
OPD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

November 7, 2025

Dear Chairs and Center/Institute Directors:

For updates and guidance related to Federal Executive Orders and other federal actions affecting federally funded research, please visit the [2025 Federal Transition and University Guidance webpage](#).

Please share these funding opportunities and related research news with your faculty.

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Research News

[The most updated list of research news can be found on our website.](#)

McAllister & Quinn Weekly Opportunity & Strategic Intelligence Overview

Every week, [McAllister & Quinn](#)'s Research Universities Practice sends out a weekly opportunity overview. These comprehensive lists encompass research and development opportunities relevant to R1 and R2 institutions across the Federal government. Visit [OPD's Grant Proposal Resource Repository](#) for the [latest overview](#) and an archive of previous overviews and other resources.

Link Your ORCID iD

Stony Brook University will soon be launching a new Research Information Management System (RIMS) to showcase SBU faculty research! To ensure your work is featured, please affiliate your ORCID iD with SBU. This public portal will enhance your visibility to collaborators, journalists, and funders. [Link your ORCID iD](#). Questions? Contact orcid-support@stonybrook.edu.

Call for Reviewers

If you are interested in serving as a reviewer for future Seed Grant Programs and Limited Competitions, we invite you to submit your interest via our new [Call for Reviewers](#).

Upcoming Workshops

Below are upcoming internal and external workshops.
[The most updated list of events can be found on our website.](#)

Internal Workshops

SUNY AI Symposium

Hosted by: The Office for Research and Innovation and the Artificial Intelligence Innovation Institute (AI3)

When: April 14 to 15, 2026

Where: Stony Brook University

[Learn more about the SUNY AI Symposium](#)

External Workshops

BTO Innovation Opportunity (BIO) Fair

Hosted by: DARPA

When: Postponed

Where: Virtual and In-Person (Arlington, VA)

[Learn more about the BIO Fair](#)

Microelectronics Commons Annual Meeting

Hosted by: National Security Technology Accelerator (NSTXL) (DoD)

When: February 18 to 19, 2026

Where: Washington, D.C.

[Learn more and register for the Microelectronics Commons Annual Meeting](#)

High-Risk, High-Reward Research Symposium

Hosted by: NIH

When: March 4 to 6, 2026

Where: Bethesda, MD

[Learn more about the HRHR Research Symposium](#)

SUNY Undergraduate Research Conference

Hosted by: SUNY Fredonia and SUNY Upstate Medical University

When: April 21 and 24, 2026

Where: Fredonia, NY and Syracuse, NY

[Learn more about the SURC](#)

Active Limited Competitions and Canvasses

All limited competitions are completed in [InfoReady](#). You can sign into InfoReady using your Net-ID and your stonybrook.edu email address. Please allow sufficient time to familiarize yourself with the portal prior to submitting. *Submitting by proxy? If you would like someone to submit an application on your behalf in InfoReady, please [follow these instructions to designate them as your proxy](#). Please note: Issues may arise and could negatively impact the review of an application if a proxy is not officially designated in this manner.*

Recent Federal Executive Orders and other federal actions affecting federally funded research have resulted in changes to some federal funding opportunities. Consequently, we may need to update our posted limited competitions to remain aligned with these ongoing adjustments. We encourage you to check [our website](#) regularly for the latest updates, in addition to canvass and internal competition details and instructions.

Program: [2026 Higher Learning Program](#)

Sponsor: Mellon Foundation

Competition Code: [LC202558](#) via the [2026 Higher Learning Program Portal](#) in InfoReady

Type: Internal Competition

Internal Deadline: November 14, 2025 at 9 am

External Deadline: Registration forms (required) due December 1, 2025; Applications due February 17, 2026

Institutional Limit: 3

Award: \$250K to \$500K for up to 4 years

Program: [Research Grants](#)

Sponsor: RRF Foundation for Aging

Competition Code: [LC202557](#) via the [RRF Research Grants Portal](#) in InfoReady

Type: Canvass

Internal Deadline: November 14, 2025 at 11:59 pm

External Deadline: LOI due February 1, 2026; Full proposal (by invite only) due May 5, 2026

Institutional Limit: 1 per department

Award: Not noted

Program: [W.M. Keck Foundation Research Program](#)

Sponsor: W.M. Keck Foundation

Competition Code: [LC202540](#) via the [Keck Foundation Portal](#) in InfoReady

Type: Internal Competition

Internal Deadline: November 15, 2025 at 11:59 pm

External Deadline: Concept counseling between January 1 and February 15, 2026. Phase 1 application due May 1, 2026.

Institutional Limit: 8 concepts (4 medical research area and 4 science and engineering)

Award: Typical grants are awarded \$1M to \$1.3M over 3 years

Noteworthy Funding Opportunities

The Office of Proposal Development actively curates a list of recently released funding opportunities in priority research areas.

[The most updated list of noteworthy funding opportunities can be found on our website.](#)

Research Scholar Grants

Sponsor: American Cancer Society

Discipline(s): Cancer, Oncology, Psychology, Biomedical Engineering

Description: This program provides support and resources for investigator-initiated research projects in a variety of cancer-relevant areas. RSGs support early career faculty as a career launching grant mechanism. The Extramural Discovery Science Department has established six areas to prioritize the research we fund to help advance our mission. These include the following: Etiology, Obesity/Health Eating and Active Living, Screening and Diagnosis, Treatment, Survivorship, and Health Equity across the Cancer Control Continuum.

Institutional Limit: None

PI Eligibility: (1) Are the PI on NO MORE than 1 R01 or R01-equivalent grant at the time of application (An R01-equivalent grant is defined by ACS as an award that is more than \$100k direct costs per year for more than 3 years.); (2) Were first appointed as independent, full-time faculty LESS than 10 years ago. (3) Applicants may submit only one of the following applications per cycle: Research Scholar Grant (unless associated with an RFA), Discovery Boost Grant, and Clinician Scientist Development Grant. (4) A grantee may not be the principal investigator on more than one ACS grant at any time.

Award: Up to \$215,000 per year (direct costs), plus 10% allowable indirect costs, with a project period up to four years. Equipment that equals or exceeds \$5,000 with a useful life of more than one year, must be excluded from the direct cost total used to calculate indirect costs.

Deadline(s): December 1, 2025

Research Grants on Education: Small

Sponsor: Spencer Foundation

Discipline(s): Learning, Education, Anthropology, Philosophy, Psychology, Sociology, Law, Economics, History, Neuroscience

Description: The Small Research Grants on Education Program supports education research projects that will contribute to the improvement of education, broadly conceived. Our goal for this program is to support rigorous, intellectually ambitious and technically sound research that is relevant to the most pressing questions and compelling opportunities in education. We seek to support scholarship that develops new foundational knowledge that may have a lasting impact on educational discourse.

Institutional Limit: None

PI Eligibility: Principal Investigators (PIs) and Co-PIs must have an earned doctorate in an academic discipline or professional field. PIs and Co-PIs may only hold one active research grant from the Spencer Foundation at a time. PIs and Co-PIs may not submit more than one research proposal to the Spencer Foundation at a time. This restriction applies to the Small Grants Program, Large Grants Program, Racial Equity Research Grants Program, and Research-Practice Partnership Program.

Award: \$50,000 for projects ranging from one to five years.

Deadline(s): December 15, 2025

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