownership.

Applicant registrations are due by December 17, 2025. Applications are due January 29, 2026. Applicants are invited to attend a Q&A webinar on November 13, 2025. An estimated \$2 million is available to fund up to 10 project awards.

LINKS: [Solicitation](#)

Vision for Animals Foundation Resident Grant Program

Notice seeking applications to residents approved by the American Board of Veterinary Ophthalmology (ABVO) in areas of veterinary ophthalmology. Residents must be sponsored by their ABVO mentor(s). The funding will support research supplies, materials, limited equipment, publication, and a limited salary for technical support.

Applications are due December 8, 2025. Awards are up to \$7,500.

LINKS: [Solicitation](#)

HEALTH and MENTAL HEALTH

American Cancer Society Research Scholar Grants program

Notice seeking applications that provides support for independent, self-directed researchers within the ACS priority research area, which includes etiology (causes of cancer), obesity/healthy eating and active living (HEAL), screening and diagnosis, treatment, survivorship, and health equity across the cancer continuum.

Applications are due December 1, 2025. Research Scholar Grants are funded up to \$215,000 per year (direct costs), plus 10 percent allowable indirect costs for up to four years. Eligibility is limited to applicants who work at a U.S. academic institution. An applicant must be the PI on no more than one R01 or R01-equivalent grant at the time of application and have been first appointed as independent, full-time faculty LESS than 10 years ago.

LINKS: [Agency Site](#)

Children's Tumor Foundation Young Investigator Award program

Notice seeking applications from early-career neurofibromatosis (NF) researchers and early-stage NF research, which require additional time and support before becoming eligible for more extensive governmental or industrial funding. Multiple opportunities are offered.

Letters of intent are due December 2, 2025. Awards are up to \$200,000 for up to two years, inclusive of 10 percent of indirect costs.

LINKS: [Agency Site](#)

Elsa U. Pardee Foundation Research Grants

Notice seeking applications from investigators proposing research directed toward identifying new treatments or cures for cancer.

Applications are due December 1, 2025. Post-docs who are on a tenure track and have a tenured mentor are eligible to apply. Priority is given to researchers at nonprofit institutions in the United States who are new to the field of cancer research, or to established research investigators examining new approaches to cancer cures.

LINKS: [Agency Site](#)

American Association for Cancer Research Lobular Breast Cancer Research

Notice seeking applications for a joint effort to promote and support innovative research led by early-career investigators. The proposed project may be basic, translational, clinical, or population-based research in nature and must have direct applicability and relevance to invasive lobular carcinoma (ILC).

Applications are due December 16, 2025. Award will be up to \$150,000 over two years for expenses related to the research project. Applicants must have a doctoral degree (including PhD, MD, MD/PhD, or equivalent) in a related field and not currently be a candidate for a further doctoral or professional degree.

LINKS: [Solicitation](#)

American Lung Association Public Health and Public Policy

Notice seeking applications to stimulate and inform public policy debates about healthy air and lung disease. The intent is to support research on and evaluation of existing public policy and public health programs, as well as pilot new ideas in these areas. This grant is not intended to support events, lobbying efforts, or legislative meetings.

Applications are due December 1, 2025. Awards are up to \$50,000 per year for up to two years. Eligibility is open to any level of research experience; independent, self-directed researchers, or early researchers who are on-track to pursue a career in lung disease research with a mentor.

LINKS: [Solicitation](#)

Gates Foundation Low-Cost of Maternal, Child Nutrition Products

Notice seeking applications for transformative, bold solutions that can reduce costs by at least 50 percent compared to current baselines, while maintaining or improving safety, efficacy, and user acceptability. The foundation wants to support the development and validation of scalable, sustainable strategies that make high-quality nutrient ingredients and products affordable for LMIC health systems and ensure equitable access for every mother and child.

Applications are due December 16, 2025. The foundation will be hosting a dedicated webinar on November 12, 2025, from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. PT. Awards are up to \$500,000.

LINKS: [Solicitation](#)

Klingenstein Third Generation Foundation Transformation of Mental Health Care Research

Notice seeking application for academic investigators conducting research to demonstrate the benefits of novel ways to access or deliver mental health care or prevention approaches that can be implemented at scale. This application is specifically for high-quality research that builds upon promising pilot work, adapts interventions for future scaling using established principles from community participatory approaches and implementation science frameworks, and has the potential to lead to a larger demonstration project.

Applications are due December 15, 2025. Awards are up to two grant awards of \$100,000 per year for two years.

LINKS: [Solicitation](#)

Rheumatology Research Foundation K and R Bridge awards

Notice seeking applications to expand funding for the K and R Bridge awards to support early and mid-career investigators and independent investigators conducting innovative research. The two program that are due in December are Career Development Bridge Funding Award: K Supplement and Career Development Bridge Funding Award: R Bridge.

Applications are due December 1, 2025. Awards are up to \$100,000. Applicants must be American College of Rheumatology (ACR) or Association of Rheumatology Professionals (ARP) members with an MD, DO, PhD or equivalent doctoral level degree from an accredited institution.

LINKS: [Solicitation](#)

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, and MATHEMATICS

Environmental Research and Education Foundation Research Grants

Notice seeking pre-proposals that focus on the impacts of solid waste management, circular and sustainable materials management, and mitigating environmental risk and/or harm. The strategic priorities of the RFP are: Climate Change Impacts/Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Emerging Contaminants, and Advancing Materials Circularity & Recycling.

Pre-proposals are due annually in December and May with the next due date being December 1, 2025. Previously awarded grants have ranged from \$15,000 to over \$500,000 with the average grant amount in recent years being \$160,000. Typical project durations are about two years.

LINKS: [Agency Site](#)

Improving Efficiency, Reliability, and Flexibility of Coal-Based Power Plants

Notice seeking applications for projects to design, implement, test and validate three compelling opportunities (here-in-after “topic areas”) for strategic refurbishment/retrofit of existing coal power plants. Successful projects will lead to the implementation of transformational technologies that will significantly improve the efficiency, effectiveness, costs, emissions reductions, and environmental performance of coal and natural gas use.

Applications are due January 7, 2026. An estimated \$100 million is available to fund up to 15 awards across three topic areas.

LINKS: [Grants.gov](#); [Agency Site](#)

Long Range Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) for NSWC Crane

Notice seeking abstracts for revolutionary research ideas, and technology demonstrators that offer potential for advancement and improvement of NSWC Crane’s primary mission areas.

This opportunity has been extended to February 2, 2026 – February 1, 2027. Abstracts can be submitted anytime. Multiple awards are anticipated.

LINKS: [Contract Opportunities](#)

Civic Science Fellows Program 2026-27 Fellow

Notice seeking applications to build the capacity, knowledge, innovation, and relationships needed to change systems, so all people can shape and benefit from science and technology.

Applications are due December 15, 2025. Organizations selected to serve as host partners receive support through grants and network connections to hire and host an early-career fellow, typically for 18 months.

LINKS: [Solicitation](#)