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THE RITA ALLEN FOUNDATION

http://www.ampainsoc.org/awards/rita_allen.htm

Deadline: January 17, 2011

Range of Grants: \$50,000 annually, for a period of up to three years

Background:

The Rita Allen Foundation was established in 1953. Rita Allen Cassel died in 1969 and left a substantial portion of her estate to the Foundation. She directed that the funds be used to advance medical research. It was from these beginnings, that the Foundation established the Rita Allen Foundation Scholars program which has supported more than one hundred scientists over the last thirty years. Many of these scholars have made important advances in medical research.

The Mission of the Rita Allen Foundation is to promote the Common Good. The major concentration is in medical research and treatment. In a rapidly changing world, the Foundation intends to be flexible enough to respond to unique challenges, ideas and projects that lie beyond identified program areas. These might include unproven projects having above average risk with groundbreaking possibilities where there is little other support.

Opportunity:

The Rita Allen Foundation and the American Pain Society announce a call for applications for the 2011 *Rita Allen Foundation Award in Pain*. Proposed research projects should be directed towards the molecular biology of pain and/or basic science topics related to the development of new analgesics for the management of pain due to terminal illness.

Please note:

Candidates must have completed their training and provided persuasive evidence of distinguished achievement or extraordinary promise in basic science research in pain. Candidates should be in the early stages of their career with an appointment at faculty level.

THE AVON FOUNDATION FOR WOMEN

<http://www.avonfoundation.org/funding-and-grants/safety-net-hospital-grants-program.html>

Deadline: Initial Approach Letter of Intent

Cycle 1 LOI deadline January 21, 2011

Cycle 2 LOI deadline: May 6, 2011

Range of Grants: \$150,000 (\$300,000 max over 2 years)

Background:

The Avon Foundation, the largest corporate philanthropy dedicated to women's causes globally, has been improving and saving women's lives since it was founded in 1955. Today the mission is focused on breast cancer and domestic violence, as well as emergency and disaster relief, touching lives across the country and around the world. Through 2010, Avon global philanthropy has raised and donated more than \$800 million worldwide.

Opportunity:

The Avon Foundation for Women continues to seek new preventive strategies to address the growing number of breast cancer cases around the globe. To develop new strategies to prevent breast cancer understanding is needed in the causes of breast cancer in women, changes in breast cells that give rise to cancer, markers for disease, and how breast cancer progresses. The 2011 Avon Foundation Research Program seeks proposals in these areas to advance understanding of causes of breast cancer and prevention.

Priority Areas:

- Understanding the potential causes of breast cancer and research to develop new preventative strategies
- Understanding the role of endogenous and exogenous environmental factors in the development of breast cancer
- Understanding whether viruses or infectious agents play a role in breast cancer
- Validation of markers/biomarkers of breast cancer risk or that signal different breast states such as parous vs. nulliparous breast (Note: no support for discovery research. Funds are directed towards validation, translation or clinical application of markers)
- Development of clinically applicable assays or diagnostic tests that are predictive of breast cancer risk or that can be used to monitor changes in breast over time (for example, differentiating healthy breast vs. ADH vs. DCIS vs. IDC)
- Understanding how parity and breastfeeding alter breast cancer risk

Please note:

Applications involving multiple institutions or collaborators in need of a higher level of funding may contact the Avon Foundation to inquire whether an increased amount may be requested.

BAXTER BIOSCIENCE

http://www.baxterbiosciencegrants.com/research_grants.html

Deadline: Initial approach: Proposal Application

Quarterly deadlines: March, June, September, December

Range of Grants: \$5,000 to \$125,000

Background:

The Baxter BioScience Grants program was created as part of Baxter's commitment to meeting the needs of a diverse patient population. Focusing on the patient as a priority, the program is designed to support novel therapeutic discoveries. In 2009 the Baxter BioScience Grants program awarded more than \$6 million in grants supporting investigator-initiated research and other scientific initiatives.

The Baxter BioScience Grants program encourages investigators and other requestors to submit applications for funding to help expand the body of scientific knowledge to benefit healthcare practitioners and their patients worldwide.

The Baxter BioScience Grants program areas of interest are constantly evolving; potential applicants with additional questions are encouraged to contact a member of the Baxter Global Clinical and Medical Affairs staff to discuss the grant program initiatives. <https://webforms.baxterbioscience.com/baxtercatalyst/contact.jspa>

Opportunity:

Currently supporting research in the following areas:

- Immunology
- Neurology
- Hematology
- BioSurgery
- Pulmonology
- Cellular Therapy / Regenerative Medicine

Please note:

Research grants approved by the BioScience Review Committee typically range from \$5,000 to \$125,000; requests exceeding this amount must demonstrate exceptional qualities and address critically important medical issues.

KESSLER FOUNDATION

Signature Employment Grant

http://www.kesslerfoundation.org/sig_employ.php

Deadline: Initial approach Concept Application due February 18, 2011

Range of Grants: Yearly funding ranges from \$100,000 - \$250,000, with maximum project funding at \$500,000.

Background:

Kessler Foundation is a public charity dedicated to improving the lives of people with physical and cognitive disabilities caused by stroke, multiple sclerosis, injuries to the brain and spinal cord, and other chronic conditions.

Kessler Foundation bears the name of Dr. Henry H. Kessler, an orthopedist who founded Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation in 1948 to provide comprehensive rehabilitation for people with physical disabilities and help them achieve maximum independence. Today, the rehabilitation research and community employment programs of Kessler Foundation continue Dr. Kessler's legacy.

Kessler Foundation maintains its charitable mission; Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation, the largest and most comprehensive hospital for medical rehabilitation in New Jersey, now operates as a for-profit institution.

Kessler Foundation strives to improve the lives of people with physical disabilities. Over the past decade, Kessler Foundation has invested almost \$50 million in the work of its Research Center, where investigators develop ways to help people with disabilities overcome obstacles to leading full and productive lives in our communities.

The Foundation's approach is twofold - supporting rehabilitation through the Kessler Foundation Research Center and preparing individuals for the workplace through the Kessler Program Center. Through its Research Center, the Foundation achieves steady scientific gains in ways to improve physical rehabilitation. Through its Program Center, the Foundation provides support that ensures vocational training and placement opportunities for people with disabilities in our communities.

Opportunity:

Signature Employment Grants seek to fund cutting-edge, non-traditional solutions and/or social ventures that increase employment outcomes for individuals with disabilities. These may include new pilot initiatives or demonstration projects or other social ventures that are innovative and lead to the generation of new ideas to solve unemployment. It is necessary that at least 65% of the grant target population be individuals with mobility disabilities or cognitive impairments primarily from neurological disorders

Projects must be collaborative, serve a large geographic area and include multiple funding partners and stakeholders. In addition, initiatives or projects must have the potential for growth, scalability or replication. Preference will be given for interventions that overcome specific employment barriers related to long-term dependence on public assistance, advance competitive employment in a cost effective manner, launch a micro-enterprise, social or individual entrepreneurship project.

Please note:

After determining your project fits Kessler Foundation grant guidelines and receiving departmental approval, you may submit your Concept Application for preliminary review via online application system accessed at: https://www.grantrequest.com/SID_072?SA=SNA&FID=35004

THE RUSSELL SAGE FOUNDATION

<http://www.russellsage.org/research>

Deadline: Initial approach Letter of Inquiry

Range of Grants: \$35,000 and \$500,000

Background:

One of the oldest American foundations, the Russell Sage Foundation was established by Mrs. Margaret Olivia Sage in 1907 for "the improvement of social and living conditions in the United States." In its early years the Foundation undertook major projects in low-income housing, urban planning, social work, and labor reform. The Foundation now dedicates itself exclusively to strengthening the methods, data, and theoretical core of the social sciences as a means of diagnosing social problems and improving social policies.

The Russell Sage Foundation is dedicated to strengthening the social sciences as a means of achieving more informed and rational social policy. The Foundation's agenda includes research on the causes and consequences of various social problems, as well as basic research aimed at improving the methods, data, and theoretical foundation of social science.

Opportunity:

The Foundation currently pursues five principal programs:

- **Future of Work** - concerned principally with the causes and consequences of changes in the quality of low-wage work in the United States and other advanced economies.
- **Current U.S. Immigration** - aimed at discovering how well immigrants and their children are adapting socially, politically, and economically to life in the United States, particularly as they move beyond the traditional immigrant gateway cities.
- **Cultural Contact** - concerned with understanding and improving relationships between racial and ethnic groups in schools, workplaces, neighborhoods, and other key institutional settings.
- **Social Inequality** - focused on the social effects of rising economic inequality, with particular attention to the ways in which the U.S. political and educational systems have responded to growing economic disparities.
- **Behavioral Economics** which incorporates the insights of psychology and other social sciences into the study of economic behavior.

Please note:

Unless otherwise specified in the request for proposals in a particular research competition, the deadline for submissions to the November funding round is mid-August, and to the June round is mid-March.

NEXT STEPS

- 1. Determine if the prospect is a good fit for your project by reading the information provided and visiting the organization's website.**
 - 2. Complete the attached Project Concept Form.**
 - 3. E-mail the Project Concept Form to Sharon Hamilton, CFR Director at hamiltons@ecu.edu or Patricia Reidinger, CFR Associate Director at reidingerp@ecu.edu.**
- We will contact you to discuss your project in detail and assist you with the proposal development process.**

The G.I.F.T. Center

Grant Information – Funding for Tomorrow

ARE YOU SEARCHING FOR A FUNDER FOR YOUR PROJECT? MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO EXPLORE THE G.I.F.T. CENTER.

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The G.I.F.T. Center is located in the Greenville Centre. Appointments are required. Please call Tricia Reidinger at 737-1820 or email reidingerp@ecu.edu to schedule a convenient time for individual instruction.

We look forward to working with you! 

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