

UNO FOCUS (TWO National Academy of Science funding opportunities, targeting Gulf Coast Research in Louisiana):

Gulf Offshore Legacy Oil and Gas Infrastructure - Orphaned Wells

The GRP is seeking applications for research projects that will improve regional understanding of orphaned and idled wells in State, Coastal, and/or Bay waters of the Gulf Coast. In particular, the GRP aims to support research projects that:

- Develop mapping and risk-assessment tools to identify and visualize well locations and evaluate risks (e.g., navigational, environmental, public health) posed by such structures due to time-related aging and changing environmental conditions (e.g., sea level rise)
- Develop decision-support tools based on cross-state analyses of how different states manage such structures.

Applicants may propose to work in one of three focus areas:

1. Mapping and Risk-Assessment in Louisiana,
2. Mapping and Risk-Assessment in Texas,
3. Cross-State Policy Analysis Decision-Support Tools.

A total of up to \$6 million is available for this funding opportunity. Applications Close May 29, 2026 | 5 PM EDT.

LINKS: [Apply](#)

Energy Track: Early-Career Research Fellowship

The Gulf Research Program's Early-Career Research Fellowship supports emerging scientific leaders as they take risks on research ideas not yet tested, pursue unique collaborations, and build a network of colleagues who share their interest in improving offshore energy system safety and the well-being of coastal communities and ecosystems. Because the early years of a researcher's career are a critical time, the relatively unrestricted funds and mentoring this fellowship provides help recipients navigate this period with independence, flexibility, and a built-in support network.

For the 2026-2028 Application Cycle, the Energy Track focuses on legacy energy systems & pathways forward. This track invites interdisciplinary research that develops new knowledge, tools, or technologies for assessing and addressing the environmental, engineering, and/or community risks associated with legacy offshore energy infrastructure, including orphaned wells, aging platforms, and pipelines, and exploring pathways for their safe decommissioning and/or repurposing.

All proposed projects must focus on communities within the U.S. Gulf region (Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas).

LINKS: [Apply](#)

ARTS, HUMANITIES, and INTERNATIONAL

Post Kuala Lumpur FY2026 Annual Program Statement

Notice seeking applications for initiatives that promote U.S. technological innovation and economic competitiveness, showcase American excellence in sports and education, strengthen ties with exchange program alumni, and position the United States as Malaysia's most trusted international partner.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until July 31, 2026. An estimated \$500,000 is available to fund 15 to 25 awards.

LINKS: [Grants.gov](#)

Freedom 250 Bangladesh 2026

Notice seeking applications to design, administer, and implement high-visibility public engagement activities under Mission Bangladesh's Freedom 250 Public Engagement Initiative, celebrating 250 years of American liberty and independence.

Applications are due April 30, 2026. An estimated \$50,000 is available to fund up to five awards.

LINKS: [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)

Public Diplomacy Grants Program

Notice seeking proposals to advance U.S. security, commercial interests, and regional stability in Nicaragua through innovative public diplomacy initiatives. Proposals must address one of three priority areas: Advancing U.S. trade and economic interests; Protecting free speech, defending religious freedom, and countering anti-U.S. narratives; and Supporting border security and ending mass migration.

Proposals are due by May 18, 2026. An estimated \$150,000 is available to fund multiple awards.

LINKS: [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)

EDUCATION and ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

BJA FY25 Second Chance Act Improving Reentry Education and Employment Outcomes

Notice seeking applications to improve academic and vocational/trade programs available to people in prisons and jails and expand workforce development and career pathways that result in improved job readiness, employment attainment, and retention thereby improving employment prospects and reducing recidivism.

Applications are due May 4, 2026. An estimated \$19.8 million is available to fund 22 awards under two categories: Improving Reentry Education Outcomes (10 awards) and Improving Reentry Employment Outcomes (12 awards).

LINKS: [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov); [Solicitation](#)

BJA FY25 Upholding the Rule of Law and Preventing Wrongful Convictions Program

Notice seeking applications to strengthen the capacity of conviction integrity units (CIUs) and wrongful conviction review (WCR) entities and their criminal justice and victims' services partners to more effectively and efficiently identify, assess, and manage post-conviction claims of innocence.

Applications are due May 4, 2026. An estimated \$6 million is available to fund 10 awards across two categories: Category 1: Prosecutor/Conviction Integrity Unit-Led Partnerships with Wrongful Conviction Review Entities (CIU-Led Partnerships); and Category 2: Wrongful Conviction Review Entity-Led Strategy (WCR Entity-Led Strategy).

LINKS: [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov); [Solicitation](#)

Direct Action Visionary Grants

Notice seeking letters of intent (LOIs) to fund innovative interventions, based on psychological knowledge, that directly address pressing needs of communities.

LOIs are due April 30, 2026. LOIs will continue to be accepted throughout the year until October 2026. Awards are with up to \$60,000.

LINKS: [Agency Site](#)

Grants for Adaptive Sports Programs for Disabled Veterans and Disabled Members of the Armed Forces

Notice seeking applications to plan, develop, manage, and implement programs to provide adaptive sports activities for Veterans and members of the Armed Forces with disabilities. This program provides opportunities for Veterans to improve their independence, well-being, and quality of life through adaptive sports programs.

Applications are due May 13, 2026. An estimated \$16 million is available to fund up to 100 awards.

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

Matching Awards Program: Round 2 2026

Notice seeking applications for round 2 of the Matching Awards Program which focuses on community engagement and completion of appropriate stewardship activities. The program's goal is to create lasting change that provides all communities with opportunities to benefit from activities on National Forest lands.

Applications are due July 9, 2026. RFP guidelines will be released in spring 2026. An informational webinar will be held on June 10, 2026.

LINKS: [Agency Site](#)

Transfer Pathways to the Liberal Arts

Notice seeking concept papers to support building comprehensive curricular frameworks between community colleges and independent colleges to ensure alignment in learning objectives between lower and upper division coursework; transferability and applicability of credits; and timely completion of the baccalaureate in the liberal arts.

Concept papers are next due August 27, 2026. Grants up to \$25,000 over 6 to 12 months for planning and up to \$350,000 over 24 to 36 months for implementation will be made to institutions participating in this initiative. This RFP seeks to hear from regional and statewide consortia or associations of independent colleges working in partnership with community colleges and other appropriate bodies.

LINKS: [Agency Site](#)

Educational Opportunity Centers Program (EOC)

Notice seeking applications provide information regarding financial and academic assistance available for qualified individuals who want to enter or continue to pursue a program of postsecondary education; provide assistance to those individuals in applying for admission to institutions that offer programs of postsecondary education, and improve the financial and economic literacy of program participants.

Applications are due May 14, 2026. An estimated \$52.61 million is available to fund 55 awards.

LINKS: [Grants.gov](#)

Notice seeking applications for funds to host events which utilize volunteers to meet a community need and honor the life of Dr. King.

Applications are due April 30, 2026. Awards are from \$100,000 to \$500,000. Applicants are required to match funds equal to 70 percent of the total program budget.

LINKS: [Grants.gov](#)

Knight Foundation: Knight Cities Challenge Grants

Notice seeking applications for new, creative ideas for projects that can spark change and leave a lasting impact. Project ideas must focus on at least one of Knight's investment areas: strengthening local news and information, creating pathways for economic opportunity or cultivating connection through arts, culture and the places that bring people together.

Applications are due April 30, 2026. Additional eligibility requirement: applicants and projects must be in one of the McKnight communities. Multiple awards up to \$200,000 are anticipated.

LINKS: [Solicitation](#)

Smith-Lever Special Needs Competitive Grants Program

Notice seeking applications to enable the Cooperative Extension System (CES) to assist in preparing for, providing an educational response to, recovering from, and mitigating disasters and disaster threats. This program supports innovative, education-based approaches to address disaster preparedness and specific responses related to disasters or disaster threats caused by natural, human-made, or technological hazards or by other factors that contribute to the exposure of or risk to a community.

Applications are due June 1, 2026. An estimated \$459,564 is available to fund up to five awards. Cost sharing is required.

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

Wallace Foundation: Advancing Well-Being in the Arts - Arts and Economic Mobility Research Grants

Notice seeking proposals for research studies that investigate aspects of how community-based arts organizations contribute to the economic mobility of their communities.

Required LOIs are due May 12, 2026. Awards range between \$150,000 - \$1,200,000.

LINKS: [Solicitation](#); [Agency Site](#)

HEALTH and MENTAL HEALTH

ABMS Scholars Program 2026-2027 Cycle

Notice seeking applications for a year-long, part-time research program that supports early-career physicians and researchers in their research and facilitates their evolution as health care leaders within and across the ABMS community.

Applications are due June 22, 2026. An informational webinar will be held on April 28, 2026. Recipients will receive an award \$15,000 for research costs and travel expenses. Eligibility is limited to early-career physicians, junior faculty, fellows, and residents, as well as individuals holding master or doctorate degrees

in public health, health services research, educational evaluation and statistics, and public health policy and administration.

LINKS: [Agency Site](#)

Accelerating Drug Discovery for FTD RFP

Notice seeking letters of intent (LOIs) to accelerate this progress by supporting innovative small molecule and biologic (antibodies, oligonucleotides, peptides, gene therapy etc.) drug development programs for frontotemporal dementia (FTD).

LOIs are due May 11, 2026. The average award will be worth \$300,000 depending on stage and scope of research.

LINKS: [Agency Site](#)

Hirshberg Foundation Seed Grant Program

Notice seeking applications to provide research support to basic and clinical scientists and investigators in the following areas: treatment/therapy, patient care, early diagnosis, detection, cancer biology, basic science, prevention/metabolism and research core facilities.

Applications are due May 15, 2026. Awards are up to \$75,000 each. This opportunity is available to all early-career academic researchers, including assistant and associate professors, research-track and clinical-track junior faculty, staff scientists, and post-doctoral trainees.

LINKS: [Agency Site](#)

VentureWell and NIBIB DEBUT Challenge

Notice seeking applications for the Design by Biomedical Undergraduate Teams (DEBUT) Challenge, a competition that challenges teams of students in undergraduate biomedical education to solve real world problems in healthcare. Goals for the competition are to challenge undergraduates to learn, practice, and demonstrate their technical, creative, and innovative capabilities by addressing a real clinical need.

Applications are due June 5, 2026. Eligibility is limited to undergraduates. Multidisciplinary teams are encouraged. Approximately 14 awards will be offered under different prize categories ranging from \$5,000 to \$20,000.

LINKS: [Agency Site](#)

Delta Health Care Service Grant Program

Notice seeking applications to provide financial assistance to address the continued unmet health needs in the Delta Region through cooperation among health care professionals, institutions of higher education, research institutions, and other individuals and entities in the Delta Region. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis.

Applications are due June 1, 2026. An estimated \$6 million is available to fund multiple awards.

LINKS: [Grants.gov](#)

ResMed Foundation Clinical Research

Notice seeking applications to promote novel research as well as public and clinician awareness of sleep disordered breathing (SDB) and other respiratory disorders, with a primary focus on positive airway pressure and ventilation-based treatments.

Applications are due June 15, 2026. The Foundation plans to disburse a total of up to \$1,350,000 annually.

LINKS: [Agency Site](#)

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, and MATHEMATICS

Cyber Physical Systems Executing in Real Time (CyPhER Forge)

Notice seeking abstracts to revolutionize defense Test & Evaluation (T&E) by breaking the direct link between physical system complexity and test duration.

Abstracts are due April 15, 2026. Multiple awards are anticipated.

LINKS: [Contract Opportunities](#)

Grants-in-Aid

Notice seeking applications for Whitehall's Grants-in-Aid program which is designed for researchers at the assistant professor level who experience difficulty in competing for research funds because they have not yet become firmly established.

Applications are due April 15, 2026. Grants are up to \$30,000.

LINKS: [Agency Site](#)

The Field and Lucas Research Grants

Notice seeking applications to help the investigator/researcher initiate original in-depth, problem-oriented research. These grants are open to members and affiliates (at any level) of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS).

Applications are due June 15, 2026. Awards are up to \$1,500 for Field Grants and up to \$6,000 for Lucas Grants. Student membership is \$75.

LINKS: [Agency Site](#)

American Society for Microbiology Awards and Prize

Notice seeking applications to recognize microbiologists for outstanding contributions to the microbial sciences and to provide expertise in the service of science and the public. Being nominated and receiving an ASM Award is an honor for any microbiologist as the awards help advance the careers of the awardees and their institutions.

Applications are due by June 15, 2026. 17 awards are anticipated.

LINKS: [Agency Site](#)

Automated Discovery for Design and Control of Turbulent Systems (AutoDIDACTS)

Notice seeking proposals to demonstrate and validate new data-informed paradigms for design exploration and optimization across various regimes of aeronautics and turbulent control problems of relevance to the Department of War (DoW). The principal objective of this program is to demonstrate the use of precision ground-truth experimental data to arrive directly at macroscale design principles and surrogate models that can guide aeronautical design in various regimes of relevance to the DoW.

Requested abstracts are due April 15, 2026. Proposals are due May 20, 2026. Multiple awards are anticipated.

LINKS: [Grants.gov](#); [Contract Opportunities](#)

Ocean Research Advisory Panel (ORAP)

Notice announcing a meeting of the Ocean Research Advisory Panel. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the draft of its second report, "Recommendations for Supporting Public-Private Partnerships to Advance Emerging Ocean Technologies," and decide if it is ready for approval and submission to the OPC. Additionally, the OPC Co-Chairs will provide an update on OPC priorities.

The meeting will be held on May 21, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. ET at the AGU Conference Center, 2000 Florida Ave. NW, Washington, DC. The link for the webinar registration will be posted, when available, on the ORAP website: <https://www.noaa.gov/ocean-research-advisory-panel/orap-public-meetings>.

LINKS: [Federal Register](#)