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Johnson & Johnson	STEM	WISTEM2D Scholars Program	9/9/2020		\$150,000		Johnson & Johnson's WISTEM ² D Scholars Award (is an award to support women pursuing research in STEM ² D (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, Manufacturing & Design). WISTEM ² D Scholars Award aims to fuel the development of female STEM ² D leaders and feed the STEM ² D talent pipeline by awarding and sponsoring women at critical points in their research careers, in each of the STEM ² D disciplines.	This is a limited submission; see adjacent link for full details on how to apply	https://wayne.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1822219
Pfizer and the American Cancer Society	Health	Addressing Racial Disparities in Cancer Care	9/10/2020		\$400,000	2-year grant period	The intent of this grant program is to support quality improvement projects that reduce systemic barriers and address disparities in the delivery of cancer care impacting outcomes for Black men and women facing cancer.	Online Application	https://pfe-pfizercom-d8-prod.s3.amazonaws.com/2020-07/GMG_2020-Oncology_ACSAddressingRacialDisparitiesCancerCare.pdf?x=el46Y6YRMCCk5TBWf.6xk3ZM6Rpb90F
W.T. Grant Foundation		Institutional Challenge Grant	9/10/2020		\$650,000	3-year grant period	The Institutional Challenge Grant program supports university-based research institutes, schools, and centers in building sustained research-practice partnerships with public agencies or nonprofit organizations. The foundation invites applications from partnerships in youth-serving areas such as education, justice, child welfare, mental health, immigration, and workforce development for proposals that address four goals: build a sustained institutional partnership with a public agency or nonprofit organization that serves young people ages 5-25 in the United States; pursue a joint research agenda to reduce inequality in youth outcomes; create institutional change within the research institution to value the partnership and its work; and develop the capacity of the partners to collaborate on producing and using research evidence. Teams with African-American, Latinx, Native American, and Asian-American members in leadership roles are encouraged to apply. Must coordinate with Foundation Relations.	Online Application	http://wtgrantfoundation.org/grants/institutional-challenge-grant
Thrasher Research Foundation	Health	Early Career Award Program	9/15/2020		\$25,000	Concept paper only; full proposal dues 10/6/20	The Fund recognizes that young investigators may find it difficult to remain in pediatric research because of a lack of funding. Therefore, the purpose of this program is to encourage the development of medical research in child health by awarding small grants to new researchers, helping them gain a foothold in this important area. The goal is to fund applicants who will go on to be independent investigators.	Online Application	https://www.thrasherresearch.org/early-career-award?lang=eng
Sony	Engineering/Computer Science	Faculty Innovation Awards	9/15/2020		\$100,000		Through its Research Award Program, Sony supports pioneering research with potential to drive new technologies, industries, and the future. With the goal of accelerating the development of new ideas, the company seeks to partner with universities to cultivate concepts and fertilize its own R&D efforts. This announcement supports research in information technology, devices and materials, and biomedical and life sciences.	Online Application	https://www.sony.com/electronics/research-award-program#FacultyInnovationAward
American Society for Suicide Prevention	Mental Health	Linked Standard Research Innovation Grants	9/15/2020	\$225,000	\$450,000	LOI only; Grants are generally made for a period of two years, with the second year of funding contingent upon the first year's performance	All AFSP research grants are designed to support research on suicide from a variety of disciplines including psychiatry, medicine, psychology, genetics, epidemiology, neurobiology, sociology, nursing, health services administration, social work, and many others. Grants are not intended to support the development or implementation of prevention programs, educational programs, treatments, or other interventions that do not have a significant research component.	Emailed LOI	https://www.datocms-assets.com/12810/1595870314-linked-standard-research-policy-2020.pdf
Facebook Research	Social Science and Computer Science	People's Expectations and Experiences with Digital Privacy request for proposals	9/16/2020		\$100,000		Facebook is looking to expand their knowledgebase regarding the privacy expectations and experiences of their globally diverse user base, and use this to inform privacy-first products, inclusive privacy policies, and internal privacy practices. They are looking for diverse research perspectives in the social sciences, and even include communications as one of their target areas. Must coordinate with Corporate Relations.	Online Application	https://research.fb.com/programs/research-awards/proposals/peoples-expectations-and-experiences-with-digital-privacy-request-for-proposals/

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Nutricia Research Foundation	Health	Research Grants	9/16/2020		\$30,000	1-year grant period	The basic activity of the Foundation to fulfil its mission is supplying grants for nutrition related research projects to young investigators.	Online Application	https://www.nutriciaresearch-foundation.org/research-grants-awards/
Pfizer / Eli Lilly	Health	Global Awards for Advancing Chronic Pain Research (ADVANCE)	9/15/2020	\$50,000	\$200,000		Grant will support innovative, novel research proposals that seek to advance the understanding and management of chronic pain related to osteoarthritis (OA) and chronic pain associated with OA. Must coordinate with Corporate Relations.	Online Application	https://www.advanceresearchawards-chronicpain.com/
Schmidt Futures	Education/COVID-19	Futures Forum on Learning - Tools Competition	9/18/2020		\$250,000	Concept paper only; full proposal dues 10/26/20	The Futures Forum on Learning: Tools Competition invites applicants to propose a tool, technology, platform, or research project that can accelerate recovery from COVID-19-related learning loss for students between grades K-12, and advance the field of learning engineering.	Online Application	https://futuresforumonline.org/tools-competition/
Greenwall Foundation	Health	Bioethics Faculty Scholars Program	9/21/2020		\$600,000	LOI only; full proposal due 1/11/21	The Greenwall Faculty Scholars Program supports research that goes beyond current work in bioethics to address pressing ethical issues and helps create a community focused on enhancing future bioethics research by scholars and alumni/ae. Expected to attend twice-yearly meetings where they present their works in progress, receive feedback and mentoring from the Faculty Scholars Program Committee and other scholars and alumni/ae, and have the opportunity to develop collaborations with other researchers.	Online Application	https://greenwall.org/faculty-scholars-program/scholars-rfp-2020-1
Pivotal Ventures		Equality Can't Wait Challenge	9/22/2020	\$100,000	\$1,000,000	Must register by September 1, applications due September 22	Pivotal Ventures, Melinda Gates' investment and incubation company, with additional support from MacKenzie Scott and the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation, is launching the Equality Can't Wait Challenge, which will award \$40 million to help expand women's power and influence in the United States by 2030. Grants will be awarded to the organizations or coalitions of organizations with the most compelling proposals. Must coordinate with Foundation Relations.	Online application	https://www.equalitycantwaitchallenge.org/
Duke University Center for the Advancement of Social Entrepreneurship	Social Entrepreneurship	Unrestricted Prize for Scaling Impact Enterprises	9/30/2020		\$100,000		The award is open to all impact enterprises, working anywhere in the world, that meet the following criteria: is able to demonstrate strong evidence of impact over at least three years and has a plan for how to use the prize to scale that impact in the next three to five years; has a robust non-discrimination policy that protects against discrimination on the basis of marginalized identities (e.g., race, gender, sexual orientation, ability status, etc.), and has exemplary leadership that aligns with the core values of Fred Morgan Kirby, including integrity, resourcefulness, resilience, meaningful collaboration and diversity.	Online Application	https://centers.fuqua.duke.edu/case/practitioners/f-m-kirby-impact-prize/
American Fund for Alternatives to Animal Research	Health/Biology	Fellowship Grant for Alternatives to Animal Research in Human Health or Sex Differences	10/1/2020		\$40,000	1-year grant period with possibility of renewal	The American Fund for Alternatives to Animal Research (AFAAR) offers a postdoctoral fellowship grant to a woman interested in developing, validating, or using alternatives to animal methods in the investigation of human health or sex differences.	Email Application	http://alternativestoanimalresearch.org/afaar/programs
Constellation Energy	Environment/Technology	E2 Energy to Educate Grants	10/1/2020		\$50,000		Grant supports projects designed to enhance college students' understanding of science and technology, and inspire them to think differently about energy. Projects should encourage 100 or more students to problem-solve today's and tomorrow's energy challenges along the following innovation themes: 1) smart home; 2) electrification; and clean energy & zero waste. Must coordinate with Corporate Relations.	Online Application	https://www.constellation.com/community/e2-energy-to-educate.html

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Microsoft	Computer Science	AI for Earth: Azure Credits for Research	10/5/2020		\$15,000	No cash grants, for Azure use credits only	AI for Earth grants provide access to Microsoft resources to support projects that change the way people and organizations monitor, model, and manage Earth's natural systems. Must coordinate with Corporate Relations.	Online Application	https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/ai/ai-for-earth-grants#primaryR7
Impact Fund	Law	Grants Program	10/6/2020	\$10,000	\$50,000		We fund civil rights, human rights, anti-poverty, and environmental justice cases that will affect a marginalized group. Most of our grants are for class actions, but we also fund multi-plaintiff and environmental justice cases that aim to significantly affect a larger system. Impact Fund grants may be used for out-of-pocket litigation expenses such as expert fees and discovery costs, but not for attorney's fees, staff, or other overhead.	Online Application	https://www.impactfund.org/legal-grants/application-requirements
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	Health	Community Solutions for Health Equity	10/7/2020		\$300,000	LOI only; full proposal due 1/18/21; 3-year grant period	Community Solutions for Health Equity is a program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) launched in the summer of 2019. It is focused on elevating the voices of communities of color and other communities left out of discussions when local health care systems in the United States are creating policy. Racism and bias are often at the root of communities of color and other communities being excluded from policy considerations, often by design. This program attempts to address those issues directly: by supporting communities to identify a problem that negatively affects consumers; envision solutions; and partner with health care systems to implement them. Must coordinate with Foundation Relations.	Online Application	https://www.rwjf.org/content/rwjf/en/library/funding-opportunities/2020/community-solutions-for-health-equity.html?rid=0034400001z19ngAA&et_cid=2184662
Amazon Research	Computer Science	Amazon Research Awards	10/11/2020		\$80,000	Award also includes \$20k - \$100k in AWS Promotional Credits, depending upon area of focus	The Amazon Research Awards (ARA) program was founded to fund research in areas that support our mission to advance customer-obsessed science. Funds are available for research in: AI for Information Security, Alexa Fairness in AI, AWS AI, AWS Automated Reasoning, and Robotics. Must coordinate with Corporate Relations.	Online Application	https://www.amazon.science/research-awards/call-for-proposals
American Cancer Society	Health	RFA: The Role of Health Policy and Health Insurance in Improving Access to and Performance of Cancer Prevention, Early Detection, and Treatment Services	10/15/2020	\$200,000	\$1,000,000	2-4 year grant period; Health equity focused applications may propose a project period of up to 5 years if the study involves mixed methods utilizing both primary data and secondary collection to obtain qualitative and quantitative data	Research to be funded by this RFA should focus on the changes in national, state, and/or local policy and the response to these changes by healthcare systems, insurers, payers, communities, practices, and patients. The association is keenly interested in supporting rapid learning research to study the effects of health policy changes on patients, providers, and health systems.	Online Application	https://www.cancer.org/content/dam/cancer-org/research/extramural-grants-documents/research-scholar-grants-policies-and-instructions.pdf
Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation	Various	National Grants	10/15/2020	\$10,000	\$225,000	Preference is given to projects that involve Mitsubishi Electric Employee Volunteers	Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation supports innovative projects that help youth with disabilities develop the leadership and employment skills they need to succeed, particularly for careers in science, technology, engineering, arts & design, and mathematics (STEAM). MEAF will also consider projects to create tools that help break down barriers to employment and increase job opportunities for young people with disabilities entering the workforce, including returning veterans with disabilities.	Online Application	https://us.mitsubishielectric.com/en/about/local/csr/meaf/grant/guidelines/index.html

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National Geographic	Science	AI FOR EARTH INNOVATION	10/21/2020	\$5,000	\$100,000	One-year grants	The National Geographic Society and Microsoft's AI for Earth program are partnering to support novel projects that create and deploy AI tools to improve the way we monitor, model, understand, and ultimately manage Earth's natural resources for a more sustainable future.	Online Application	https://www.nationalgeographic.org/funding-opportunities/grants/what-we-fund/ai-earth-innovation/
Cancer Research Institute	Health	Postdoctoral Fellowship	11/1/2020		\$175,500	Applicants with 5 or more years of relevant postdoctoral experience at the time of award activation are not eligible, with the exception of M.D. applicants, who should not include years of residency in this calculation.	The CRI Irvington Postdoctoral Fellowship Program supports qualified young scientists at leading universities and research centers around the world who wish to receive training in fundamental immunology or cancer immunology. The Institute seeks hypothesis-driven, mechanistic studies in both immunology and tumor immunology. The applicant and sponsor should make every effort to demonstrate the potential of the proposed studies to directly impact our understanding of the immune system's role in cancer.	Online Application	http://www.cancerresearch.org/scientists/fellowship-grants/post-doctoral-fellows
Lalor Foundation	Health	Anna Lalor Burdick Program	11/1/2020	\$10,000	\$35,000		The Anna Lalor Burdick Program focuses on young women who have inadequate access to information regarding reproductive health, including the subjects of contraception and pregnancy termination, and as such may be particularly lacking options in their lives.	Online Application	http://lalorfound.org/anna-lalor-burdick-program/
Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, Inc.	Anthropology	Post-Ph.D. Research Grants	11/1/2020		\$20,000		The Foundation supports research that demonstrates a clear link to anthropological theory and debates, and promises to make a solid contribution to advancing these ideas. There is no preference for any methodology, research location, or subfield. The Foundation particularly welcomes proposals that employ a comparative perspective, can generate innovative approaches or ideas, and/or integrate two or more subfields.	Online Application	http://www.wennergren.org/programs/post-phd-research-grants
IBM Center for the Business of Government	Business	Research Report Stipends	11/2/2020		\$20,000		The Institute seeks hypothesis-driven, mechanistic studies in both immunology and tumor immunology. The applicant and sponsor should make every effort to demonstrate the potential of the proposed studies to directly impact our understanding of the immune system's role in cancer.	Online Application	http://www.businessofgovernment.org/node/2688
Russell Sage Foundation	Social Science and Computer Science	Future of Work; Immigration and Immigrant Integration; Ethnicity and Immigration; and Social, Political, and Economic Inequality	11/11/2020		\$50,000		The Russell Sage Foundation will continue to accept letters of inquiry relevant to any of RSF's core programs that address at least one of the following issues: Research on the Covid-19 pandemic and the resulting recession in the U.S. ; and research focused on systemic racial inequality and/or the recent mass protests in the U.S.	Online Application	https://www.russellsage.org/how-to-apply/application-deadlines#project

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The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research (MJFF)	Health	Development and Validation of Improved Outcome Measures	11/22/2020		\$750,000	1-2 year grant period; Preliminary proposal only; final proposal due 3/18/2021	This RFA seeks to support research to develop biomarker tools and clinical outcome measures. This could include imaging, clinical outcomes development, non-invasive/physiological, biochemical/'omic' biomarkers, or application of data science or informatics--all of which should ultimately inform clinical trial design and execution and interpretation of results	Online Application	https://www.michaeljfox.org/grant/development-and-validation-improved-outcome-measures?pn_cid=pn-a1b1R000008uUpB
McKnight Endowment Fund	Science	Neuroscience Technological Innovations in Neuroscience Award	12/2/2020		\$200,000	LOI only Invited proposals due April 27, 2020	The Award provides up to \$100,000 per year for two years. Each year, up to three awards are given. Funds may be used toward a variety of research activities but not the recipient's salary. The Endowment Fund is especially interested in how technology may be used or adapted to monitor, manipulate, analyze, or model brain function at any level, from the molecular to the entire organism. A goal of the Technological Innovations award is to foster collaboration between the neurosciences and other disciplines; therefore, collaborative and cross-disciplinary applications are explicitly invited.	Online Application	https://www.mcknight.org/programs/the-mcknight-endowment-fund-for-neuroscience/technology-awards/how-to-apply/
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	Health	Exploring the Future to Build a Culture of Health	Rolling		\$300,000	The average Pioneer grant in 2019 was \$315,031. Proposals will be accepted throughout the year on a rolling admission.	Pioneering Ideas: Exploring the Future to Build a Culture of Health seeks proposals that are primed to influence health equity in the future. We are interested in ideas that address any of these four areas of focus: Future of Evidence; Future of Social Interaction; Future of Food; Future of Work. Additionally, we welcome ideas that might fall outside of these four focus areas, but which offer unique approaches to advancing health equity and our progress toward a Culture of Health. Must coordinate with Foundation Relations.	Online Application	https://www.rwjf.org/en/library/funding-opportunities/2020/pioneering-ideas-2020-exploring-the-future-to-build-a-culture-of-health.html?rid=003250000271F4VQAW&et_cid=2046258
Omidyar	COVID-19	Economic Response Advocacy Fund	Rolling			Between now and the end of the year, Omidyar Network plans to award \$1.5 million to groups working to realign the nation's economic policies and systems so that they work better for everyone.	COVID-19 Economic Response Advocacy Fund will infuse 501(c)(4) funding into national, state, and local advocacy and organizing efforts aimed at passing economic stimulus to address the immediate toll of the COVID-19 pandemic on working people while reshaping economic structures to ensure they are less vulnerable in the future. Omidyar Network will continue to review applications and award 501(c)(4) funding to support advocacy response work on a rolling basis through the rest of the year, with a focus on direct advocacy efforts aimed at achieving policy or regulatory solutions at the national, state, or local level that protect and assist working people and small businesses now and establish new precedents that improve worker power and well-being in the future; digital organizing that reconfigures campaigns that can no longer be carried out in person due to the virus; and/or strategic communications, coordination, and narrative development efforts that bring like-minded organizations together to create a more unified voice calling for policy and regulatory changes at the national, state, or local level that result in a stronger economy. Must coordinate with Foundation Relations.	Online Application	https://www.omidyar.com/spotlight/omidyar-network%E2%80%99s-covid-19-economic-response-advocacy-fund-aims-help-working-families-now
Google	COVID-19	COVID-19 Research Grants	Rolling		Google Cloud Credits		They are offering COVID-19 Research Grants to fund companies, government agencies, non-profit organizations and academic institutions working on COVID-19 research. They also have Academic Research Grants for research grants unrelated to COVID-19 limited to faculty and PhD candidates from higher institutions.	Online Application	https://edu.google.com/programs/credits/research/?modal_active=none
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	Health	Evidence for Action: Investigator-Initiated Research to Build a Culture of Health	Rolling	\$185,000	\$440,000	Grant period is up to 36 months.	Supports rigorous, high-impact, creative research projects to build and disseminate information for evidence-based approaches to building a Culture of Health. The program will also support efforts to assess outcomes and set priorities for action 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. Must coordinate with Foundation Relations.	Online Application	https://anr.rwjf.org/viewCfp.do?cfpid=1224&cfpOverviewId=
Thrasher Research Foundation	Health	E.W. Al Thrasher Award	Rolling	\$100,000	\$500,000	Awards grants two times per year, with no fixed number of awards given in each funding cycle or in each year.	Funds to improve children's health through medical research, with an emphasis on projects that have the potential to translate into clinically meaningful results within a few years. Open to applications that address a variety of significant pediatric problems. Both incidence and severity are considered when determining the significance of the proposed topic.	Email LOI	https://www.thrasherresearch.org/SitePages/al-thrasher-award.aspx

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Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research	Health	Rapid Response Innovation Awards	Rolling		\$75,000		Supports innovative, high-risk, high-reward projects tackling critical scientific and therapeutic roadblocks that, if successful, open new avenues for PD therapy development. The program is well suited to projects with little-to-no existing preliminary data, but where hypothetical rationale is highly compelling and study results can make the case for continuing (or discontinuing) a line of research. Applicants may submit on any PD-relevant area of basic, preclinical and/or clinical research with a clear, achievable one-year goal.	Online Application	https://www.michaeljfox.org/research/grant-detail.php?id=3
Wish You Well Foundation	Education	Grant Program	Rolling	\$200	\$10,000		Supporting family literacy in the United States by fostering and promoting the development and expansion of new and existing literacy and educational programs.	Online or Mail Application	http://www.wishyouwellfoundation.org/apply-for-funding/
The Nathan Cummings Foundation	Science	Climate Program	Rolling	\$3,000	\$950,000		Supports promising work that addresses climate change by increasing access to modern energy for the world's poor; stabilizing greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a low level; and improving resilience for those most vulnerable to the negative consequences of climate variability and change.	Online Application	http://ncf.org/what-we-fund/our-focus/climate
The Commonwealth Fund	Health	Grant Program	Rolling		\$200,000	Strictly LOI submission. Proposals are invitation only. Award amount based on previous grants.	To promote a high performing healthcare system that achieves better access, improved quality, and greater efficiency, particularly for society's most vulnerable, including low-income people, the uninsured, minority Americans, young children, and elderly adults. Must coordinate with Foundation Relations.	Online Application	http://www.commonwealthfund.org/grants-and-fellowships/applicant-resources