Updates

The Mellon Foundation has released an open call for concepts targeting three areas:

- Cultures of US Democracy
- Environmental Justice Studies
- Social Justice and Disciplinary Knowledge

Furman can submit up to three proposals. Please submit your ideas for projects by Wednesday, November 15th to Dean Jeremy Cass and Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Beth Pontari. Your description should include which of the areas your project addresses as well as project rationale, activities, and goals.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services and Moore Foundation have funded an initiative called Open Grants that might be of interest. The project’s goal is “to more widely share grant proposals to further research transparency and professional development.” There are two upcoming community conversations related to this work:

- Describing and discovering proposals
  Thursday, November 2nd, 11am Eastern – Register

- Contributing to the scholarly record
  Thursday, November 30th, 1pm Eastern – Register

We have updated the Proposal Review and Clearance Form! Please complete this form prior to submitting grant applications, so that we have a snapshot of your grant and confirm compliance related to potential financial conflicts of interest. As a reminder – grant applications must be reviewed internally before submission to the funder. To ensure time for review, please complete the Proposal Review and Clearance Form and send along with the narrative and budget (if required) to the Grants Office seven business days prior to the submission deadline.

Grant Opportunities

Please let us know if anything sparks your interest or if you would like our help identifying potential funders. – Michelle and Bri

South Carolina Humanities – Multiple Opportunities

The grants program has always been the foundation of SC Humanities’ public support of the humanities, and we have funded a variety of projects, from major documentaries broadcast on national public television to small-scale genealogies and oral histories at the local level.
• **Fast Track Literary Grants ($3,000 or less)** – Deadline: December 1, 2023
• **Planning Grants ($2,500 or less)** – Deadline: December 1, 2023
• **Mini Grants ($2,500 or less)** – Deadline: December 1, 2023
• **Major Grants** – Deadline: January 10, 2024
• **Fast Track Literary Grants ($3,000 or less)** – Deadline: March 1, 2024
• **Themed Requests for Proposals** – Deadline: March 15, 2024

**Spencer Foundation: Small Research Grants**
The Small Research Grants Program supports education research projects that will contribute to the improvement of education, broadly conceived. Our goal for this program is to support rigorous, intellectually ambitious and technically sound research that is relevant to the most pressing questions and compelling opportunities in education. We value work that fosters creative and open-minded scholarship, engages in deep inquiry, and examines robust questions related to education. To this end, this program supports proposals from multiple disciplinary and methodological perspectives, both domestically and internationally, from scholars at various stages in their career. We anticipate that proposals will span a wide range of topics and disciplines that innovatively investigate questions central to education, including for example education, anthropology, philosophy, psychology, sociology, law, economics, history, or neuroscience, amongst others.

Award amount: $50,000
Deadline: December 6, 2023

**National Science Foundation: Cognitive Neuroscience (CogNeuro)**
The Cognitive Neuroscience (CogNeuro) Program seeks to fund proposals that can advance our understanding of the neural mechanisms underlying human cognition and behavior. Funded proposals typically advance theories in cognitive neuroscience by relating precise and rich quantifications of physiology, cognition and behavior with each other (Intellectual Merit). Funded proposals also typically strengthen the field through, for example, outreach, mentoring the next generation of diverse cognitive neuroscientists and/or increasing awareness and utilization of the research the field produces (Broader Impacts).

Deadline: window of January 15 – February 1, 2024

**South Carolina Arts Commission: Individual Artist Fellowships**
These fellowships recognize and reward the artistic achievements of South Carolina’s exceptional individual artists. Fellowship awards are made through a highly competitive process and are based on artistic merit, achievements, and commitment to discipline. The fellowship awards bring recognition that may open doors to other resources and employment opportunities.

Award amount: $10,000
Deadline: January 16, 2024

**National Science Foundation: Human-Environment and Geographical Sciences**
The objective of the Human-Environment and Geographical Sciences Program is to support basic scientific research about the nature, causes and/or consequences of the
spatial distribution of human activity and/or environmental processes across a range of scales. Contemporary geographical research is an arena in which diverse research traditions and methodologies are valid. Recognizing the breadth of the field's contributions to science, the HEGS Program welcomes proposals for empirically grounded, theoretically engaged, and methodologically sophisticated, generalizable research in all sub-fields of geographical and spatial sciences.

Award amount: $40,000 – $400,000
Deadline: January 16, 2024

**Harvard University: W. E. B. Du Bois Institute for African and African American Research Fellowship**

Started in 1975 as the W. E. B. Du Bois Institute for African and African American Research, the Institute has annually appointed scholars who conduct individual research for a period of one to two semesters in a wide variety of fields related to African and African American Studies.

Award amount: 
Deadline: January 22, 2024

**National Endowment for the Humanities: CAORC - NEH Research Fellowship**

The CAORC - National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Research Fellowship provides the opportunity for scholars to spend significant time in one country with an Overseas Research Centers as a base. The fellowship supports advanced research in the humanities. Fellowship awards are for four to six consecutive months (i.e. you can hold the fellowship for four, five, or six consecutive months). Applicants must propose four to six consecutive months of research in an Overseas Research Center in one of the following countries: Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Cyprus, Georgia, Indonesia, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Pakistan (senior scholars may be permitted to travel to Lahore and Islamabad subject to approval), Senegal, Sri Lanka or Tunisia.

Award amount: $5,000 per month
Deadline: January 24, 2024

**Burroughs Wellcome Fund: Climate Change and Human Health Seed Grant**

The Burroughs Wellcome Fund aims to stimulate the growth of new connections between scholars working in largely disconnected fields who might together change the course of climate change’s impact on human health. We are particularly but not exclusively interested in activities that build connections between basic/early biomedical scientific approaches and ecological, environmental, geological, geographic, and planetary-scale thinking, as well as with population-focused fields including epidemiology and public health, demography, economics, and urban planning. Also of interest is work piloting new approaches or new interactions toward reducing the impact of health-centered activities, for example, developing more sustainable systems for health care, care delivery, and biomedical research systems. Another area of interest is preparation for the impacts of extreme weather and other crises that can drive large scale disruptions that will immediately impact human health and delivery of health care. Public outreach,
climate communication, and education efforts focused on the intersection of climate and health are also appropriate for this call.

Award amount: $2,500 - $50,000

Deadlines: January 25, 2024  
April 25, 2024  
July 25, 2024