



MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

## MCLA MONTHLY GRANTS AND AWARDS DIGEST

This digest, prepared by the Office of Institutional Advancement, is a monthly listing of various grants and funding opportunities across academic disciplines. If you are looking for funding opportunities for ongoing projects, we are able to set up alerts through the Grants Resource Center that will notify you when grants and fellowships related to your work become available.

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### GENERAL

#### **Grant Programs**

<https://us-jf.org/programs/grants/>

*Organization:* United States-Japan Foundation

*Deadline:* January 15, 2022

*Description:* Supports cooperation between the U.S. and Japan through three programs: Communication/Public Opinion funds projects that raise awareness and address issues that affect bilateral relations and stimulate quality media coverage; Pre-college Education supports improved instruction about Japan in U.S. schools and the U.S. in Japanese schools through creative curriculum development and teacher training; and U.S. Japan Policy funds projects in foreign policy, trade relations, energy and the environment, managing globalization, national identity, and understanding institutions. Annual deadlines: 1/15 and 7/15 for required LOIs.

#### **Spencer Foundation Research and Conference Grants**

<https://www.spencer.org/application-deadlines>

*Organization:* Spencer Foundation



*Deadline:* January 26, 2022

*Description:* Program relies on researchers to determine the most important issues to pursue. Supports Lyle Spencer Research Awards (TBD) up to \$1 million for intellectually ambitious research, oriented ultimately to improving the practice of education, and independent of any particular reform agendas or methodological strictures. Conference Grants (10/13) up to \$50,000 provide support to scholars for small research conferences and focused symposia. Large (1/26 LOI) and Small (12/1) Research Grants cover any topic that falls within Spencer's mission. Time sensitive COVID-19 funding and other funding may be available (TBD). See for details.

### **Smithsonian Opportunities for Research and Study**

<https://ofi.si.edu/sors-introduction/>

*Organization:* Smithsonian Institution

*Deadline:* January 01, 2022 (Target)

*Description:* Supports graduate, postdoctoral, and senior fellowships research at the Smithsonian in various areas: anthropology, archaeology, astrophysics and astronomy, earth sciences, ecology, behavioral and environmental sciences, evolutionary and systematic biology, history of science, art history, and social and cultural history of the U.S. The stipend amount and length of fellowships vary. Graduate and undergraduate internships are also available. Fellowship application deadlines vary by program.

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## **STEM**

### **NIAID Research Education Program Advancing the Careers of a Diverse Research Workforce**

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-21-258.html>

*Deadline:* January 14, 2022

*Organization:* National Institutes of Health



*Deadline:* January 25, 2022

*Description:* Supports educational activities that encourage individuals from diverse backgrounds, including those from groups underrepresented in the biomedical and behavioral sciences, to pursue further studies or careers in research. Focus areas include: Courses for Skills Development; Research Experiences; and Mentoring Activities.

### **Improving Undergraduate STEM Education: Ed and HR**

<https://beta.nsf.gov/funding/opportunities/improving-undergraduate-stem-education-education-and-human-resources-iuse-ehr>

*Organization:* National Science Foundation

*Deadline:* January 19, 2022

*Description:* Supports projects that build on both fundamental research in undergraduate STEM education and prior research and development that provide theoretical and empirical justification for proposed efforts. There are two tracks, each with two levels of funding.

### **Advancing Informal STEM Learning (AISL)**

<https://beta.nsf.gov/funding/opportunities/advancing-informal-stem-learning-aisl>

*Organization:* National Science Foundation

*Deadline:* January 18, 2022

*Description:* Supports research to advance new approaches to and evidence-based understanding of the design and development of STEM learning opportunities for the public in informal environments; provide multiple pathways for broadening access to and engagement in STEM learning experiences; advance innovative research on and assessment of STEM learning in informal environments; and engage the public of all ages in learning STEM in informal environments. Supports six projects: Pilots and Feasibility Studies; Research in Service to Practice;



Innovations in Development; Broad Implementation; Literature Reviews, Syntheses, or Meta-Analyses, and Conferences.

### **Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative**

<https://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/organic-agriculture-research-and-extension-initiative>

*Organization:* U.S. Department of Agriculture

*Deadline:* January 13, 2022

*Description:* Program seeks to solve critical organic agricultural issues, priorities, or problems through the integration of research, education and extension activities. OREI funds research, education and extension programs that enhance the ability of producers and processors who have already adopted organic standards to grow and market high quality organic agricultural products. Priority concerns include biological, physical, and social sciences, including economics. Matching cost share is required

### **Environmental Education Local Grants Programs**

<https://www.epa.gov/education/grants>

*Organization:* U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

*Deadline:* December 06, 2021

*Description:* Supports projects that conduct locally-focused environmental education projects that design, demonstrate, and/or disseminate environmental education practices that promote environmental awareness and stewardship and help provide people with the skills to take responsible actions to protect the environment. Approximately 30 awards, three to four from each of the ten EPA regional offices, are available to support projects lasting up to two years. Cost sharing is required. Exactly 25 percent of the total award amount must go to Sub-grantees.

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## **HUMANITIES/SOCIAL SCIENCES**

### **Global Education/International Understanding Grants Program**

<https://longviewfdn.org/applying/dates-deadlines/>

*Organization:* Longview Foundation

*Description:* Foundation makes grants to promote learning about world regions, cultures, international affairs and global issues in K-12 schools in the United States. Funding priorities include: State Networks (invitation only) and Internationalizing Teacher Preparation. Longview's grants are typically between \$15,000 and \$25,000. Deadlines refer to required LOIs.

### **Public Humanities Projects**

<https://www.neh.gov/grants/public/public-humanities-projects>

*Organization:* National Endowment for the Humanities

*Deadline:* January 12, 2022

*Description:* Supports planning (up to \$75,000) and implementation (up to \$400,000) of public humanities projects through three types of grants: Community Conversations Grants, 1-3 year series of events and community-wide discussion; Exhibitions Grants, supporting traveling or permanent exhibitions; and Historic Places Grants, which support the interpretation of historic sites, houses, neighborhoods, and regions. Also supports positions for graduate students to work on the projects.

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## **ARTS**

### **Mockingbird Music Education Grants**

*Organization:* Mockingbird Foundation

*Deadline:* January 15, 2022



*Description:* Supports music education, primarily for children. Projects may encourage expression in all musical forms. Preference for projects for disadvantaged children 18 years or younger (those with low skills, income, with disabilities, and/or in foster care, and hospitals). May also target college students, instructors, or adult students. Awards (up to \$10,000) are for instruments, texts, materials, learning and performance space, and teachers. Inquiries accepted online. Annual deadline: 1/15. See <http://mbird.org/funding/> for details.

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