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On the state level...

All not-for-profit applicants must now pre-qualify on the NYS Grants Reform website at grantsreform.ny.gov/grantees in order to apply for certain New York State grant solicitations. Potential not-for-profit applicants are strongly encouraged to begin the process of registering and pre-qualifying immediately as this is a lengthy process.

New York State Parks and Recreation, Connect Kids to Field Trip Grant Program

The Connect-Kids-to-Parks Field Trip Grant Program (Connect Kids) is designed to connect students in New York State with nature and history through physical and virtual field trips to state and federal parks, forests, historic sites, fish hatcheries and other outdoor recreation areas.

- **Eligibility:** Organizations that are eligible to apply include all public schools and school districts (grades preK-12 including school-sponsored clubs), not-for-profit after-school programs, and municipal youth bureaus. All not-for-profits must be Prequalified in the Grants Gateway. Each class or organization group is eligible for up to three transportation grants per academic year or summer session. At this time, physical field trips may only be approved if both the originating and destination sites are in Phase 4 regions, and all groups and sites adhere to State and site COVID-19 precautionary guidelines. Please contact your State Park or destination site for availability.
- **Funding:** Each grant provides reimbursement of up to \$40 per student and \$80 for Special Education students.
- **Deadline:** Rolling
- **Contact:**
Phone: 518-474-6736
Email: Parksbusgrant@parks.ny.gov
Website: www.parks.ny.gov

New York State Higher Education Services Corp. (HESC), Excelsior Scholarship

The Excelsior Scholarship provides tuition awards to eligible students attending New York State's public colleges and universities (SUNY and CUNY). This scholarship, in combination with other student financial aid programs, allows students to attend a public college or university tuition-free.

- **Eligibility:** Applicants must be a resident of NYS and have resided in NYS for 12 continuous months prior to the beginning of the term; be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen; have either graduated from high school in the United States, earned a high school equivalency diploma, or passed a federally approved "Ability to Benefit" test, as defined by the Commissioner of the State Education Department; have a combined federal adjusted gross income of \$125,000 or less; be pursuing an undergraduate



degree at a SUNY or CUNY college, including community colleges and the statutory colleges at Cornell University and Alfred University; be enrolled in at least 12 credits per term and complete at least 30 credits each year (successively), applicable toward his or her degree program through continuous study with no break in enrollment except for certain reasons that can be documented; if attended college prior to the 2019-20 academic year, have earned at least 30 credits each year (successively), applicable toward his or her degree program prior to applying for an Excelsior Scholarship; be in a non-default status on a student loan made under any NYS or federal education loan program or on the repayment of any NYS award; be in compliance with the terms of the service condition(s) imposed by any NYS award that you have previously received; and execute a Contract agreeing to reside in NYS for the length of time the award was received, and, if employed during such time, be employed in NYS. There are additional residency requirements for Dream Act Excelsior applicants which can be found on the website listed below.

- **Funding:** A recipient of an Excelsior Scholarship may receive up to \$5,500 per semester.
- **Deadline:** An application deadline for fall 2020 semester has not yet been determined.
- **Contact:**
Phone: 1-888-697-4372
Email: excelsior@hesc.ny.gov
Website: www.hesc.ny.gov

On the federal level...

U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, National Dislocated Worker Grants Program Guidance

National Dislocated Worker Grants (DWGs) are discretionary grants awarded by the Secretary of Labor under Section 170 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) to provide employment-related services for dislocated workers. The Department funds two types of DWGs: Disaster Recovery and Employment Recovery.

Disaster Recovery DWGs provide funding to create temporary employment opportunities to assist with clean-up and recovery efforts when an area impacted by an emergency or major disaster is declared eligible for public assistance by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), or is declared, or otherwise recognized, as an emergency or disaster of national significance by a federal agency with authority or jurisdiction over federal response to the disaster or emergency.

Employment Recovery DWGs temporarily expand capacity to serve dislocated workers and to meet the increased demand for employment and training services following a qualifying event. Qualifying events include major economic dislocations, such as plant closures, mass layoffs or higher-than-average demand for employment and training activities for dislocated members of the Armed Forces and their spouses. Under 20 CFR 687.110(a)(5), the Secretary of Labor may declare other major dislocations eligible for Employment Recovery DWGs.

- **Eligibility:** For Disaster Recovery DWGs: 1. States; 2. Outlying areas as defined by WIOA, Section 3(45); and 3. Indian tribal governments as defined by the Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. 5122(6). For Employment Recovery DWGs: 1. a state or outlying area (as defined by WIOA, Section 3), or a consortium of states; 2. a local Workforce Development Board (WDB) or a consortium of WDBs; 3. an entity eligible for funding through the Indian and Native American program in WIOA Section 166(c); 4. entities determined to be appropriate by the governor of the state or outlying area involved; and 5. entities that demonstrate to the Secretary of Labor their capability to effectively respond to circumstances related to particular dislocations.
- **Funding:** \$150,000 to 1 million.
- **Deadline:** Open-ended rolling grant
- **Contact:** Jenifer McEnery
Email: McEnery.Jenifer@dol.gov
Website: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=325616>

On the private level...

Patient Centered Outcome Research, Inc. (PCORI)

PCORI invites applications for high-quality comparative effectiveness research (CER) projects that will examine the critical patient-centered research question that is also relevant to decision makers and other stakeholders. Research should be of scale and scope requiring funding in excess of \$10 million in direct costs.

- **Eligibility:** Applications may be submitted by any private-sector research organization, including any nonprofit or for-profit organization, and any public-sector research organization, including any university or college hospital or health care system; laboratory or manufacturer; or unit of local, state or federal government. Organizations may submit multiple applications for funding. Individuals are not permitted to apply.
- **Deadline:** Letters of intent are due Sept. 29 and full applications, Jan. 12, 2021.
- **Funding:** Investigators may request up to \$2 million in direct costs for a feasibility phase up to 18 months in duration, with up to \$20 million in direct costs for continuation to a full-scale study phase up to five years in duration.
- **Contact:**
Phone: 202-827-7700
Email: info@pcori.org
Website: https://www.pcori.org/funding-opportunities/announcement/phased-large-awards-comparative-effectiveness-research-cycle-3-2020?utm_source=share%20this

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Focus Research Grants

Focus research grants are targeted, innovative and potentially high-impact research studies that seek to inform and even transform suicide prevention efforts. These research grants can be directed toward any of the three requests for applications outlined below: Short-Term Risk supports innovative research into potentially high-yield solutions that focus on short-term risk for suicide. This is the

development of identification and/or intervention strategies for short-term suicide risk that can be readily implemented in clinical settings. The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention has set a bold goal to reduce our nation's suicide rate 20% by the year 2025, and seeks research into the development of interventions that will save the greatest amount of lives. Preferred studies will focus on universal, selective or indicated interventions that target suicide prevention in health care systems, emergency departments, corrections settings, or among the gun-owning community, that, if implemented on a large scale, would reduce the annual U.S. suicide rate. Blue Sky Supports are innovative, impactful studies in an area of suicide research that will achieve significant goals. This mechanism is intended for studies that, by their very nature, are clearly beyond the scope of our Innovation Grants, and are innovative projects in new areas of investigation with potentially high impact for the understanding and prevention of suicide.

- **Eligibility:** Research investigators from all academic disciplines are eligible to apply. Applications from the Veterans Administration are eligible, but applications from for-profit organizations and federal or state government agencies will not be accepted.
- **Funding:** Grants are awarded in the amount of up to \$500,000 per year for a maximum of three years.
- **Deadline:** Letter of intent due August 1, 2020. Invited applications due December 7, 2020.
- **Contact:** Carl Niedzielski, MA Senior Research Grants Manager
Phone: 212-363-3500 ext. 2015
Email: cniedzielski@afsp.org
Website: www.afsp.org/research-grant-information

Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation (ADDF) and The Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration (AFTD)

There is no FDA-approved disease-modifying treatment available for frontotemporal dementia (FTD) and symptomatic treatments only provide limited benefit for patients. This request for proposal (RFP) seeks to accelerate this progress by supporting innovative small molecule and biologic drug development programs. Drug targets in the areas of inflammation and proteostasis will be considered high priority.

- **Eligibility:** Open to researchers and clinicians in the U.S. and worldwide working in academic medical centers and universities or nonprofits and biotechnology companies that demonstrate a clear need for nonprofit funding.
- **Deadline:** Letter of Intent deadline: July 10. Full proposal deadline: August 7.
- **Funding:** \$100-150,000
- **Contact:** Meriel Owen
Email: mowen@alzdiscovery.org;
grants@alzdiscovery.org
Website: www.alzdiscovery.org/research-and-grants/funding-opportunities/accelerating-drug-discovery-for-ftd

Scholar awards...



IAS School of Social Science Fellowship

Each year, approximately 25 scholars are selected as Members in the School of Social Science. Members are expected only to pursue their own research and participate in the seminars. The theme for 2021-2022 is "Political Mobilization and Social Movements," but applications outside this theme are also welcomed.

- **Eligibility:** A completed doctorate or equivalent is required by the application deadline.
- **Funding:** The School attempts to provide half of the current academic base salary for all Members, up to a maximum stipend of \$75,000.
- **Deadline:** November 1, 2020
- **Contact:** Donne Petito, Administrative Officer
Phone: 609-734-8000
Email: sssappqueries@ias.edu
Website: <https://www.sss.ias.edu/applications-school-social-science-2021-22>

BrightFocus Foundation, FY21 Macular Degeneration Research Program

BrightFocus provides research funds for U.S. domestic as well as international researchers pursuing pioneering research leading to greater understanding, prevention and treatment of age-related macular degeneration.

- **Eligibility:** This fellowship program is intended to support young postdoctoral researchers during their final stages of mentored training. The award provides salary support for a young scientist to conduct postdoctoral studies in an established laboratory focused on research contributing to greater understanding of the biological causes and/or new clinical treatment of macular degeneration and should also serve as the basis for the applicant's own independent research career.
- **Funding:** \$100,000 per year (total value \$200,000) for two years
- **Deadline:** Letter of Intent deadline: July 29, 2020. Full Proposal deadline: December 3, 2020 (by invitation only).
- **Contact:**
Phone: 800-437-2423
email: researchgrants@brightfocus.org
Website: www.brightfocus.org/research/apply/main.html



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Introduction to Foundation Directory Online:

This class provides learning opportunities designed to develop skills, practices and behaviors that best prepare people working in the social sector for success.

Introduction to Finding Grants:

This class will provide an introduction for finding grants for nonprofits, including what funders are looking for and a hands-on guided online research session.

Introduction to Proposal Writing:

This class provides a standard overview of how to write a proposal for a foundation grant and includes a hands-on personalized session in developing a proposal outline.

Introduction to Project Budgets:

This class will provide step-by-step instructions on how to generate a standard project budget for a foundation proposal. Prior attendance of Introduction to Proposal Writing is strongly recommended.

Candid is actively monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic and will make changes to its in-person programming as necessary. Please check Candid's website for updates.

In addition: Classes are held at Candid, located at:
32 Old Slip, 24th Floor • New York, NY 10005
www.candid.org/contact-us

For a schedule of classes, visit:
www.grantspace.org/training/search/format/live/location/new-york

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