

Research Funding Opportunities Bulletin

A Monthly Digest of Funding Opportunities to Fuel your Research

Welcome to the latest funding bulletin, featuring funding opportunities, resources, and announcements to support your pursuit of funding. We've refined the layout to make it easier to navigate, now sharing funding opportunities by focus: Multidiscipline, Science & Engineering, and Social Sciences & Humanities. You'll also find helpful icons that indicate the funding vehicle, whether it's from a private foundation, a corporate source, or a federal/state agency.

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Office of Research Development Primer to AI Research Opps

Federal sponsors continue to expand their interests in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) research. The new calendar year is chock-full of federal research opportunities focused on developing AI & ML tools capable of addressing some of the world's most pressing problems. Click the link below for ORD's library of links and funder resources to help track the sundry AI opportunities that will come out this year.

View AI Opportunities

OCFR is moving to the Office of Research

Effective July 1, the Office of Corporate and Foundation Relations will divide its functions and move from Development and Alumni Relations (DAR) to the Office of Research. Foundation relations will join the Office of Sponsored Projects, while corporate relations will take part in a planning process to determine the optimal structure in relation to other offices that engage with industry. OCFR team members look forward to supporting faculty in their multi-pronged pursuit of research funding and partnership from within the research enterprise, while maintaining our strong connection with colleagues in DAR.

Upcoming Events

Join us at our Open House to Discuss Your Funding Needs – March 6, 9-11 a.m., Dandelion Cafe

Join us for our monthly open house and bring questions about foundation funding strategy, corporate engagement strategy, safeguarding your innovations, managing collaborations, etc. Members of OCFR, ORD, and OTT will be there **Friday, March 6 at Dandelion Cafe, 9-11 a.m.**

This informal drop-in session is a great opportunity to:

- Explore corporate and private funding (OCFR) and public funding (ORD) opportunities.
- Share your research and receive personalized advice on funding strategies.
- Connect with OTT experts who can advise your research commercialization efforts.

As always, coffee is on us! We look forward to seeing you there.

Rice OTT Connection Corner: Get Expert Tech Transfer Guidance

Have questions about intellectual property, licensing, or commercializing your research? The new OTT Connection Corner offers virtual drop-in office hours where you can get expert guidance without an appointment.

Whether you're a faculty member with a new discovery, a graduate student exploring entrepreneurship, or staff supporting research commercialization, our experts are ready to help. We can answer questions about the intellectual property lifecycle, research contracts, online forms, and general tech transfer procedures.

- **When:** 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month
- **Time:** 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- **Where:** Virtual Zoom Meeting
- **Password:** RiceOTT1

Planning to attend? Let us know ahead of time at techtran@rice.edu so we can have the right expert available for your specific questions.

Office of Research Development Workshop Sessions for Spring 2026

Proposal Workshop: NSF CAREER (Part 1): Information Session Series

The two-phase ORD CAREER workshop is structured as a sequence of sessions that guide faculty from initial orientation through proposal submission. Part 1 of the program begins with an overview of the solicitation and proposal requirements, continues with a panel of previous CAREER awardees who share their experiences, and includes a session with representatives from Rice offices who outline resources for educational and broader impact activities.

- **Speakers:** Tanya Karamchandani and Vasudha Bharadwaj
- **Date:** Wednesday, March 25, April 1, and April 8
- **Time:** 11:00 am to 12:50 pm

Register Here

Lunch & Learn: The Importance and Use of Assessment and Evaluation

What do assessment and evaluation really mean and how can they strengthen your proposals and funded projects? In this interactive workshop, attendees will explore the difference between the two, why funders increasingly expect both, and how practical, right-sized approaches can support learning, adaptation, and impact. The session will also highlight how ORD's partners with research teams to provide assessment and evaluation support during proposal development and throughout the life of an award.

- **Speaker:** Kimberly Leeks
- **Date:** Tuesday, March 31
- **Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Register Here

Helpful Links

- Access the archive of bulletins [here](#).
- Check out the [Private Foundations Limited Submission Funding Opportunities](#) calendar [here](#).
- Explore the [early career webpage](#) for timely resources and support.
- Check out the [Private Foundations Limited Submission Funding Opportunities](#) web page.

Active Limited Submissions

For certain funding opportunities, Rice can only submit a limited number of proposals. When this occurs, we hold **internal competitions** to determine which application(s) will be submitted to the sponsor. If you're interested in a [limited submission opportunity](#), you must complete and submit an internal **Notice of Intent** and/or an internal **Pre-proposal** before the internal deadline(s). An interdisciplinary **Research Awards Committee** will then review all pre-proposals and inform applicants if they've been selected to move forward.

Currently active limited submission opportunities:

- **Directorate for Computer and Information Systems and Engineering (CISE) + National Science Foundation (NSF) | Chemical Biology** | NSF Integrated Data Systems & Services
 - **Funding:** \$500,000 - \$30,000,000
 - **Internal Deadline:** April 1
 - **Internal Pre-proposal Deadline:** April 22
- **National Science Foundation (NSF) | NSF CyberAI Corps Scholarship for Service (CyberAI SFS)**
 - **Funding:** Up to \$500,000 for the Innovation Track. Up to \$2,500,000 for the Scholarship Track.
 - **Internal Submission Deadline:** April 6
 - **Internal Pre-proposal Deadline:** April 27

If you have any questions about the limited submissions process, please contact [Jalon Martin](#), the Research Development Coordinator in the [Office of Research](#).

Multidisciplinary Opportunities



Foundation Opportunities

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation | Early-Career Faculty Support for Interdisciplinary Energy System Research

This program is inviting proposals from early-career faculty at the outset of their academic careers who are focusing on undertaking innovative interdisciplinary social science research related to the transition to a low-carbon economy in the United States. Prioritized project topics include energy system resilience & adaptation, energy markets & policy analysis, low-carbon innovation & next generation energy technologies, climate-based energy transitions, transportation & mobility, and industrial decarbonization. **Funding: \$150,000 - \$250,000 | LOI Deadline: March 17**

Wellcome Trust | Climate Change and Human Health Seed Grants

The Burroughs Wellcome Fund is opening their Climate Change and Human Health Seed Grants program to fund projects that investigate the impact of climate change on human health. Program areas of interest include: Linking basic/earlybiomedical science to climate-focused thinking, Biomedical research, Healthcare delivery outside institutions, Extreme weather's impact on health/health systems, and Outreach, communication, and education around climate and human health. **Funding: \$2,500 - \$50,000 | Application Deadline: April 23**

Burroughs Wellcome Fund | Genomics in Context Awards

Supporting collaborative research at the intersection of genomics, humanities, social sciences and bioethics, these awards will support transdisciplinary research at the intersection of genomics, humanities, social sciences and bioethics. Funded projects will be given the time and resources to create new research agendas and explore innovative ways of working. **Funding: \$500,000 | Proposal Deadline: March 16**

United States-Japan Foundation | USJF Grants

The USJF grants program empowers those to illuminate and confront shared challenges and seek ways where the U.S. and Japan can work together to address problems in each country, in the region, and around the world. **Funding: Varies | LOI Deadline: March 27**

Ploughshares | Ploughshares Grants

Ploughshares is seeking projects that fall under one or more of their portfolios aimed at reducing nuclear threats. Relevant topic areas include preventing/reducing nuclear threats, expanding the nuclear threat reduction field and positioning it for success, nuclear policy goals, and novel ideas revitalizing the nuclear threat reduction field. **Funding: Varies | Application Deadline: March 30**

Coefficient Giving | Navigating Transformative AI: RFP on Capacity Building

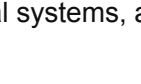
Coefficient Giving is funding projects that help new talent address risks in the transformative AI field, support existing talent in this field (e.g., via events that help build professional networks), and/or contribute to the discourse about transformative AI and its effects. The program has historically funded training and mentorship programs, events, groups, and resources (e.g., blog posts, magazines, podcasts, videos), but is interested in receiving applications for any capacity-building projects aimed at risks from advanced AI. **Funding: Varies | Application Deadline: Rolling**

Coefficient Giving | Global Catastrophic Risks Opportunities: Funding for Programs and Events

Coefficient Giving is seeking to fund programs and events that address effective altruism, global catastrophic risks, biosecurity, AI for epistemics, forecasting, and other areas. Acceptable "programs and events" include: scholarship/fellowship programs, internships, residencies, visitor programs, courses, seminars, conferences, workshops, retreats, etc., including both in-person and online activities. Coefficient Giving is open to funding programs or events aimed at individuals at any career stage, and with a wide range of potential purposes, including teaching new skills, providing new career opportunities, offering mentorship, or facilitating networking. **Funding: Varies | Application Deadline: Rolling**

Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance | Health Equity Research Grant

OCRA is seeking ovarian cancer and/or related gynecologic cancers projects tackling healthcare barriers for marginalized communities. **Funding: \$200,000 | LOI Deadline: March 25**



Corporate Opportunities

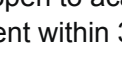
O'Shaughnessy Ventures | O'Shaughnessy Fellowships

This program aims to support high-impact, innovative research across all domains. Past winners have worked on projects ranging from synthetic cell creation and genome engineering to documentary filmmaking and 3D-printed manufacturing. Ten applicants will be selected for fellowships, with up to 20 others receiving program grants and access to OSV's network of funders, investors, and experts. **Funding: \$100,000 for Fellowships, \$10,000 for Grants | Application Deadline: April 30**

Springer Nature | Nature Awards 2026 Inspiring Women in Science

The Nature Awards: Inspiring Women in Science is a global initiative celebrating women's achievements in STEM and those fostering the next generation of female scientists. The program offers two distinct categories: Scientific Achievement, for non-tenured early-career women researchers within 10 years of their M.D./Ph.D. who have made significant contributions to the natural sciences or engineering, and Science Outreach, for individuals or teams of any gender running initiatives that encourage girls to engage in STEM or support the retention of women in scientific careers. Two winners (one per category) receive \$50,000 USD, while two runners-up receive \$5,000 USD. **Funding: Up to \$50,000 | Application Deadline: April 8, 11:59 p.m. UTC**

Social Sciences & Humanities Funding Opportunities



Foundation Opportunities

Russell Sage Foundation & Arnold Ventures | Causal Research on the Criminal Justice System

RSF, in collaboration with the Criminal Justice program at Arnold Ventures, is seeking proposals concerning causal research on the criminal justice system. Including the work of police, courts, jails, prisons, probation and parole, and immigration detention. Areas of interest are as follows: Sentencing Policy and Post-Prison Outcomes, The Effects of Social Policy on Community Safety and Criminal Justice Involvement, Crime and Justice, Decision-Making, Bias, and Disparities, Policing, Courts, and Criminal Processing. Applicants must be tenure-track assistant professors at a college or university in the U.S. at the start of the grant period. **Funding: Up to \$100,000 | Application Deadline: April 1**

Spencer Foundation | Small Research Grants on Education Program

This program is seeking research projects that innovatively investigate questions central to education. Proposal submissions are invited in response to a specific request for a particular topic, discipline, design, method, or location in education. The Spencer Foundation welcomes projects from a wide range of topics and disciplines including, for example, education, anthropology, philosophy, psychology, sociology, law, economics, history, or neuroscience, amongst others. **Funding: \$50,000 | Application Deadline: April 15**

Taiwan Foundation for Democracy | International Grants Program

TFD is seeking projects that leverage Taiwan's experience in democracy and human rights development, address the challenges to democracy and human rights raised by China, and/or strengthen democracy and human rights in East Asia (including both Northeast and Southeast Asia). Acceptable project categories include advocacy projects, research, conferences, publications, and educational programs. **Funding: \$5,000 - \$20,000 | Application Deadline: April 15**

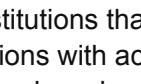
Arnold Ventures | Transportation Research and Policy

The AV Infrastructure team is seeking proposals evaluating the effectiveness and/or benefits of existing transportation or transportation-adjacent policies for US communities. Relevant topic areas include Transportation Capital Investment Reform; Cost Estimation, Oversight, and Accountability; Access in Mobility Modes; Performance-Based Project Selection; Institutional Barriers to Reform; Permitting and Permit Reform; and Intergovernmental Dynamics. **Funding: around \$200,000 | LOI Deadline: March 27**

Arnold Ventures | Measurement and Evaluation of State and Local Housing Supply Reforms

The AV Infrastructure team seeks proposals that to evaluate the impact of recent state and local policy reforms that legalize or encourage new housing supply. Study outcomes can include early-stage responses to the policy reforms, housing production, and housing market outcomes. This RFP focuses exclusively on the measurement and evaluation of housing supply policies at the state or local level. **Funding: Varies | LOI Deadline: March 27**

Science and Engineering Funding Opportunities



Foundation Opportunities

The Glaucoma Foundation | TGF Grant Research Program

The Glaucoma Foundation's TGF Grant Research program is looking for projects regarding Exfoliation Syndrome and Exfoliation Glaucoma, Pressure Independent Mechanisms of Glaucoma, Neuroprotection, and Genetics of Glaucomas that affect people under the age of 40 years. Examples of research topics from basic science to clinical interventions, such as genetics and genomics, disease modeling, assessment of ocular perfusion, artificial intelligence, and clinical research. **Funding: \$75,000 | Application Deadline: March 16**

Sontag Foundation | The Distinguished Scientist Award

The Distinguished Scientist Award (DSA) seeks to provide career and research support to early career faculty/scientists who demonstrate outstanding promise for making scientific and medical breakthroughs in the field of brain cancer research. **Funding: \$750,000 | Application Deadline: March 16**

Prostate Cancer Foundation | TACTICAL Award

PCF seeks applications for currently unfunded, large-scale multi-disciplinary team science research projects that will directly contribute to reducing death and suffering from prostate cancer, and will deliver transformative and tangible outcomes in the 3-5-year funding period. This includes basic, translational, clinical, and community-based research projects focused on strategies to prevent prostate cancer metastasis, morbidity, or mortality, which addresses major unmet needs in a transformative way. Project teams must be composed of at least five (5) investigators from non-profit academic research centers or community organizations, including two young investigators. **Funding: \$5,000,000 - \$10,000,000 | LOI Deadline: March 16**

Prostate Cancer Foundation | Challenge Award

PCF is seeking applications for highly innovative, currently unfunded research projects that will ultimately reduce death and suffering from prostate cancer. This includes basic, translational, clinical, and community-based research that will significantly contribute to preventing prostate cancer metastasis, morbidity or mortality. Priority will be given to "bench to bedside" translational research. Applicants are encouraged to deliver near term benefit to patients. Project teams must include at least three (3) investigators from non-profit academic research centers or community organizations, including one young investigator. **Funding: Up to \$1,000,000 | Application Deadline: March 16**

Lupus Research Alliance | Lupus Innovation Award

The Lupus Innovation Award supports research that investigates underexplored pathways and fundamental mechanisms of lupus and drives the development of safer and more effective treatments/novel biomarkers. Special emphasis is placed on lupus studies that use human data and/or data, humanized models, or ex-vivo models and employ novel technologies or interdisciplinary approaches. Of particular interest are projects that address understudied topics in lupus research such as, but not limited to, neuropsychiatric lupus, the role of the microbiome in lupus, pain, fatigue, ancestral, environmental and socioeconomic drivers of lupus, pediatric lupus, and molecular signatures of heterogeneity. Efforts to understand the mechanistic pathways leading to general disease modeling, assessment of ocular perfusion, artificial intelligence, and clinical research. **Funding: \$300,000 | LOI Deadline: March 16**

Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance | Collaborative Research Development Grant

This grant provides funds for research projects focusing on ovarian cancer and/or related gynecologic cancer research that involve several investigators within one institution or collaborations between groups in multiple institutions. **Funding: \$900,000 | LOI Deadline: March 25**

Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance | Collaborative Research Development Grant - Microsoft's AI for Good Lab

A collaboration between OCRA and Microsoft's AI for Good Lab, this program is seeking proposals that advance ovarian cancer and/or related gynecologic cancer research through data science and Artificial Intelligence (AI). Projects must include several investigators within one institution or collaborations between groups in multiple institutions. **Funding: \$900,000 | LOI Deadline: March 25**

Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance | Early Career Investigator Grant

This program awards junior faculty (Assistant Professor level) with a strong commitment to an investigative career in ovarian cancer and/or related gynecologic cancer research. **Funding: \$450,000 | LOI Deadline: March 25**

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation | Materials Synthesis Investigator Award

The Moore Foundation is seeking projects from researchers specializing in experimental research, theory, and/or materials synthesis. Areas of interest include strongly correlated materials, frustrated magnets, topological materials, two-dimensional crystals, van der Waals structures, other low-dimensional systems, and hybrid quantum materials. **Funding: \$1,300,000-\$1,400,000 | Pre-application Deadline: March 27**

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation | Moore Synthesis Fellow Award

The Moore Foundation is seeking projects from junior faculty whose first tenure-track appointment began in 2024 or later. Areas of interest include strongly correlated materials, frustrated magnets, topological materials, two-dimensional crystals, van der Waals structures, other low-dimensional systems, and hybrid quantum materials. **Funding: \$1,300,000-\$1,400,000 | Pre-application Deadline: March 27**

Corporate Opportunities

Samsung Research America (SRA) | Strategic Alliance for Research and Technology (START) Program

This program is designed to bridge academia and industry, allowing researchers to collaborate directly with Samsung's Research & Development (R&D) teams to shape the future of the Device eXperience (DX) division. The 2026 cycle emphasizes five specific thematic areas: Applied AI, AI Security, Medical Technologies, Digital Health, and Energy Management. To be eligible for funds under the START program, the selected applicant's university must sign a START Research Agreement (SRA). By submitting an effort to provide funding to a broad range of recipients rather than to a select group of repeat players, COMPASS prioritizes research that reflect NASA and the Administration's priorities and advance the Science Mission Directorate (SMD) and NASA's research goals. COMPASS creates undergraduate and graduate student research opportunities that provide professional development opportunities for students that help to build the United States' STEM workforce. **Funding: \$400,000 | Application Deadline: March 20**

Basf | Improving Performance and Cost Efficiency in Starch-Based Sweetener Refining

This opportunity seeks innovative manufacturing technologies and equipment solutions to improve the yield, cost-efficiency, and environmental footprint of starch-based sweetener refining. They are specifically looking for advancements in key unit operations—such as starch conversion, filtration, purification, and water removal—that can deliver measurable reductions in energy, water, or chemical consumption. In a recent QSA, Cargill clarified that while feedstocks vary by region, applicants should assume a single-source native starch for their proposal. The focus remains on the refining process itself rather than crop variability. The opportunity is open to academic researchers, startups, and suppliers with technologies at TRL 5-9 that are scalable for industrial deployment within 3 to 24 months. **Funding: \$50,000-\$300,000 | Application Deadline: March 31**

NVIDIA | Academic Grant Program

This grant program seeks research proposals from full-time faculty members at accredited academic institutions to advance work using NVIDIA technology. The program focuses on three core interest areas: Simulation and Modeling, Data Science, and Robotics and Edge AI. Proposals must incorporate pretrained models from nvidia.com and/or make extensive use of NVIDIA software development libraries. Applicants are encouraged to review the provided proposal template and request webinars to ensure high-quality submissions. **Funding: Access to NVIDIA compute resources and technical support | Application Deadline: March 31**

Gilead Sciences | Primary Biliary Cholangitis Research Scholars Program

This is a prestigious award for junior faculty focused on addressing unmet medical needs in Primary Biliary Cholangitis (PBC). This program supports basic, translational, or clinical research that explores the pathogenesis, biomarkers, and epidemiology of PBC, with a specific interest in exploring the impact of disease across different racial and ethnic groups. Gilead Sciences will be supporting a minimum of 2 awards through this program. Applicants must be within 7 years of initial appointment and meet NIH Early Stage Investigator (ESI) criteria. Research investigating specific Gilead products or interventional drug trials is strictly prohibited. **Funding: \$180,000 total (\$90,000 per year for 2 years) | Application Deadline: April 6, 11:59 p.m. PDT**

BASF | Novel Approaches for Ploidy Detection

This opportunity seeks high-throughput, non-destructive screening methodologies to distinguish between haploid (1N) and doubled haploid (2N) plant tissues at the earliest possible developmental stage—ideally at the embryo or seedling stage. This call focuses on wheat production but values solutions applicable to other crops. Solutions must preserve the viability of the plant material and avoid DNA/nuclei extraction or traditional spectrometry (which has already failed). Target solutions include biological optics, biophysics, AI-driven imaging, or novel biochemical markers with a simple 'yes/no' output. Academic researchers, startups, and service providers with technologies at TRL 1-5 are eligible to apply. **Funding: \$10,000-\$100,000 | Application Deadline: April 3**

Springer Nature | Nature Awards AI for Discovery

This award recognizes research groups using artificial intelligence to accelerate solutions in Health & Life Sciences, Energy & Sustainability, and Manufacturing. The program is specifically designed to support early research that bridges the gap between lab-based discovery and real-world deployment. Unlike many senior-level prizes, this award explicitly encourages early-career group leaders to apply, as evaluation is based on the novelty and potential impact of the AI intervention rather than the length of the investigator's career. **Funding: \$10,000 | Application Deadline: May 27, 11:59 p.m. UTC**

Federal Opportunities

DARPA | Mechanisms for Amplification of Fusion Reaction Rates in Solids (MARRS)

The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) is soliciting innovative proposals in exploring and implementing mechanisms that amplify and increase the rates of nuclear fusion reactions in solids at and near Room Temperature (RT). 1 Proposed research should investigate innovative approaches that enable revolutionary advances in science, devices, or systems. Specifically excluded is research primarily resulting in evolutionary improvements to the existing state of practice.

A central goal of MARRS is to gain a predictive and quantitative understanding of the limits of fusion rate amplification in solids at or near RT to determine if rates can be raised to levels necessary for various applications. To achieve this, the MARRS performers will use theoretical analysis and Modeling and Simulations (MS) in combination with experiments to elucidate the role of specific mechanisms that contribute to solid state fusion rate amplification. These mechanisms include the role of electron screening potentials, the density and mobility of deuterium (or other fusion fuel species), and the role of momentum and energy transfer from external sources (such as beams of photons and particles). **Funding: Varies | Application Deadline: March 12**

PCORI | Engagement Awards

The Engagement Award Program supports PCORI's Engagement Imperative defined in PCORI's Strategic Plan. The goal is to increase engagement in patient-centered CER—that is, the meaningful involvement of patients, caregivers, clinicians and other healthcare stakeholders throughout the research process. **Funding: Up to \$300,000 | LOI Deadline: March 30 | Full Application: July 13**

DDI | Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) Long Range Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) for Basic and Applied Scientific Research

NRL requests white papers for long-range Science and Technology (SAT) projects which may offer advancement and improvement potential for Navy and Marine Corps operations. This announcement emphasizes NRL's broad role in the competitive funding of meritorious research across a spectrum of science and engineering disciplines. NRL Program Code descriptions and NRL science and technology pursuits are provided at <https://www.nrl.navy.mil/research/directorate/areas-of-focus>. **Funding: Varies | White Paper: March 31**

NASA | ROSES 2025: Collaborative Opportunities for Mentorship, Partnership and Academic Success in Science

The Collaborative Opportunities for Mentorship, Partnership and Academic Success in Science (COMPASS) program fund collaborations between NASA Centers and academic institutions that will advance NASA's scientific priorities and train the future STEM workforce. COMPASS prioritizes collaborations with academic institutions that have not traditionally been funded by NASA as part of an effort to provide funding to a broad range of recipients rather than to a select group of repeat players. COMPASS prioritizes research that reflect NASA and the Administration's priorities and advance the Science Mission Directorate (SMD) and NASA's research goals. COMPASS creates undergraduate and graduate student research opportunities that provide professional development opportunities for students that help to build the United States' STEM workforce. **Funding: \$400,000 | Application Deadline: March 20**

Internal funding opportunities can be found on the [Rice University Creative Ventures Fund](#) webpage.

Proposal & Funding Strategy Support

Navigating the landscape of funding opportunities can be complex, but you're not alone! The [Office of Corporate and Foundation Relations](#) (OCFR) and the [Office of Research Development](#) (ORD) are here to support faculty in developing compelling proposals and crafting effective funding strategies for the RFPs shared in this bulletin and beyond.

How we can help:

- **Identifying Strategic Funding Matches:** We can help you analyze potential funders to determine alignment with your research or program goals and identify the most promising funding avenues.
- **Proposal Development Guidance:** We offer guidance throughout the proposal process, from outlining your project and developing a strong narrative to addressing sponsor requirements.
- **Corporate and Foundation Engagement (OCFR):** For opportunities involving corporate or private foundations, OCFR provides support in understanding funder priorities, tailoring your approach for successful engagements, and cultivating relationships.
- **Research Development Resources (ORD):** ORD offers a range of resources, including workshops, individual consultations, and proposal review services, to enhance the competitiveness and impact of your applications.

We encourage you to reach out early in the process so we can provide the most impactful support. Let us partner with you to turn your innovative ideas into funded realities!

Contact Us:

- **Office of Corporate and Foundation Relations (OCFR):** ocfr@rice.edu
- **Office of Research Development (ORD):** [Proposal assistance request form](#)

Available Resources

When developing your fundraising strategy, it can be advantageous to see what opportunities are posted by sponsors, including private foundations and government agencies. To enable you to do so effectively, Rice subscribes to Pivot-RP, a global database of open research funding opportunities available for faculty and staff.

To learn more about Pivot-RP, how to successfully access the database, or receive technical support from an OCFR partner, visit our [Internal website](#).

HALO is a platform developed specifically to connect companies to university researchers to work on answers to urgent needs. These projects are specific and range from \$25K - \$200K generally, but ultimately these projects can lead to broader relationships and sustained partnership. HALO releases RFPs monthly. You can sign up for regular updates and access is free and open to anyone who creates a free account.

If you have questions about HALO or how to navigate it, please contact OCFR at ocfr@rice.edu.

Rice University is a member of the [University-Industry Demonstration Project \(UIDP\)](#), a professional organization fostering connections between universities and industry partners. UIOP focuses on developing innovative approaches to collaborative endeavors, providing a wealth of resources accessible on their comprehensive website.

This resource is available to anyone working at Rice, and we strongly encourage you to make an account to receive updates.

Candid offers a comprehensive understanding of the social sector by providing extensive data and insightful analysis. Their platform integrates information on nonprofits, foundations, and grant-making activities, alongside current news and in-depth research. Faculty can utilize Candid's robust tools to thoroughly research and verify valuable organizations, effectively identify potential funding opportunities that align with their work, and explore a diverse array of valuable datasets and information related to the philanthropic landscape.

Visit Candid's website to discover their free training programs and a wide range of other valuable resources designed to support those working within and alongside the social sector.

Foundation Directory is a comprehensive database providing detailed profiles of grantmaking foundations, corporate giving programs, and federal funders. It serves as a crucial resource for identifying potential funding sources aligned with diverse research areas and scholarly activities. The directory offers insights into funders' priorities, past grant recipients, application guidelines, and contact information, empowering faculty to strategically pursue external funding opportunities to support their work at Rice University.

Note: Rice University faculty interested in accessing the Foundation Directory should email OCFR at ocfr@rice.edu to request login credentials.

This presentation equips researchers with the skills to effectively manage their research data. Throughout the session, explore the importance of data management and creating a data management plan, and delve into best practices for organizing, documenting, storing, sharing, and archiving your data. The presentation was curated by the Forden Library and draws on best practices and resources from the University of Minnesota Libraries, the New England Collaborative Data Management Curriculum, and MIT Libraries.

Access the [Research Data Management Presentation](#) here.

This email was sent by the Office of Corporate and Foundation Relations

OCFR works with faculty to develop proposals, navigate the proposal process, coordinate campus visits, research potential funders, and analyze data to inform strategy.

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