

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

Washington, DC

<http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/>

- Funds a wide range of academic research by women.
- Offers fellowships and research grants.
- Pre-tenure faculty only.

The American Council of Learned Societies

New York, NY

<https://www.acls.org/programs/comps/>

- Offers research fellowships, residencies, international study, etc.
- Humanities and related social sciences include but are not limited to: American studies; anthropology; archaeology; art history and architectural history; classics; economics; ethnic studies; film; gender studies; geography; history; languages and literatures; legal studies; linguistics; musicology; philosophy; political science; psychology; religious studies; rhetoric, communication, and media studies; sociology; and theater, dance, and performance studies.
- Both tenure and pre-tenure opportunities.

The Blakemore Foundation

Seattle, WA

www.blakemorefoundation.org

- Funds advanced study of Asian language as well as projects that promote the understanding of Asian fine art in America.
- Provides funding for exhibitions and internships.
- Annual deadline of October 1.

Borchard Foundation Center on International Education

Pasadena, CA

<http://borchardcenter.org/>

- Funding available for scholar-in-residencies (\$30,000) and international colloquiums in France (\$35,000) from any discipline.
- Yearly deadline of October 15.

Borchard Foundation Center on Law and Aging

Salt Lake City, Utah

www.borchardcla.org

- Academic Research Grant Program to further scholarship about new or improved public policies, laws and/or programs that will enhance the quality of life for the elderly (\$20,000).
- Yearly deadline of October 15.

The Ford Foundation

New York, NY

<https://www.fordfoundation.org/work/our-grants/individuals-seeking-fellowships/>

- Focus on “increasing the diversity of the nation’s college and university faculties by increasing their ethnic and racial diversity, to maximize the educational benefits of diversity, and to increase the number of professors who can and will use diversity as a resource for enriching the education of all students.”
- Membership in one or more of the following groups whose underrepresentation in the American professoriate has been severe and longstanding: Alaska Natives (Aleut, Eskimo or other Indigenous People of Alaska), Black/African Americans, Mexican Americans/Chicanas/Chicanos, Native American Indians, Native Pacific Islanders (Hawaiian/Polynesian/ Micronesian), Puerto Ricans
- American studies, anthropology, archaeology, art and theater history, astronomy, chemistry, communications, computer science, cultural studies, earth sciences, economics, engineering, ethnic studies, ethnomusicology, geography, history, international relations, language, life sciences, linguistics, literature, mathematics, performance study, philosophy, physics, political science, psychology, religious studies, sociology, urban planning, and women’s studies.
- Also eligible are interdisciplinary ethnic studies programs, such as African American studies and Native American studies, and other interdisciplinary programs, such as area studies, peace studies, and social justice.

The Getty Foundation

Los Angeles, California

www.getty.edu

- Offers grants that support a diverse range of projects all over the world that strengthen the understanding and preservation of visual arts.
- Provides research grants and fellowships for scholars. Yearly deadline of October 3.
- Also provides conservation grants for museums and buildings, as well as for the education and training of conservators.

John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation

New York, NY

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 or appointments at research centers.

John Randolph Haynes and Dora Haynes Foundation

Los Angeles, CA

<http://www.haynesfoundation.org/>

- Fellowships to faculty in the social sciences (\$12,000).
- Original social science research into policy issues of the Los Angeles region, research into the history of Southern California, archival and cataloging projects important to Los Angeles, dissertation fellowships at research universities in the five-county Southern California region.

- Awards may be used as a faculty summer research stipend, to buy course relief or to cover other incidental research assistance and expenses (excluding equipment and hardware) which might be incurred throughout the year, or in some combination. (The awards may not be used to augment salary during the regular academic year except as an addition to sabbatical leave compensation.) Fellowships may be used as seed money to begin a research project, or as full or partial support for an ongoing project.

The Samuel H. Kress Foundation

New York, NY

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 Newberry Library Fellowships in the Humanities

Chicago, IL

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 to two months and long-term fellowships of four to twelve months.
- Collection strengths include American History and Culture, American Indian and Indigenous Studies, Chicago and the Midwest, Genealogy and Local History, History of the Book, Manuscripts and Archives, Maps, Travel, and Exploration, Medieval, Renaissance, and Early Modern Studies, Music, Religion.
- Stipends range from \$2,500/month (short-term) to \$4,800/month (long-term).

Russell Sage Foundation

New York, NY

<http://www.russellsage.org/research/categories/requests-proposals>

- Funding for social science research, visiting researchers, and visiting scholarships.
- Visiting Scholar positions begin September 1st and ordinarily run through June 30th. Scholars are provided with an office at the Foundation, research assistance, computer and library facilities, and supplemental salary support of up to 50 percent of their academic year salary when unavailable from other sources (up to a maximum of \$125,000). Scholars who reside outside the greater New York City area are also provided with a partially-subsidized apartment near the Foundation offices.

Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation

Princeton, NJ

<http://woodrow.org/fellowships/>

- Geared at junior faculty with a “demonstrated commitment to eradicating racial disparities, breaking down stereotypes, and promoting cross-racial understanding in their university communities.”
- Aims to increase the presence of minority junior faculty and those underrepresented in the field of higher education.

The Smithsonian Institution Fellowship Program

Washington, DC

<http://www.smithsonianofi.com/fellowship-opportunities/>

- 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).
- Up to \$48,000 award, plus \$4,000 research stipend.
- Applicant must propose to conduct research in a discipline pursued at the Smithsonian.
- Deadline of Dec 1.