Dear UTSOA Faculty,

We are pleased to provide you with these opportunities for research funding and grant support. Most have upcoming deadlines in fall 2015 and have been selected because of their direct applicability to School of Architecture faculty research interests. Funding is available for general FACULTY SUPPORT, including faculty fellowships, research and scholarship in ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN, research and scholarship in ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY & HISTORIC PRESERVATION, and LANDSCAPE, PLANNING, & POLICY research and practice. Also included are NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION and NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES grants applicable to sustainability studies. Major institutional grantmakers that accept LETTERS OF INQUIRY on a continuous basis and that appeal to all disciplines in UTSOA are listed near the end of the newsletter. Lastly, a few grants are listed under STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES.

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If you would like to pursue any of the opportunities below, if your research agenda has shifted or changed, or if you are seeking funding for a specific project, please use the Center for Sustainable Development as your grant-writing resource. Our staff has experience administering successful grants for a variety of different project types, as well as backgrounds in various research areas at the School of Architecture. In addition to the general funding opportunities detailed below, the CSD grant writing staff is also available to research funding opportunities specific to your current interests. We also can provide assistance with graphic development of your concepts for the purposes of persuading funders, as well as the publication of your research results.

For assistance researching a funding opportunity or submitting a proposal, please email Patrick Russell to schedule a time to discuss your project.

Additional information on finding funding, and grant related frequently asked questions is also available on the CSD website. Archives of past funding opportunity newsletters found at the bottom of this page.

NOTE ON LISTING OF GRANTS: under each category, grants are listed according to their chronological deadlines. That is, grants with the earliest deadlines are listed first. Grants with unspecified deadlines or rolling deadlines are listed last; grants issued on a first-come first-serve basis are listed first. The title of each grant is also a hyperlink to a webpage that can provide further details.

Sincerely,

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Associate Professor
Co-Director, Center for Sustainable Development
Faculty Support

**UT Special Research Grants**
Amount: up to $750  
Deadline: first-come, first-served basis starting Sept. 1, 2015

Special Research Grants (SRG) provide modest research support (up to $750) for specific projects of individual tenured and tenure-track faculty members. These grants are intended to cover unanticipated costs or special needs and should not be considered a means of supporting on-going projects. Funds for special research grants are provided by regental appropriation and are administered by the Office of the Vice President for Research. These grants are competitive and funding is limited; applications received earlier in the academic year will have a better chance of being funded.

**2015-2016 UT Austin Subvention Grants**
Amount: Up to $5,000  
Deadline: reviewed on first-come, first-served basis

The University of Texas at Austin Subvention Grants program, which provides a maximum award of $5,000, is designed to assist faculty authors in the publication of scholarly books. Frequently, university and other scholarly presses demand that authors provide funds to underwrite the publication of scholarly monographs and books. Subvention awards provide financial assistance to faculty members when departments and deans are unable to provide needed support. Funding for this program begins on Sept. 1 and continues during the academic year until funds are depleted; applications received earlier in the academic year will have a better chance of being funded.

**UT Austin Faculty Research Grants**
Amount: Up to $6,000  
Deadline: September 8, 2015

Research Grants (RG) are part of the organized research program of The University of Texas at Austin. They provide research support (up to $6,000) for specific projects of individual tenured and tenure-track faculty members. Research support for institutions, centers and organized research units is not available from this program.

**2016-2017 UT Austin Faculty Development Program**
Amount: Varies  

The Faculty Development Program is part of the organized research program of The University of Texas at Austin. It provides semester-length leaves for tenured faculty members, and summer session leaves for tenure-track assistant professors. Funds for the Faculty Development Program are appropriated by the The University of Texas Board of Regents, and are administered in the Office of the Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies.

FACULTY RESEARCH ASSIGNMENTS provide tenured faculty members with the equivalent of one semester's salary (based on their academic base rate during the year of the award) so that they can devote full time to research. Only tenured associate and full professors may apply for FRAs.

SUMMER RESEARCH ASSIGNMENTS provide tenure-track assistant professors with the equivalent of two months' salary (based on the academic base rate during the year of the award) to enable the recipient to concentrate on research and writing during the summer session. Only tenure-track assistant professors are eligible for these awards. Applications from others will be returned. Previous SRA awardees are eligible to apply again, but the likelihood of their obtaining a second award is greatly reduced.
**Humanities Texas Grants**
Amount: up to $1,500

Humanities Texas awards grants to nonprofit organizations and governmental entities to support a wide range of public programs: lectures, panel discussions, and conferences; teacher institutes; reading- and film-discussion groups; interpretive exhibits; television and radio programming; film production; and interactive multimedia programming.

**Guggenheim Fellowship**
Amount: Varies
Deadline: Sept. 18, 2015

Often characterized as "midcareer" awards, Guggenheim Fellowships are intended for men and women who have already demonstrated exceptional capacity for productive scholarship or exceptional creative ability in the arts. The Foundation receives between 3,500 and 4,000 applications each year. Although no one who applies is guaranteed success in the competition, there is no prescreening: all applications are reviewed. Approximately 200 Fellowships are awarded each year. During the rigorous selection process, applicants will first be pooled with others working in the same field, and examined by experts in that field: the work of artists will be reviewed by artists, that of scientists by scientists, that of historians by historians, and so on. The Foundation has a network of several hundred advisers, who either meet at the Foundation offices to look at applicants’ work, or receive application materials to read offsite. These advisers, all of whom are themselves former Guggenheim Fellows, then submit reports critiquing and ranking the applications in their respective fields. Their recommendations are then forwarded to and weighed by a Committee of Selection, which then determines the number of awards to be made in each area. Occasionally, no application in a given area is considered strong enough to merit a Fellowship.

**NEH Summer Stipend Grants**
Amount: $6,000 for two consecutive months of full-time research and writing
Deadline: Oct. 1, 2015

Summer Stipends support individuals pursuing advanced research that is of value to humanities scholars, general audiences, or both. Recipients usually produce articles, monographs, books, digital materials, archaeological site reports, translations, editions, or other scholarly resources. Summer Stipends support full-time continuous work on a humanities project for a period of two months. Summer Stipends support projects at any stage of development. For projects beginning May 2016.

**Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study Harvard University, Exploratory Seminar, 2016-2017**
Amount: up to $18,000 to support seminar

If you are a ladder faculty member or a current or former Radcliffe Institute fellow, we hope you will submit an application for an exploratory seminar so that we can support the development of your new research, ideas, and teaching. Exploratory seminars provide funding to bring together scholars, practitioners, and artists from Harvard University and around the world to develop ideas and research across the disciplines. Seminars are usually one or two days in length and are held at the Radcliffe Institute with all logistical arrangements handled by Radcliffe staff. We do not fund larger, more formal meetings like conferences under this program. Exploratory seminars are not public events.

**Loeb Fellowship**
Amount: housing, travel, and $50,000 stipend (10 months)
Deadline: January 5, 2016

Loeb Fellows use words like these to describe their unique experience at Harvard’s Graduate School of Design. The Fellows represent the broadest spectrum of accomplished design practitioners from countries around the world. In the middle of promising careers shaping the built and natural environment, they step away from their hectic professional lives. For one academic year, they take classes at the GSD and throughout Harvard’s vast network of professional and academic schools. They read, write, talk with professors, mentor students and expand their horizons. Their goals: to become better at their craft, to strengthen their leadership skills, and to change the world with their unique perspectives.
**UT Hamilton Book Author Awards Program**

Amount: $10,000 Grand Prize, $3,000 each for three runner-ups  
Deadline: Jan. 11, 2016

These awards will be made to faculty or staff members who, in the preceding calendar year, have published the best book-length publications as determined by a multi-disciplinary committee of scholars appointed by the Vice President for Research of The University of Texas at Austin. Published works including scholarly monographs, creative works (e.g., novels and anthologies of poetry), exhibition catalogues, textbooks, and edited collections, published during the 2015 calendar year may be nominated. Current University of Texas at Austin faculty (tenured, tenure track, senior lecturers and lecturers), Code 1000, and staff are eligible to compete for these awards. UT students are not eligible for this program. Books must be published (copyright date) between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015.

**Fulbright Specialist Program**

Amount: International travel costs and cost of living grant  
Deadline: rolling deadline, 6 times a year

The Fulbright Specialist Program (FSP) promotes linkages between U.S. scholars and professionals and their counterparts at host institutions overseas. The program awards grants to qualified U.S. faculty and professionals, in select disciplines, to engage in short-term collaborative two- to six-week projects at eligible institutions in over 140 countries worldwide. Shorter grant lengths give Specialists greater flexibility to pursue projects that work best with their current academic or professional commitments. International travel costs and a per day grant payment are funded by the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Participating host institutions cover grantee in-country expenses or provide in-kind services.

**UT-Austin Regional Foundation Library**

The knowledgeable and helpful staff at the RFL offers free weekly grant search orientations including use of the proprietary Foundation Directory.

*Grant Search Orientations every Thursday*  
3-4pm: Grants to individuals  
Available for graduate & doctoral students seeking funding  
4-5pm: Funding for Nonprofits & Institutions  
Applicable for all research opportunities
Architecture & Design

**Furthermore Foundation**  
Amount: $1,500-$15,000  
Next deadline: September 1, 2015

Furthermore grants assist nonfiction books having to do with art, architecture, and design; cultural history, the city, and related public issues; and conservation and preservation. Furthermore looks for work that appeals to an informed general audience; gives evidence of high standards in editing, design, and production; and promises a reasonable shelf life. Funds apply to such specific publication components as writing, research, editing, indexing, design, illustration, photography, and printing and binding.

**Boston Society of Architects Research Grants in Architecture**  
Amount: $500-$7500  
Deadline: September 4th, 2015, 5pm

Grants awarded this year will support 2016 programs. We fund programs and projects that will do one of the following:

- Elevate public awareness and understanding of architecture and the built environment
- Elevate public awareness and understanding of the planning, design, and construction process and the role of citizens in the community with regard to built environment issues
- Engage people of all ages and from all walks of life in the planning and design process

We are also especially interested in programs that underscore the significance of sustainable/green/environmentally sensitive design. To broaden the impact of our funding, we seek programs that might have a ripple effect on other educators, administrators, communities, or organizations. Boston Area only.

**Edilia and François-Auguste de Montêquin Fellowship**  
Amount: $2,000 for junior scholars, $6,000 for senior scholars  
Deadline: September 5, 2015

This award provides support for travel related to research on Spanish, Portuguese, or Ibero-American architecture. This fellowship is intended to support the research of junior scholars (usually scholars engaged in doctoral dissertation research) annually, and senior scholars (scholars who have completed their Ph.D. or equivalent terminal degree) every other year in even-numbered years - 2014, 2016, 2018, etc. The research to be supported must focus on Spanish, Portuguese, or Ibero-American architecture, including colonial architecture produced by the Spaniards in the Philippines and what is today the United States. You must be a current member of SAH.

**Meiss/Mellon Author's Book Award**  
Amount: Varies  
Next deadline: September 15, 2015

Awards will be made in the spring for print and digital publications. The grant is a temporary measure to provide financial relief to scholars in art history and visual studies who are responsible for funding the image programs in their publications. Through this grant CAA will provide awards for first publication to help defray the high costs of image licensing and reproduction for monographs in art history and visual studies. Awardees will be selected on the basis of the quality and demonstrated financial need of their project.
**Graham Foundation Grants to Individuals**
Amount: Varies
Deadline: September 15, 2015 (Individual Grants); February 25, 2016 (Organization Grants)

For individuals, our priorities are to:

Provide opportunities to create, develop, and communicate a project about architecture and the designed environment that will contribute to their creative, intellectual, and professional growth at crucial or potentially transformative stages in their careers. Support their efforts to take positions, develop new forms of expression, and engage debate. Help them communicate their work in the public realm and reach new and wider audiences. Support new voices by giving priority to first-time applicants. Overall we are most interested in opportunities which enable us to provide critical support at key points in the development of a project or career.

For organizations, our priorities are to:

Assist with the production and presentation of significant programs about architecture and the designed environment in order to promote dialogue, raise awareness, and develop new and wider audiences. Support them in their effort to take risks in programming and create opportunities for experimentation. Recognize the vital role they play in providing individuals with a public forum in which to present their work. Help them to realize projects that would otherwise not be possible without our support. Overall we are most interested in opportunities which enable us to provide critical support at key points in the development of a project or career.

**NCARB Award for the Integration of Practice and Education**
Amount: Varies
Deadline: September 29, 2015, 5pm

NCARB will award up to $100,000 through up to three awards that integrate practice and education; raise awareness of the architect’s responsibilities for the public health, safety, and welfare; bring non-faculty practitioners into the academy; and address specific criteria outlined in this section. The Award supports the efforts of architecture programs to create and implement effective new, for-credit curricular approaches that raise awareness about issues central to practice. Each project should have a long-term, ongoing impact on architecture students and faculty and the program’s curriculum.

**American Academy in Rome Visiting Artists & Scholars Program**
Amount: No financial assistance

Artists and scholars are eligible to apply within architecture, design, historic preservation, landscape architecture, visual arts, and humanities. Applications are accepted year round and reviewed three times each year in June, October, and February.

**American Academy in Berlin Fellows**
Amount: Airfare, housing, partial board, and $5,000 monthly stipend
Deadline: September 30, 2015

The American Academy offers residential fellowships to emerging as well as established scholars, writers, and professionals who wish to engage in independent study in Berlin. Around two dozen Berlin Prizes are conferred annually. Past Berlin Prize recipients have included historians, economists, poets, art historians, journalists, legal scholars, anthropologists, musicologists, public policy experts, and writers, among others. The Academy does not accept project proposals in mathematics and the hard sciences. In addition to placing a high priority on the independent work of its fellows, the Academy is in a unique position to aid fellows in establishing professional and general networks both in Berlin and beyond. The Academy’s public outreach, which facilitates the introduction of a fellow's work to a wider audience, serves its mission of fostering transatlantic ties through cultural exchange.
Paul Mellon Centre for Studies of British Art Fellowships and Grants
Amount: Varies, depending on grant program
Deadline: Sept. 30, 2015 (8 separate grants)

In order to support scholarship in the field of British art and architectural history and to disseminate knowledge through publications, exhibitions and education, we offer a variety of fellowships (for individuals) and grants (for institutions or individuals). These awards do not cover contemporary fine arts, archaeology, the current practice of architecture or the performing arts. Grants include: curatorial research grants, educational program grants, publication grants, mid-career grants, and research support grants.

The James Marston Fitch Mid-Career Fellowship
Amount: Up to $15,000
Deadline: Oct. 15, 2015

Research grants of up to $15,000 will be awarded to one or two mid-career professionals who have an academic background, professional experience and an established identity in one or more of the following fields: historic preservation, architecture, landscape architecture, urban design, environmental planning, architectural history and the decorative arts. The James Marston Fitch Charitable Foundation will consider proposals for the research and/or the execution of the preservation-related projects in any of these fields.

The Samuel H. Kress Mid-Career Fellowship
Amount: Up to $15,000
Deadline: Oct. 15, 2015

Research grants of up to $15,000 will be awarded to one mid-career professional whose research project relates to the appreciation, interpretation, preservation, study and teaching of European art, architecture and related disciplines from antiquity to the early 19th century, in the context of historic preservation in the United States. Potential Kress Fellow projects could include the exploration of shared European and American influences in style, design, materials, construction techniques, building types, conservation and interpretation methodologies, philosophical and theoretical attitudes, and other factors applicable to preservation in both Europe and America.

The Rome Prize
Amount: 6 month, $16,000 stipend; 11-month, $28,000 stipend. Room and board, separate work space
Deadline: Nov. 1, 2015 (estimated)

Each year, the Rome Prize is awarded to about thirty emerging artists and scholars who represent the highest standard of excellence and who are in the early or middle stages of their working lives. Disciplines include Architecture, Design, Historic Preservation and Conservation, and Landscape Architecture.

Center for Architecture Foundation Award
Amount: $15,000
Next Deadline: November 1, 2015

The Stewardson Keefe LeBrun Travel Grant supports the personal and professional development of an architect in early or mid-career through travel. Travel plans should be focused on a selected topic of interest to the individual, rather than a part of a larger humanitarian or institutional endeavor. If appropriate, the winner may be asked to present at the Center for Architecture upon return.

Stewardson Keefe LeBrun Travel Grant
Amount: Single or multiple awards totaling $15,000
Deadline: November 2, 2015, 5pm

Funding to further the personal and professional development of an architect in early or mid-career through travel. This should be centered on a selected topic of interest and meaning to the individual, rather than as part of a larger humanitarian or institutional endeavor. When appropriate, the winner may be asked to present at the Center for Architecture upon return. Applicants must be a U.S. Citizen with a degree in architecture and be a full-time practitioner, either licensed or unlicensed.
Rotch Travelling Studio Grants
Amount: Up to $20,000
Deadline: November 7, 2015 (estimated)

The Rotch Travelling Studio is an annual foreign-travel grant that provides up to $20,000 toward enhancing students’ architectural education. Grant proposals are invited from faculty members in all U.S. NAAB-accredited schools of architecture for travel anywhere in the world during the following calendar year. Studios are to be directed by the faculty applicant and are intended to supplement a specific design studio at the school. The faculty applicant’s architecture department will be the grant recipient and is responsible for dispersing funds and monitoring the studio’s performance.
Architectural History & Historic Preservation

**Richard Morris Hunt Prize**
Amount: Fellows, $20,000; Scholars, $5,000
Deadline: Sept. 30, 2015

This prestigious $20,000 award offers motivated architects, specialized in preservation open to the techniques of today, an opportunity to travel for six months, divided in 2 or 3 periods, in the United States or in France. It is a total immersion, for research of the topic presented by the Laureate. All along his research, he will receive the backing of the RMH Prize Teams of both countries. Awarded to an architect, alternatively French or American, specialized in preservation open to the techniques of today, the $5,000 Prize offers an opportunity to travel for a 5 weeks period in the United States or in France.

**National Trust Preservation Funds**
Amount: $2,500 - $5,000

Grants from National Trust Preservation Funds are intended to encourage preservation at the local level by providing seed money for preservation projects. These grants help stimulate public discussion, enable local groups to gain the technical expertise needed for particular projects, introduce the public to preservation concepts and techniques, and encourage financial participation by the private sector. The National Trust is particularly interested in projects that build sustainable communities, reimagine historic sites, promote diversity and place, and protect historic places on public lands.

**HABS-SAH Sally Kress Tompkins Fellowship**
Amount: $10,000 stipend
Deadline: Dec. 31, 2015

The Sally Kress Tompkins Fellowship, a joint program of the Society of Architectural Historians (SAH) and the National Park Service's Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS), permits an architectural historian to work on a 12-week HABS project during the summer. The Fellow will prepare a written history to become part of the permanent HABS collection focusing on either a specific nationally-significant building/site, or a broader architectural history topic that will inform future HABS documentation. The Fellow will be selected by a jury of two SAH members and one HABS representative. The Fellow will be stationed in the field working in conjunction with a HABS measured drawings team, or in the HABS Washington, D.C. office.
Landscapes, Planning, & Policy

**Wells Fargo Neighborhood Planning Grants and Neighborhood Implementation Grants**

Amount: Planning grants range from $25,000 to $100,000 and Implementation Grants range from $25,000 to $100,000  
Deadline: Sept. 4, 2015

Neighborhood Planning Grants support direct expenses that are essential to the planning process such as: Planning consultants and/or staff; Outreach and neighborhood organizing functions; Community meetings, and advisory group development; The resident-driven neighborhood plan must address all four of the goal categories: Children and Families, Economic Development, Affordable Housing and Housing Counseling, Neighborhood Building. Neighborhood Implementation Grants can be used for program costs only. Program funding includes direct expenses essential to the project. The Foundation does not provide funding for deficits, general operating costs, or for “bricks and mortar” capital development.

**Mellon Fellowships in Urban Landscape Studies**

Amount: Housing, Airfare, health insurance, partial board and $15,000 stipend.  

Dumbarton Oaks, affiliated with the Harvard Faculty of Arts and Sciences, is one of the few institutions in the world with a program devoted to garden and landscape studies that is targeted at both humanities scholars and landscape practitioners. The Mellon Fellowships are intended to expand significantly the opportunities offered by the institution to both of these groups, building constructive dialogue between them about the history and future of urban landscapes, and encouraging them to bridge the gap between their professional modes of thinking. To foster this interchange, Dumbarton Oaks seeks candidates with a demonstrated capacity for cross-disciplinary work, and encourages collaborative applications from teams of designers and historians working on similar topics or the same city. Preference will be given to candidates with final degrees such as a PhD or MLA.  
Fellowships will be awarded for either the fall term (September 12, 2016 to January 6, 2017) or the spring term (January 23 to May 12, 2017). During this time, recipients are expected to be in residence at Dumbarton Oaks and to devote themselves full-time to their research projects without undertaking other major activities.

**Wallace Global Fund**

Amount: Varies, generally $10,000 to $75,000  
Deadline: Accepts Letters of Inquiry

The mission of the Wallace Global Fund is to promote an informed and engaged citizenry, to fight injustice, and to protect the diversity of nature and the natural systems upon which all life depends. The Fund supports initiatives related to environmental resource depletion and system collapse, corporate abuses and the concentration of corporate power, planetary carrying capacity, sustainable human population, women’s human rights, with an emphasis on ending female genital mutilation, civic engagement, civil liberties, equal justice, independent media, and media policy. The Fund seeks to further its mission generally through systemic change as well as fundamental public policy shifts. The Fund strongly believes in access to information for furthering democratic participation and in supporting bold, new, progressive ideas.
**Energy Foundation**  
Amount: varies  
Deadline: rolling basis

The Energy Foundation awards grants according to initiatives in the electric power, buildings, transportation, and climate sectors. [Please visit our program pages](#) for specific information about the type of work we support in each area. If you are a first-time grantseeker or are unsure whether your proposal fits into the Energy Foundation’s guidelines, we strongly encourage you to send a letter of inquiry to grants@ef.org. The Buildings Program supports policies to increase the efficiency of U.S. homes and businesses and to reduce carbon emissions and utility bills. With an emphasis on both national policy and regional implementation, the Energy Foundation China assists agencies, experts, and entrepreneurs in solving the country’s energy challenges. The Climate program seeks to put the U.S. on a path to meet or exceed its stated target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 17 percent below 2005 levels by 2020. The Public Engagement Program seeks to build national and state support for clean energy and strong climate policies. The Transportation Program works to reduce energy use and carbon pollution through policies that improve vehicle efficiency and promote clean fuels.

**Ford Foundation, Metropolitan Opportunity Grant**  
Amount: $485,000 average  
Deadline: Accepts Letters of Inquiry

We are working across the United States to support efforts that reach beyond individual neighborhoods and cities to connect residents with opportunities in their broader metropolitan economies. We support organizations that pursue integrated approaches to housing, land use and environmental planning, public transportation and community infrastructure, and aligned workforce opportunities.

**The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation**  
Amount: varies  
Deadline: Accepts Letters of Inquiry

The Hewlett Foundation’s Environment Program is committed to reducing these emissions to avoid the most severe effects of climate change. We pursue our goal with strategies in the following areas:

- **Clean Power:** Increase renewable energy and energy efficiency while reducing fossil fuel development and use for electricity generation.
- **Clean transportation:** Increase fuel efficiency and access to transit, biking and walking options, while constraining the growth of high-carbon fossil fuels for transportation.
- **Building broad support:** Engage diverse members of the public.

**RGK Foundation**  
Amount: average award amount of $25,000  
Next Deadline: Letters of inquiry are accepted on a rolling basis

The RGK Foundation endeavors to be a catalyst for progressive change in humanitarian concerns. Guiding the Foundation is a deep reverence for democracy and a civil society together with the founders’ values of foresight, imagination and discovery. By seeking innovative projects in the area of health, education, human services and community affairs, the Foundation strives to advance knowledge, improve society and help realize human potential. RGK Foundation awards grants in the broad areas of Education, Community, and Health/Medicine. Within Community, the Foundation supports a broad range of human services, community improvement, abuse prevention, and youth development programs. The Foundation is also interested in programs that attract female and minority students into the fields of mathematics, science, and technology. The Foundation’s current interests in the area of Health/Medicine include programs that promote the health and well-being of children, programs that promote access to health services, and Foundation-initiated programs focusing on ALS.
**NEH Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants**
Amount: Level I Grants range from $5,000 to $40,000, Level II Grants range from $40,001 to $75,000
Deadline: September 16, 2015 (for projects beginning May 2016)

The Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants program awards relatively small grants to support the planning stages of innovative projects that promise to benefit the humanities. Proposals should be for the planning or initial stages of digital initiatives in any area of the humanities. Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants may involve:

- research that brings new approaches or documents best practices in the study of the digital humanities;
- planning and developing prototypes of new digital tools for preserving, analyzing, and making accessible digital resources, including libraries’ and museums’ digital assets;
- scholarship that focuses on the history, criticism, and philosophy of digital culture and its impact on society;
- scholarship or studies that examine the philosophical or practical implications and impact of the use of emerging technologies in specific fields or disciplines of the humanities, or in interdisciplinary collaborations involving several fields or disciplines;
- innovative uses of technology for public programming and education incorporating both traditional and new media; and
- new digital modes of publication that facilitate the dissemination of humanities scholarship in advanced academic as well as informal or formal educational settings at all academic levels.

Innovation is a hallmark of this grant category, which incorporates the "high risk/high reward" paradigm often used by funding agencies in the sciences. NEH is requesting proposals for projects that take some risks in the pursuit of innovation and excellence.

Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants should result in plans, prototypes, or proofs of concept for long-term digital humanities projects prior to implementation.

**NSF, Structural and Architectural Engineering**
Amount: varies

The overall goal of the Structural and Architectural Engineering (SAE) program is to evolve sustainable structures, such as buildings, that can be continuously occupied and /or operational during the structure’s useful life. The SAE program supports fundamental research for advancing knowledge and innovation in structural and architectural engineering that enables holistic approach to design, construction, operation, maintenance, retrofit, repair and end-of-life disposal of structures. For buildings, holistic approach incorporates the foundation-structure-envelope-nonstructural system, as well as the façade and roofing. Research topics of interest for sustainable structures include the following: strategies for structures that over their lifecycle are cost-effective, make efficient use of resources and energy, and incorporate sustainable structural and architectural materials; deterioration due to fatigue and corrosion; serviceability concerns due to large deflections and vibrations; and advances in physics-based computational modeling and simulation. Research is encouraged that integrates discoveries from other science and engineering fields, such as materials science, building science, mechanics of materials, dynamic systems and control, reliability, risk analysis, architecture, economics and human factors.
**NSF, Civil Infrastructure Systems**
Amount: varies

The Civil Infrastructure Systems (CIS) program supports fundamental and innovative research necessary for designing, constructing, managing, maintaining, operating and protecting efficient, resilient and sustainable civil infrastructure systems. Research that recognizes the role that these systems play in societal functioning and accounts for how human behavior and social organizations contribute to and affect the performance of these systems is encouraged. While component-level, subject-matter knowledge may be crucial in many research efforts, this program focuses on the civil infrastructure as a system in which interactions between spatially-distributed components and intersystem connections exist. Thus, intra- and inter-physical, information and behavioral dependencies of these systems are also of particular interest. Topics pertaining to transportation systems, construction engineering, infrastructure systems and infrastructure management are a focus of this program. Research that considers either or both ordinary and disrupted operating environments is relevant. Methodological contributions pertaining to systems engineering and design, network analysis and optimization, performance management, vulnerability and risk analysis, mathematical and simulation modeling, exact and approximate algorithm development, control theory, statistical forecasting, dynamic and stochastic systems approaches, multi-attribute decision theory, and incorporation of behavioral and social considerations, not excluding other methodological areas or the integration of methods, specific to this application are encouraged. Additional research of interest exploits data/information, and takes advantage of relevant technological advances, such as social media. In general, research that has the promise of long-lasting, cascading (hopefully escalating) impact on the wider research community through its theoretical, scientific, mathematical or computational contributions is valued.

**NSF, Engineering and Systems Design**
Amount: varies

The Engineering and Systems Design (ESD) program supports fundamental research leading to new engineering and systems design methods and practices for specific global contexts. In particular, ESD seeks intellectual advances in which the theoretical foundations underlying design and systems engineering are operationalized into rigorous and pragmatic methods for a specific context. In addition, the program funds the rigorous theoretical and empirical characterization of new or existing methods for design and systems engineering, identifying in which global contexts and under which assumptions these methods are effective and efficient. Such a global context includes both a domain (such as energy systems, consumer products, cyber-physical systems) and an economic, socio-political, environmental and technological context.
**NSF, Engineering for Natural Hazards**

Amount: varies  

The constructed civil infrastructure supported by the ENH program includes building systems such as the soil-foundation-structure-envelope-nonstructural system, as well as the façade and roofing, and other structures, geostructures, and underground facilities such as tunnels. While research may focus on a single natural hazard, research that considers civil infrastructure design and performance in the context of multiple hazards, that is, a multi-hazard approach, is encouraged. Research may integrate geotechnical, structural, and architectural engineering advances with discoveries in other science and engineering fields such as earth and atmospheric sciences, materials science, mechanics of materials, dynamical systems and control, systems engineering, decision theory, risk analysis, high performance computational modeling and simulation, and social, behavioral, and economic sciences. Multi-disciplinary and international collaborations are encouraged.

Research topics of interest to the ENH program include, but are not limited to: advances in system-level design concepts for new and existing sustainable civil infrastructure to achieve desired lifetime system-level performance under single or multi-hazard loadings; advances in geotechnical engineering for design and construction of natural hazard-resistant foundations and geostructures, liquefaction mitigation, soil-foundation-structure interaction, levee and earth dam stability, and landslide, mudflow and debris flow analysis and mitigation, with a focus on field or system performance; applications of decision theory for design concepts for civil infrastructure to achieve desired lifetime system-level performance for both multi-hazard resilience and sustainability; and advances in computational modeling and simulation that integrate theory, computation, experimentation, and data, as appropriate, to advance natural hazard mitigation for civil infrastructure. The ENH program encourages knowledge dissemination and technology transfer activities that can lead to broader societal benefit and implementation for natural hazard mitigation for civil infrastructure.

**NSF, Infrastructure Management and Extreme Events**

Amount: varies  

The IMEE program supports fundamental, multidisciplinary research on the impact of hazards and extreme events upon civil infrastructure and society. The program is focused upon research on the mitigation of, preparedness for, response to, and recovery from multi-hazard disasters. Community and societal resilience and sustainability are important topics within the research portfolio of IMEE. The program is deeply multidisciplinary and attempts to integrate multiple issues from civil, mechanical, transportation, and system engineering, sociology, psychology, economics, geography, political science, urban planning, epidemiology, natural and physical science, and computer science. With regard to the four core emphasis areas of mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery, a variety of topics are supported. The following list provides examples of the kinds of topics and issues that may be supported, though the list is not exhaustive and other, innovative topics may be proposed. Mitigation research may focus upon issues such as the analysis of structural and non-structural mitigation effectiveness, local capacity building for risk reduction, and social and physical vulnerability analyses. Preparedness research may involve studies on warning and risk communication, evacuation, multi-hazard emergency planning, and the effectiveness of pre-disaster planning. Response research may examine such issues as infrastructure interdependencies and cascading disasters, innovation and improvisation in emergency management, and the use of new communication technology and social media in emergency management. Recovery research may examine linking disaster recovery to the mitigation of future disasters, resilience metrics and models, resilience of interdependent infrastructure processes and systems, and social factors related to economic recovery and resilience.
NSF, Environmental Sustainability
Amount: $100,000 per year (1-3 years)
Deadline: Window 1, Oct. 1-20, 2015

The goal of the Environmental Sustainability program is to promote sustainable engineered systems that support human well-being and that are also compatible with sustaining natural (environmental) systems. These systems provide ecological services vital for human survival. Research efforts supported by the program typically consider long time horizons and may incorporate contributions from the social sciences and ethics. The program supports engineering research that seeks to balance society’s need to provide ecological protection and maintain stable economic conditions. There are four principal general research areas that are supported:

- **Industrial Ecology**: Topics of interest in Industrial Ecology include advancements in modeling such as life cycle assessment, materials flow analysis, input/output economic models, and novel metrics for measuring sustainable systems. Innovations in industrial ecology are encouraged.

- **Green Engineering**: Research is encouraged to advance the sustainability of manufacturing processes, green buildings, and infrastructure. Many programs in the Engineering Directorate support research in environmentally benign manufacturing or chemical processes. The Environmental Sustainability program supports research that would affect more than one chemical or manufacturing process or that takes a systems or holistic approach to green engineering for infrastructure or green buildings. Improvements in distribution and collection systems that will advance smart growth strategies and ameliorate effects of growth are research areas that are supported by Environmental Sustainability. Innovations in management of storm water, recycling and reuse of drinking water, and other green engineering techniques to support sustainability may also be fruitful areas for research. **NOTE**: Water treatment proposals are to be submitted to the CBET Environmental Engineering program (1440), NOT the Environmental Sustainability program (7643).

- **Ecological Engineering**: Topics should focus on the engineering aspects of restoring ecological function to natural systems. Engineering research in enhancement of natural capital to foster sustainable development is encouraged.

- **Earth Systems Engineering**: Earth Systems Engineering considers aspects of large scale engineering research that involve mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions, adaptation to climate change, and other global scale concerns.

All proposed research should be driven by engineering principles, and be presented explicitly in an environmental sustainability context. Proposals should include involvement in engineering research of at least one graduate student, as well as undergraduates. Incorporation of aspects of social, behavioral, and economic sciences is welcomed. Innovative proposals outside the scope of the four core areas mentioned above may be considered. However, prior to submission, it is recommended that the PI contact the Program Director to avoid the possibility of the proposal being returned without review.

NSF, Science, Technology, and Society
Amount: varies

The Science, Technology, and Society (STS) program supports research that uses historical, philosophical, and social scientific methods to investigate the intellectual, material, and social facets of the scientific, technological, engineering and mathematical (STEM) disciplines. It encompasses a broad spectrum of STS topics including interdisciplinary studies of ethics, equity, governance, and policy issues that are closely related to STEM disciplines, including medical science.

National Science Foundation Faculty Early Career Program
Amount: $400,000 (floor)
Deadline: July 20, 2016

The Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program is a Foundation-wide activity that offers the National Science Foundation’s most prestigious awards in support of junior faculty who exemplify the role of teacher-scholars through outstanding research, excellent education and the integration of education and research within the context of the mission of their organizations. Such activities should build a firm foundation for a lifetime of leadership in integrating education and research. NSF encourages submission of CAREER proposals from junior faculty members at all CAREER-eligible organizations and especially encourages women, members of underrepresented minority groups, and persons with disabilities to apply.
Letter of Inquiry Institutions

**Rockefeller Foundation**

For more than a century, The Rockefeller Foundation has been dedicated to a single mission: promoting the well-being of humanity throughout the world. Today, the Foundation pursues that mission with our dual goals of building greater resilience and advancing more inclusive economies. Through our portfolio of initiatives, we strive to catalyze and scale transformative innovations, convene sector-spanning partnerships, and create systemic change to benefit poor and vulnerable people around the world.

**Surdna Foundation**

The Surdna Foundation seeks to foster sustainable communities in the United States -- communities guided by principles of social justice and distinguished by healthy environments, strong local economies, and thriving cultures.

**Ford Foundation**

Our grant making focuses on reducing poverty and injustice; promoting democratic values; and advancing human knowledge, creativity and achievement. If your project reflects these priorities, you may submit a grant inquiry using our online form.

**Rockefeller Brothers Fund**

The Rockefeller Brothers Fund has six grantmaking programs that reflect the board and staff’s assessment of the challenges facing today’s increasingly interdependent world. Three programs—Democratic Practice, Peacebuilding, and Sustainable Development—are fields of work that are issues of enduring global concern. These thematic programs identify places where breakthroughs are needed or opportunities to contribute to global progress are particularly compelling. They typically maintain a focus on the United States along with work internationally to strengthen the vitality of democracy, secure just and durable peace, and advance solutions to climate change. Three pivotal place programs—New York City, Southern China, and the Western Balkans—pursue program goals in our three fields of interest as appropriate to these specific contexts. They aim to build local capacity and generate lessons and innovations of significance to their immediate regions and beyond. We believe a combination of thematic and place-based approaches is needed to achieve enduring change.

**Merck Family Fund**

The Merck Family Fund’s goals includes 1) restoring and protecting the natural environment and ensuring a health planet for generations to come; and 2) strengthening the social fabric and the physical landscape of the urban community.

**Nathan Cummings Foundation**

The Nathan Cummings Foundation is rooted in the Jewish tradition and committed to democratic values and social justice, including fairness, diversity, and community. We seek to build a socially and economically just society that values nature and protects the ecological balance for future generations; promotes humane health care; and fosters arts and culture that enriches communities.

**Kresge Foundation**

The Kresge Foundation is a $3.5 billion private, national foundation that works to expand opportunities in America's cities through grantmaking and investing in arts and culture, education, environment, health, human services, community development in Detroit. In collaboration with our grantees and partners, we seek to use these grantmaking and investing tools to create pathways for vulnerable people to improve their life circumstances and join the economic mainstream.
Student Opportunities

**Marshall Scholarships**
Amount: university fees, cost of living, travel, support of spouse  
Deadline: Oct. 1, 2015

Marshall Scholarships finance young Americans of high ability to study for a degree in the United Kingdom. Up to forty Scholars are selected each year to study at graduate level at an UK institution in any field of study. As future leaders, with a lasting understanding of British society, Marshall Scholars strengthen the enduring relationship between the British and American peoples, their governments and their institutions. Marshall Scholars are talented, independent and wide-ranging, and their time as Scholars enhances their intellectual and personal growth. Their direct engagement with Britain through its best academic programmes contributes to their ultimate personal success.

**NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program**
Amount: $44,000 per year  
Deadline: Oct. 29, 2015 (for social sciences)

The purpose of the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) is to help ensure the vitality and diversity of the scientific and engineering workforce of the United States. The program recognizes and supports outstanding graduate students who are pursuing research-based master’s and doctoral degrees in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) and in STEM education. The GRFP provides three years of support for the graduate education of individuals who have demonstrated their potential for significant research achievements in STEM and STEM education. NSF especially encourages women, members of underrepresented minority groups, persons with disabilities, and veterans to apply. NSF also encourages undergraduate seniors to apply.