



Change has a considerable psychological impact on the human mind.

To the fearful it is threatening because it means that things may get worse.

To the hopeful it is encouraging because things may get better.

To the confident it is inspiring because the challenge exists to make things better.

~ King Whitney Jr. ~

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BLUE MOON FUND

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

Range of Grants: \$10,000 to \$200,000

Deadline(s): Rolling (Board meets in April & November)

Blue Moon Fund makes grants to nonprofit organizations that have developed innovative, holistic approaches to improving human quality of life in harmony with the natural world. Blue Moon Fund programs explore new cultural and economic approaches to resource use, energy use, and urban development. The fund's three program areas are closely interrelated: all motivated by the goal of improving human quality of life in harmony with the natural world.

♣ **Rethinking Consumption and Energy**
This initiative is aimed at developing environmental-friendly, efficient, and economically competitive transportation and energy choices worldwide. The driver behind this program is climate change, which is on course to radically alter both human quality of life and the natural environment. Reversing this course will require financial and political commitments to technologies that reduce emissions and offer alternatives to fossil-fuel based economies.

♣ **Balancing Human and Natural Ecosystems**
This initiative promotes new economic and culture approaches to reducing resource pressure and preserving biodiversity. Blue Moon Fund is primarily concerned with the value of diverse ecosystems for human quality of life. The fund seeks economically sustainable development models that do not displace humans and that take advantage of market forces.

♣ **Reenergizing Urban Communities**
This initiative is based on the belief that underpinning vibrant and resilient cities is their capacity to self-organize in ways that maximize the economic, cultural, environmental and spiritual benefits of urban life. Self-organization generates social and economic capital, empowers citizens, and is inherently holistic and sustainable.

As a first step, Blue Moon accepts letters of inquiry (LOIs) through its [online system](#). The LOI is used to gauge the fit of your organization and project with the fund's mission and initiatives. If it is determined that your project might fit the funding portfolio a Blue Moon staff person will contact you and you may be invited to submit a full proposal. Please read the descriptions of Blue Moon's three major [initiatives](#) as well as peruse [past grants](#) before submitting an LOI.

THE HILDA AND PRESTON DAVIS FOUNDATION

<http://www.hp Davis.org/fellowship.htm>

Range of Grants: \$43,000 to \$63,000

Deadline(s): April 2, 2009 (12:00 Noon Eastern Time)

The Hilda and Preston Davis Foundation is pleased to launch its Post-doctoral Fellowship Program in Eating Disorders Research. By attracting young scientists to the field, each fellowship may lead to a lifetime career contribution to understanding the biological causes of eating disorders. The long term goal of the program is to accelerate medical research discoveries that will lead to improved therapies for anorexia nervosa and bulimia nervosa.

Research areas of interest include but are not limited to neural pathways of feeding behavior in animal models; molecular genetic analysis of relevant neural circuit assembly and function; testing of new chemical compounds that might be used in animal models as experimental treatments; and brain imaging technologies that identify neurochemical pathways in patients with these disorders. Clinical psychotherapeutic studies, medication trials and obesity research are currently outside the scope of this Program.

Up to ten, three-year fellowships ranging from \$43,000 to \$63,000 per year, inclusive of a \$3,000 expense allowance will be awarded to fellows who have completed no more than three years of postdoctoral research training as of the funding start date. The awards will support postdoctoral fellows working in nonprofit academic or research institutions in the United States.

Application Guidelines, Instructions and a link to online submission are available at: www.tmfnet.org/grantmake.html#davis

THE FOOD ALLERGY & ANAPHYLAXIS NETWORK

<http://www.foodallergy.org/Research/grantapplication.html>

Range of Grants: \$50,000 to \$150,000

Deadline(s): Letter of Inquiry due May 6, 2009

The Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network (FAAN) is accepting Letters of Intent for their competitive grants program, which focuses on the Epidemiology, Etiology, Treatment, and Prevention of Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis.

This grant program is open to investigators all over the world. Investigators in the United States must have an M.D. and/or Ph.D. Investigators outside the United States must have the equivalent. Competitive applicants have a proven track record of research experience.

The Letter of Intent should be a two-page description of the proposed project and should include an explanation of its relevance to the grant program and its goals, the facilities available, and the amount of funds required. A curriculum vita is also required.

Although proposals involving basic or clinical research are accepted, applications that will lead to an immediate or potential impact on the healthcare of persons with IgE-mediated food allergy are especially encouraged.

For questions regarding research programs, eligibility, and policies, and terms and conditions, [send an e-mail](#) to FAAN's director of research.

THE MARCH OF DIMES

http://www.marchofdimes.com/professionals/691_14434.asp

Range of Grants: Average \$94,728

Deadline(s): Letter of Inquiry online submission must be completed by April 30, 2009. Candidates will be notified no later than July 15, 2009, and those who are invited to apply will have to do so beginning September 15, 2009.

The March of Dimes invites all qualified scientists with faculty appointments or the equivalent, at universities, hospitals and research institutions, to submit applications for research grants directed at the prevention of birth defects. Research subjects appropriate for support by the March of Dimes include basic biological processes governing development, genetics, clinical studies, studies of reproductive health, environmental toxicology, and social and behavioral studies.

Potential applicants should submit electronically the required administrative information and a Letter of Intent addressed to the Senior Vice President for Research and Global Programs summarizing the proposed studies via our online system at [HTTP://RESEARCHGRANTS.MARCHOFDIMES.COM/LOI](http://RESEARCHGRANTS.MARCHOFDIMES.COM/LOI). The online process must be completed by April 30, 2009.

These grants do not cover the recipient's or other faculty salaries, but do provide salary support for technical help. The grants are awarded for a three-year period. Funding will be initiated on June 1, 2010.

The March of Dimes defines a birth defect as any abnormality of structure or function, whether inherited or acquired in utero and presenting in infancy or early childhood. Deviations from reproductive health of women and men as an underlying basis of birth defects, i.e. preconceptional events, perinatal cause, and premature births, are appropriate subjects for research support. (The March of Dimes does not accept applications dealing with infertility.)

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME Invites Letters of Inquiry for Research on Generosity

<http://generosityresearch.nd.edu/>

Range of Grants: \$250,000 to \$500,000

Deadline(s): 3-page [letter of inquiry](#) April 1, 2009; if invited. full proposals must be postmarked no later than **September 1, 2009**

With support from the [John Templeton Foundation](#), the [University of Notre Dame](#) has announced a \$3 million project on the Science of Generosity.

The aim of the Science of Generosity initiative is to stimulate scientific research on the practice of generosity in human life and society. The initiative is particularly focused on improving the understanding of three key aspects of generosity: the sources, origins, and causes of generosity; the variety of manifestations and expressions of generosity; and the consequences of generosity for both the givers and receivers involved. The program invites inquiries from scholars worldwide who propose to focus research on any one of these aspects of generosity or investigate more than one aspect and the linkages between them.

Proposed projects may involve but are not limited to scholars in the disciplines of economics, behavioral and financial, and finance, sociology, psychology, anthropology, political science, social psychology, family and developmental studies, geography, law, education, communication and cultural studies, religious studies, and sociobiology. Proposals may be either discipline-specific or inter-disciplinary and may come from scholars with expertise in generosity research or those new to the field.

Four to eight grants of between \$250,000 and \$500,000 each will be awarded during the initiative's first grant competition in 2009.

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 and Patricia Reidinger, CFR Associate Director at reidingerp@ecu.edu.

We will contact you to arrange a strategy meeting to discuss your project in detail and assist you with the proposal development process.

The G.I.F.T. Center

Grants Information – Funding for Tomorrow

**Are you searching for a funder for your project?
Make an appointment to explore the G.I.F.T. Center.**

The mission of the G.I.F.T. Center is to provide access to research, training, and editing services to support and enhance the efforts of ECU faculty and staff members in obtaining corporate, foundation and other non-governmental grants.

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.

Please forward this issue of CFR Connections to colleagues who may be interested in pursuing the grant opportunities listed above.

NOTE: If you would like to be removed from this e-mail list, please reply to reidingerp@ecu.edu with the words "remove from list" in the subject line.

If you know of someone who should be added to this e-mail list, please reply to reidingerp@ecu.edu with the words "add to list" in the subject line.

