Possible Private Funding Sources in the Humanities and Fine Arts

The following is a list of private foundations and other organizations that offer fellowships and research awards in various areas of the humanities and fine arts. The purpose of this list is to provide the humanities and fine arts faculty with a sense of what types of funding are available, and to provide inspiration in order to begin thinking about projects with funding potential.

The American Association of University Women
1111 Sixteenth Street N.W.
Washington, DC 20036
www.aauw.org
• Funds a wide range of academic research by women.
• Offers fellowships and research grants.

The American Council of Learned Societies
Office of Fellowships and Grants
228 East 45th Street
New York, NY 10017-3398
www.acls.org
• Works for the “advancement of humanistic studies in all fields of learning in the humanities and social sciences.”
• Offers research fellowships, professorships, and research grants.

The Blakemore Foundation
1201 3rd Ave., Ste 4800
Seattle, WA 98101-3266
www.blakemorefoundation.org
• Funds advanced study of Asian language and culture in the humanities, as well as projects that promote the understanding of Asian fine art in America.
• Provides funding for research, conferences/seminars, and fellowships.

The Truman Capote Literary Trust
c/o Alan U. Schwartz
11355 W. Olympic Blvd., 10th Fl.
Los Angeles, CA 90064
• Gives to institutions of higher education for creative writing and literary criticism fellowships the humanities.

Earhart Foundation
2220 Green Road, Ste. H
Ann Arbor, MI 48105
• Funds research fellowships to faculty members for individual projects in economics, history, philosophy, international affairs and political science.
The Ford Foundation
320 E. 43rd Street
New York, NY 10017
www.fordfound.org
- Has wide-ranging interests including media, arts and culture, knowledge and religion, etc.
- Provides funding for curriculum development, research, fellowships, conferences/seminars, endowments and professorships.
- Check current funding interests on website.

The Getty Foundation
1200 Getty Center Drive, Suite 800
Los Angeles, California 90049-1685
www.getty.edu
- Offers grants that support a diverse range of projects all over the word that strengthen the understanding and preservation of visual arts.
- Provides research grants and fellowships for scholars. Annual Deadline: November 1.
- Also provides conservation grants for museums and buildings, as well as for the education and training of conservators.

John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation
90 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10016
www.gf.org
- Provides fellowships for advanced professionals in all fields (natural and social sciences, humanities, creative arts) except the performing arts.
- Members of the teaching profession receiving sabbatical leave on full or part salary are eligible for appointments, as are holders of other fellowships of appointments at research centers.

Elizabeth B. and Philip J. Hendrickson Foundation, Ltd.
2358 Bittersweet Avenue
Green Bay, WI 54301-1843
- Supports the performing arts, primarily orchestra (symphony) and opera.
- Funds scholarships, professorships, fellowships and endowments.
The Samuel H. Kress Foundation
174 E. 80th Street
New York, NY 10021
www.kressfoundation.org
- Grants are concentrated on projects and programs that promote the understanding and enjoyment of European art and architecture, especially in relation to its historical context.
- Supports advanced training in conservation of works of art and development of scholarly resources in the fields of art history and conservation.
- Provides funding for conferences/seminars, fellowships, professorships and research.

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
140 E. 62nd Street
New York, NY 10021
www.mellon.org
- Offers grants on a selective basis, currently making grants in six core program areas: higher education, museums and art conservation, performing arts, conservation and the environment, scholarly communications, and research in information technology.
- Types of funding include: continuing support, endowments, fellowships, program development and research.

The Newberry Library Fellowships in the Humanities
60 W. Walton Street
Chicago, IL 60610
www.newberry.org/research/felshp/fellowshome.html
- Oversees fellowship programs focused on use of the Newberry Library collections, including short-term fellowships with terms of one week to two months and long-term fellowships of six to eleven months.
- Major areas include renaissance studies, cartography, American history, French and German Renaissance Studies.

Patroni Scholastici
c/o James R. Ledwith, Dr. William W Fortenbaugh
400 Berwyn Park 307 Lincoln Ave.
Berwyn, PA 19132-1183 Highland Park, NJ 08904
- Provides grants for higher education, especially the performing arts.
The Pew Charitable Trusts
1 Commerce Square
2005 Market Street, Ste. 1700
Philadelphia, PA 19103-7077
www.pewtrusts.com

- Trust reorganized in 2004 into three clusters: Policy, Information and Civic Life, with paralleled grant guidelines organized into three sections—Advancing Policy Solutions, Informing the Public and Supporting Civic Life.
- Supports nonprofit activities that fall within the sections listed above, with emphasis on education, environment, health and human services, issues related to democracy, and arts and culture.
- Funds research and program development.

The Carl and Lily Pforzheimer Foundation
650 Madison Avenue, 23rd floor
New York, NY 10022

- Maintains publishing and research activities in connection with the Carl H. Pforzheimer Library collection at the New York Public Library in the general field of American and English literature, and Shelly in particular.
- Funds Fellowships, professorships, and program development.

The Frederick W. Richmond Foundation, Inc.
31 Harrison Street
Easton, MD 21601

- Interested in funding pilot projects primarily in the arts, education, health, and the environment.
- Offers fellowships, seed money, and program development.

The Rockefeller Foundation
Creativity and Culture
420 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10018
www.rockfound.org

- The Creativity & Culture program supports individual artists, humanists, and cultural organizations.
- Current areas of focus include preserving and renewing the cultural heritage of people excluded from the benefits of globalization; strengthening civil society and the free flow of ideas through supporting individual artists and humanists and their institutions; and supporting new art forms which promote cultural diversity, innovation and understanding across cultures.
The Smithsonian Institution Fellowship Program
750 9th Street NW
Suite 9300
Washington, DC 20560
www.si.edu/ofg/start.htm
- Offers three to twelve month fellowships to both postdoctoral scholars (holding a doctoral degree for fewer than seven years) and senior scholars (holding a doctoral degree for more than seven years)
- Applicant must propose to conduct research in a discipline pursued at the Smithsonian.
- The deadline is January 15th for awards to begin on or after June 1st.

Dorothy Richard Starling Foundation Application Address
P.O. Box 66709 2727 Allen Pwky., Ste 1700
Houston, TX 77266 Houston, TX 77019-2125
- Supports classical violin at its highest levels.
- Funds fellowships, professorships and endowments.

The Kurt Weill Foundation for Music, Inc.
7 E. 20th Street, Fl. 3
New York, NY 10003
www.kwf.org
- Awards grants to organization and individuals for projects related to the perpetuation of the artistic legacy of Kurt Weill and Lotte Lenya.
- Applications must be received by November 1 of the year or cultural season before the project takes place; recipients are notified by February 1.

The Witter Bynner Foundation for Poetry, Inc.
P.O. Box 10169
Santa Fe, NM 87504-0169
www.bynerfoundation.org
- Offers grants in support of individual poets, poetry translation and the process of translation, developing poetry audiences, and the uses of poetry.
- Letters of intent required between August 1 and December 1 each year. If project is of interest to the foundation, a full proposal will be requested, due February 1. Applicants are notified by the end of May.
- Funds fellowships, projects, conferences/seminars, curriculum development, program development, and research.
Wisconsin Humanities Council
222 S. Bedford St. Suite F
Madison, WI 53703-3688
www.wisconsinhumanities.org

- Offers mini-grants (up to $2,000) and major grants (up to $10,000).
- Offers a wide range of funding categories for humanities: media projects, exhibits, oral history projects, research grants for large projects, research grants for scholars, and teacher education programs.