Grant Funder Highlight: The Spencer Foundation

The Spencer Foundation (http://www.spencer.org/) invests in education research for the purpose of making education better. The Foundation pursues its mission by awarding research grants and fellowships and by strengthening the connections among education research, policy and practice through its communication and networking activities. For research proposals with budgets of $50,000 or less, please see the information provided below regarding the submission process.

Eligibility and Restrictions:
- Principal Investigators (PIs) and Co-PIs applying for a research grant must have an earned doctorate in an academic discipline or professional field, or appropriate experience in an education research-related profession.
- The PI must be affiliated with a college, university, school district, non-profit research facility, or non-profit cultural institution that is willing to serve as the fiscal agent if the grant is awarded. The Spencer Foundation does not award grants directly to individuals.

Upcoming Deadlines:
The next deadline for Small Grant proposals is 5 p.m. EST November 18, 2014. Additional deadlines will be posted as they are scheduled. The review of complete proposal applications submitted by the deadline will take approximately 4 months. The Foundation recommends that your proposed start date be no sooner than 4 months following the deadline.

Helpful Links:
- Smith CFR http://www.smith.edu/giving/cfr_resources.php
- SPIN https://spin.infoedglobal.com/Home/GridResults *(See p. 4)
- Foundation Center https://fconline.foundationcenter.org/
- Grants.gov http://grants.gov/
- Duke University https://researchfunding.duke.edu/
Funding Opportunities for Faculty

**SCIENCE FUNDING**

**American Chemical Society** [http://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/funding-and-awards.html](http://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/funding-and-awards.html)

*Undergraduate Research*, deadline: **September 15-October 17, 2014**

*Undergraduate New Investigator* proposals, deadline: **September 15-October 17, 2014**

*ACS Award for Encouraging Women into Careers in the Chemical Sciences*, deadline: **November 1, 2014**

*ACS Award for Encouraging Disadvantaged Students into Careers in the Chemical Sciences*, deadline: **November 1, 2014**

**Association for Women in Mathematics** [http://www.awm-math.org/](http://www.awm-math.org/)

*Mathematics Education Research Travel Grants*, deadlines: **October 1, 2014, February 1, 2015, and May 1, 2015**


*Henry Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Awards Program*, deadline: **May 2015**

*Jean Dreyfus Boissevain Lectureship*, deadline: **May 2015**

*Dreyfus Special Award*, deadline: **August 2015**

**Environmental Protection Agency**
[http://www2.epa.gov/home/grants-and-other-funding-opportunities](http://www2.epa.gov/home/grants-and-other-funding-opportunities)


*Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA)*, deadlines: **February 25, June 25, and October 25**


*Major Research Instrumentation (MRI)*, estimated deadline: **January 2015**

*Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER)*, deadline for biology, computer/info science: **July 21, 2015**; deadline for math, physics, geology: **July 22, 2015**

*Research in Undergraduate Institutions (RUI)*, deadline (none): **Proposals accepted any time**.

*Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (S-STEM)*, deadline for 2015: **TBA**

**Research Corporation** [http://www.rescorp.org/grants.php#CCSA](http://www.rescorp.org/grants.php#CCSA)

*Cottrell College Science Award*, estimated deadline for pre-proposals: **mid-May 2015**

**Spencer Foundation** [http://www.spencer.org/](http://www.spencer.org/)

*Small Grant Proposals* (see cover page article for more information), next deadline: **November 18, 2015**
HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES FUNDING

ACLS (American Council of Learned Societies)  [http://www.acls.org/grants/]
ACLS Digital Innovation Fellowships, deadline: September 24, 2014
Henry Luce Foundation/ACLS Program in China Studies, deadline: October 1, 2014

American Philosophical Society  [http://www.amphilsoc.org/grants]
Franklin Research Grant, deadlines: October 1 and December 1, 2015
Library Resident Research Fellowship, deadline: early March 2015

Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute  [http://www.clarknow.org/]
Clark Fellowships that extend and enhance the understanding of the visual arts and their role in culture, deadline: October 15, 2014

Various opportunities. Link for "What is Fulbright" and "How to Find a Fulbright Award" Webinars: [http://www.cies.org/event-type/webinar-schedule]

John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation  [http://www.gf.org/about-the-foundation/the-fellowship/]
Guggenheim Fellowship, deadline: September 19, 2014

IREX (International Research Exchange Board)  [http://www.irex.org/]

Mass Foundation for the Humanities  [http://www.masshumanities.org/deadlines]
Grants support public programming in the humanities in Massachusetts, including film, lecture, reading and discussion series; exhibits; media pre-production and distribution; and other public activities. The standard maximum award is $5,000, some thematic and media grants can be as high as $10,000. Deadline: November 3, 2014

NEA (National Endowment for the Arts)  [http://arts.gov/grants/apply-for-a-grant]

NEH (National Endowment for the Humanities)  [http://www.neh.gov/grants]
Summer Seminars and Institutes, deadline: February 24, 2015
Summer Stipends, nominated proposals submit electronically by September 30, 2014
Fellowships at Independent Research Institutions, deadlines vary by institution
Digital Humanities Start-up Grants, deadline: September 11, 2014
Digital Humanities Enduring Questions, deadline: September 11, 2014
Digital Humanities Implementation, deadline: February 18, 2015

(SSRC) Social Science Research Council  [http://www.ssrc.org/fellowships/]

Marion and Jasper Whiting Foundation (Please call the CFR office for more information)
Fellowships for Higher Education of Present and Prospective Teachers, deadline: January 15, 2015
As you begin thinking about your next research project, we encourage you to consider utilizing SPIN, an extensive research funding opportunity database. SPIN contains over 40,000 opportunities from more than 10,000 sponsors and it’s available through the Office of Corporate and Foundation Relations at Smith. Please contact our office if you have any questions.

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- Locate all types of funding information—Fed Business Opps / Federal Register Guide

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For users to establish a GENIUS U/P:

- Go to [www.infoedglobal.com](http://www.infoedglobal.com)
- Click on the GENIUS link along the top of the page
- Choose Create New Profile
- Select your institution
- Fill out the New Profile Registration Page - select the department listed
- Click Submit
- You will now be at a page called the Profile Summary Page - do not fill anything out on this page. Scroll to the bottom and click Log Out.
- Your Administrator (Marilyn Woodman) will receive an e-mail and will validate your profile. Once validated, you will then be able to sign into SPIN for added functionality and remote access.