
Application Due Date(s) February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1 annually, beginning November 1, 2015, by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization. Applicants are encouraged to apply early to allow adequate time to make any corrections to errors found in the application during the submission process by the due date.

Applications for dissertation research grants must be responsive to AHRQ's mission, which is to produce evidence to make health care safer, higher quality, more accessible, equitable and affordable, and to work within HHS and with other partners to make sure that the evidence is understood and used. Within the mission, AHRQ's specific priority areas of focus are:

Improve health care quality by accelerating implementation of Patient Centered Outcomes Research (PCOR)
Make health care safer
Increase accessibility by evaluating expansions of insurance coverage
Improve health care affordability, efficiency and cost transparency

The research sponsored and conducted by the Agency develops and presents scientific evidence regarding all aspects of health care in the United States. It addresses issues of organization, delivery, financing, utilization, patient and provider behavior, outcomes, effectiveness and cost. It evaluates both clinical services and the system in which these services are provided. These scientific results improve the evidence base to enable better decisions about health care, including such areas as disease prevention, appropriate use of medical technologies, improving diagnosis and treatment in cost-effective ways, long-term care, and reducing disparities based on race, ethnicity, gender, or socioeconomic status. AHRQ welcomes any area of health services research relevant to AHRQ's priority areas as a dissertation project topic. AHRQ research priority areas are described at [http://www.ahrq.gov/funding/policies/foaguidance/index.html].

The direct costs awarded to a grant under this FOA will not exceed $40,000 for the entire project period, which must be a minimum of nine months and may not to exceed 17 months from the time of award. Facilities and Administrative (F&A) costs (i.e., overhead or indirect costs) are limited to 8% of modified total direct costs.

Allen Foundation Dec 31st annually

The connections between diet and health remain a basic and primary priority, and consideration has always been given to projects that benefit nutritional programs in the areas of education, training, and research. [https://www.allenfoundation.org/default.asp]
American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine Accepting Applications for Osteoarthritis Studies
Applications must be received no later than 1/1/16. The award notice will be made on or after 4/15/16, with a start date of 6/1/16.

Through the AOSSM/Sanofi Biosurgery Osteoarthritis grant program, AOSSM will award one grant of $50,000 to support either a clinical research study or a lab/basic science project. To be eligible, the project team must include at least one AOSSM member in good standing. The American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine, in partnership with Sanofi Biosurgery, is accepting applications from research projects related to early osteoarthritis and/or the prevention of OA progression. Preference will be given to studies that evaluate potential chondroprotective interventions in animal models of osteoarthritis. Projects need not relate specifically to sports injuries and should also have broad applicability to OA in the general population. Projects involving viscosupplementation will not be considered. Contact: Sue Serpico, email: sue@aossm.org. For more information see http://www.sportsmed.org/Research/Research_Grants/Grants/AOSSM_-_Sanofi_Biosurgery_Osteoarthritis_Grants/

American Respiratory Care Foundation: September 1st – December 31st annually

The ARCF provides research grants through three different programs as outlined below: http://www.arcfoundation.org/awards/

NBRC/AMP H. Frederic Helmholz, Jr., MD Educational Research Fund $5,000 annually, grant is directed towards processes and methodologies related to education and credentialing of respiratory care practitioners.

Parker B. Francis Respiratory Research Grant $10,000 annually, funds are available to provide financial assistance for research programs dealing with respiratory care and related topics.

Jerome M. Sullivan Research Fund $10,000 annually, fund was established to stimulate original research contributions by respiratory care practitioners to the body of knowledge comprising respiratory care.

Autism Speaks: Trailblazer Award Program up to $100,000, no deadline

The Trailblazer Award mechanism supports highly novel “out of the box” autism-relevant research that open new avenues to understanding the causes, diagnosis, subtyping, prevention, treatments, and cure of autism spectrum disorders. The Trailblazer Award mechanism is designed to fund small investigator-initiated high risk/high impact projects that are potentially transformative, paradigm shifting, and/or will overcome significant roadblocks in autism research within a 12 month period. https://www.autismspeaks.org/docs/sciencedocs/grants/trailblazer_rfa_2015.pdf

American Sleep Medicine Foundation Award amount is $20,000, due August 31st

Focused projects grant application Proposed projects can involve a wide variety of topics or problems relevant to sleep medicine and supportive of the broad mission of the ASMF to enhance sleep health for all through research, education and humanitarian aid. Focused Projects proposals can involve outcomes,
quality metrics or other aspects of health services research but are not limited to these topics. Small pilot research projects, humanitarian projects, or educational projects and other projects that do not fit under the larger Strategic Research Awards may be considered under this mechanism. Eligible applicants individuals such as physicians (MD, DO) or PhDs, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, or other allied health care workers and social workers. Awards made in response to successful applications from individuals will be made formally to the individual’s host institution rather than an individual.

Commonwealth Fund: rolling deadline applications accepted year-round

The Fund supports independent research on health and social issues and makes grants to improve health care practice and policy. We are dedicated to helping people become more informed about their health care and improving care for vulnerable populations such as children, the elderly, low-income families, minorities, and the uninsured.

- **Board Grants** - greater than $50,000 average award $200,000
- **Small Grants** - less than $50,000 average award $34,000

Episcopal Health Foundation: average $100,000 no deadline

The Episcopal Health Foundation works to spread the benefits of transformative practices throughout the Diocese by investing in innovative strategies that help communities and organizations address the variety of factors that contribute to healthy societies. Funding is limited to 57 counties served by Episcopal Diocese of Texas which includes Williamson, Travis and Bastrop counties. Priorities are to support comprehensive community-based primary care, increase access to health services, support mental health and wellness, enhance early childhood development, support capacity building, facilitate healthy planning, and strengthen collective impact.

Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation

Mission is improving public health through the advancement of education and training of health professionals. Please note that they have both a grants program and a faculty scholars program.

- **Board grants** $12,000 to over $300,000 with 95% being $100,000 or above.
- **Discretionary Presidential grants** $5,000 to $35,000 with 85% being $20,000 or above.

Goal is to help speed the adoption of programs, practices and policies across health and supportive sectors that address the conditions that promote the health of communities. We accept and review these proposals on an ongoing basis. There is no deadline.

*Developing Healthy Places* [http://kresge.org/programs/health/developing-healthy-places](http://kresge.org/programs/health/developing-healthy-places)

Funding opportunities are available in "healthy housing and neighborhoods" area for organizations working to address:

- Policies, systems change and communication to connect health and housing.
- Policies that promote healthy housing and mitigate the impacts of substandard housing.
- Innovative investments that connect community development, health and housing.


Funding opportunities are available in “Innovative population health programs and policies” area for organizations that:

- Take advantage of the opportunities within health reform to employ new models of shared resources and accountability for improving population health.
- Systematically incentivize and reward primary prevention – for example, by reinvesting downstream health care savings in effective community prevention.
- Share and use data from multiple sectors to inform strategies, measure progress and refine interventions.
- Have the potential to inform practice and policy more broadly.

*Kresge Foundation expect to launch a competitive request for proposals in healthy food systems area in the fall of 2015*


The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Investigator-Initiated Small Research Grant (R03) funding opportunity supports small research projects that can be carried out in a short period of time with limited resources. The R03 activity code supports different types of projects including pilot and feasibility studies; secondary analysis of existing data; small, self-contained research projects; development of research methodology; and development of new research technology. [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/r03.htm](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/r03.htm)

National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI)
National Institute on Aging (NIA)
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA)
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)
National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB)
Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)
National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)
National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS)
National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)
National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS)

National Institute of Health (NIH) Testing Interventions for Health-Enhancing Physical Activity (R01) PAR-14-315 February 5, 2016; October 5, 2016; June 5, 2017

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to fund highly innovative and promising research that tests multi-level intervention programs of 1 to 2 years in length that are designed to increase health-enhancing physical activity: 1) in persons or groups that can benefit from such activity; and 2) that could be made scalable and sustainable for broad use across the nation. This FOA provides support for up to 5 years for research planning, intervention delivery, and follow-up activities. [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-14-315.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-14-315.html)

Retirement Research Foundation: August 1st

The Retirement Research Foundation is one of the first private foundations in the nation devoted exclusively to aging and retirement issues. RRF’s Responsive Grants program supports projects in the following four major areas: advocacy, direct service, professional education and training and research. [http://www.rrf.org/grants/responsive-grants](http://www.rrf.org/grants/responsive-grants)

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Evidence for Action: Investigator-Initiated Research to Build a Culture of Health, Open Call for Proposals June 1, 2015 through May 30, 2018, no deadline

A national program of RWJF that supports the Foundation’s commitment to building a Culture of Health in the United States. The program aims to provide individuals, organizations, communities, policymakers, and researchers with the empirical evidence needed to address the key determinants of health encompassed in the Culture of Health Action Framework. In addition, "Evidence for Action" will also support efforts to assess outcomes and set priorities for action. It will do this by encouraging and supporting creative, rigorous research on the impact of innovative programs, policies and partnerships on health and well-being, and on novel approaches to measuring health determinants and outcomes. [http://www.rwjf.org/en/library/funding-opportunities/2015/evidence-for-action-investigator-initiated-research-to-build-a-culture-of-health.html](http://www.rwjf.org/en/library/funding-opportunities/2015/evidence-for-action-investigator-initiated-research-to-build-a-culture-of-health.html)
Spencer Foundation

The Foundation believes that cultivating knowledge and new ideas about education will ultimately improve students’ lives and enrich society. The Foundation pursues its mission by awarding research grants and fellowships and by strengthening the connections among education research, policy and practice through its communications and networking activities. [http://www.spencer.org/](http://www.spencer.org/)

*Small grants program* is organized under four areas of inquiry that identify broad topics we believe have fundamental and abiding importance for educational improvement. $50,000 or less, due Aug 20th

- Organizational Learning in Schools, School Systems, and Higher Education Systems
- Purposes and Values of Education
- Teaching, Learning & Instructional Resources
- The Relation Between Education & Social Opportunity

*Lyle Spencer Research Awards: Advancing Understanding of Education Practice and Its Improvement* up to $1,000,000 Letter of Intent due 4 pm, October 12th

**Texas Physical Therapy Foundation**: $5,000 August 15th annually

The primary purpose of the Foundation is to provide funding for clinical and educational research. Projects designed to advance the practice of physical therapy by determining the efficacy or effectiveness of specific therapeutic approaches will be given priority. All submissions must include a statement clearly describing how the proposed project will impact physical therapy clinical practice. [http://www.tpta.org/?page=TPTF_Grants](http://www.tpta.org/?page=TPTF_Grants)

Want to know more about funded research at Texas State University, but don’t know where to begin?

Contact me, Michele Dziadik-Willingham, MPA Research Coordinator in the College of Health Professions before beginning the grant process on these or any other grant opportunities. I am happy to walk you through internal University policies and procedures, as well as external funder requirements.

Thank you,

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