



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. Navigate funding opportunities by focus: Multidisciplinary, 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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Upcoming Events

Join us at our Open House to Discuss Your Funding Needs – May 1, 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, May 1 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:** RiceOTT11

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

Proposal Workshop: NSF Career (Phase 2): Writing Session Series

During Phase 2 of the ORD CAREER workshop, participants will focus on drafting their Project Summary and Project Description, exchanging feedback with peers and receiving guidance from the workshop facilitators (two research development specialists from ORD). After the group sessions, each participant will be paired with an ORD/S specialist who provides one-on-one editing support and assists with arranging a mock review session with a team of colleagues, mentors, and other experts chosen by the CAREER applicant. This structure ensures a consistent process for moving faculty through learning, drafting, revising, and external review, while providing both group-based and individualized support to strengthen their CAREER proposals.

Speakers: Tanya Karamchandani and Vasudha Bhardwaj

Wednesdays, May 6, May 13, May 20, May 27

(11:00 a.m. to 12:50 p.m.)

[Register Here](#)

Helpful Links

- [Access the archive of bulletins here.](#)
- [Check out the private foundations limited submissions calendar here.](#)
- [Explore the apply career webpage for timely careers and receiving guidance from the workshop facilitators \(two research development specialists from ORD\).](#)
- [Check out the Private Foundations Limited Submission Submissions web page.](#)

Active Limited Submissions

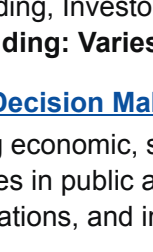
For certain funding opportunities, Rice can only submit a limited number of proposals. When this occurs, we hold **Internal competitions** to determine which application(s) will be submitted to the sponsor. If you're interested in a **limited submission opportunity**, you must complete and submit an 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:

- [Brain Research Foundation Innovation Grant | Internal Pre-Proposal Deadline: May 15, 2026](#)
- [2026 William T. Grant Scholars Program | Internal Pre-Proposal Deadline: May 15, 2026](#)
- [2026 Joe W. and Dorothy Dorsett Brown Foundation Early Career Research Award | Internal Pre-Proposal Deadline: May 15, 2026](#)
- [2026 Basilisk Health Foundation of San Antonio "Strategy to Mission" Grants \(Topics: Maternal Mortality or Mental Health\) | Internal Pre-Proposal Deadline: May 3, 2026](#)
- [NSF TechniAccess-At-Risk/Early America | Internal Pre-Proposal Deadline: May 19, 2026](#)
- [Pew Biomedical Scholars Program | Internal Pre-Proposal Deadline: May 15, 2026](#)
- [2026 Edward Mallickrodt Jr. Foundation Grant Program | Internal Pre-Proposal Deadline: May 14, 2026](#)
- [2027 Rita Allen Foundation Scholars Program | Internal Pre-Proposal Deadline: May 21, 2026](#)
- [Mathers Foundation Research Funding Program: Fall 2026 | Internal Pre-Proposal Deadline: June 1, 2026](#)
- [Kleck Foundation Research Program \(J22\) | Internal Pre-Proposal Deadline: May 22, 2026](#)
- [Lilly Endowment Exploring Christian Practices Initiative | Internal Pre-Proposal Deadline: May 1, 2026](#)

If you have any questions about the limited submissions process, please contact [Jalon Martin](mailto:Jalon.Martin@rice.edu), the Research Development coordinator in the [Office of Research](#).

Multidisciplinary Opportunities



Foundation Opportunities

Water Research Foundation | Alternative Approaches to Water Shutoffs for Non-Payment of Bills

WRF is seeking projects that evaluate alternatives to water shutoffs for non-payment of bills. Projects should analyze how billing practices, third-party resources, and various penalty structures impact both utility financial sustainability and customer payment behavior. **Funding: Up to \$200,000 | Application Deadline: May 20**

Water Research Foundation | Evaluating Scalability, Reproducibility, and Impact of GenAI and Agentic AI in the Water and Wastewater Sector

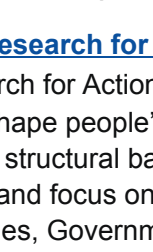
WRF invites proposals that establish secure frameworks for adopting GenAI and Agentic AI in the water sector. Eligible projects will implement and report on GenAI and Agentic AI pilot applications across multiple utilities to test scalability/impact. **Funding: Up to \$200,000 | Application Deadline: May 20**

Simons Foundation | New Ideas Award

The Simons Foundation is soliciting applications for its New Ideas Award, which provides early stage support for bold, exploratory research that tests novel hypotheses and opens new conceptual or experimental directions in the study of autism and related neurodevelopmental disorders (NDD). Proposed research may draw on any scientific discipline, methodology or experimental system (including humans) and may operate at any scale or level of analysis. **Funding: Up to \$600,000 | LOI Deadline: Rolling**

John Templeton Foundation | Intelligence Venture

The John Templeton Foundation has launched its new Intelligence Venture, a multi-disciplinary, meta-portfolio investigating the nature, purpose, and future of intelligence. This initiative will support projects that explore the history and future of the human understanding of intelligence, the diverse forms of intelligence manifesting today, collective intelligence within humans is across species, and the potential benefits or harms of artificial intelligence. Applicants must address one of the six funding areas in their work: Character/Virtue Development, Individual Freedom & Free Markets, Life Sciences, Mathematical & Physical Sciences, Public Engagement, or Religion, Science, & Society. **Funding: Varies | LOI Deadline: July 15**



Federal Opportunities

Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) | Defense Science Office (DSO) Office-wide BAA

This DSO Office-wide BAA will accept innovative basic or applied research concepts or studies and analysis proposals. Proposals in novel areas DSO has not considered are welcome. However, if the proposal addresses one or more of the following technical thrust areas, please indicate which one(s) in your submission: (1) Materials, Manufacturing, and Structures, (2) Sensing, Measuring, and Affecting, (3) Math, Computation, and Processing, and (4) Complex, Dynamic, and Intelligent Systems. Each thrust area description below includes a list of example research topics that highlight several (but not all) potential areas of interest. Proposals must include innovative research approaches that enable revolutionary advances. DSO is explicitly not interested in approaches or technologies that primarily result in evolutionary improvements to the existing state of practice or are for manufacturing scale-up. **Funding: Unspecified | Application Deadline: June 2**

Social Sciences & Humanities Funding Opportunities



Foundation Opportunities

Nasdaq Philanthropic Foundation | Economic Opportunity Grant Program

The Nasdaq Philanthropic Foundation is accepting proposals on the following topics for its Economic Opportunity Grant Program: Regional Revitalization, Healthcare Access, Entrepreneurship, Financial Literacy and Resilience, Access to Capital, and Employee and Community Ownership. **Funding: Varies | LOI Deadline: July 31**

Russell Sage Foundation | Behavioral Science and Decision Making in Context

This program is soliciting proposals for studies exploring economic, social, political, and psychological decision-making processes, attitudes, behaviors, and institutional practices in public and private contexts such as policing/criminal legal systems, employment, housing, politics, racial/ethnic relations, and immigration. **Funding: Up to \$200,000 | LOI Deadline: July 15**

Russell Sage Foundation | Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration

The REI program is seeking multidisciplinary research exploring the significant changes in the racial, ethnic, and immigrant origin composition of the U.S. population. A primary goal of the program is to find ways in which researchers from different social science traditions may complement one another and foster an understanding of how we might better achieve the American ideals of a pluralist society. **Funding: Up to \$200,000 | LOI Deadline: July 15**

Russell Sage Foundation | Immigration and Immigration Integration

The Russell Sage Foundation/Carnegie Corporation Initiative on Immigration and Immigrant Integration seeks to support innovative research on effects on citizenship, legal status and politics, political culture and public policy, trade governance, trade geographies, digital trade, global supply chain resilience and security, industry/economic development, FDI, trade workforce/education, and environmental trade. **Funding: Varies | Application Deadline: May 31**

Russell Sage Foundation | Implications of the 2023 Supreme Court Decision to Ban Conscious Admissions at Colleges and Universities for Educational Attainment and Economic Mobility

RSF, in collaboration with the Hewlett, Spencer, and William T. Grant foundations, is accepting proposals studying the effects of this 2023 Supreme Court decision on a diversity of outcomes extending beyond impacts on the college admission process. The foundation is interested in the downstream effects of such a decision, such as how the college-to-career pipeline that many employers rely on to diversify their workforce may change and the factors associated with public opposition to and support for race-conscious policies. RSF encourages analyses that engage with newly available data, demonstrate novel uses of existing data, and/or collect original data. **Funding: Up to \$200,000 | LOI Deadline: July 15**

Caplan Foundation for Early Childhood | Early Childhood Grants

The Caplan Foundation for Early Childhood is seeking imaginative proposals that exhibit the greatest chance of improving the lives of young children (ages 0-7 years) on a national scale. Funding areas include Parenting Education, Early Childhood Welfare, and/or Early Childhood Education and Play. **Funding: Varies | LOI Deadline: May 31**

Hinrich Foundation | International Trade Research Program

The Hinrich Foundation supports trade research projects that advance the understanding of global trade issues and support policy development. This program will fund research particularly related to the following topics: trade governance, trade geographies, digital trade, global supply chain resilience and security, industry/economic development, FDI, trade workforce/education, and environmental trade. **Funding: Varies | Application Deadline: May 31**

Brady Education Foundation | Research Project Grants

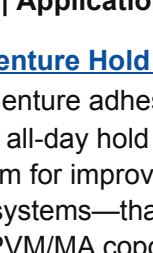
The Brady Education Foundation is soliciting proposals for developmental or educational research that will inform future education research, practice, philanthropic funding, and/or public policy. Examples of eligible projects include measurement development, studies investigating factors associated with achievement outcomes, research on the strength families bring to the learning environment and how those can be capitalized upon to promote children's learning/achievement outcomes, and policy studies. **Funding: Studies collecting data: Up to \$125,000; Studies using existing data sets: Under \$100,000 | LOI Deadline: May 30**

Brady Education Foundation | Existing Program Evaluation Grants

The Brady Education Foundation is requesting proposals that evaluate the effectiveness of programs promoting positive cognitive, achievement, and/or learning outcomes for children. Projects may also explore one of the following topics: Whether program effects are stronger for certain groups and/or under certain conditions, Mediation effects informing why the program is sufficient, and/or Cost-benefit analyses of a given program. Applications must inform future education research, practice, philanthropic funding, and/or public policy. Under \$100,000. **Funding: Studies collecting data: Up to \$125,000; Studies using existing data sets: Under \$100,000 | LOI Deadline: May 30**

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation | Health Equity Research for Action

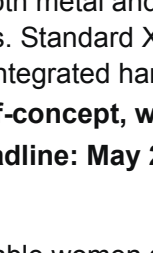
RWJF is soliciting proposals for its Health Equity Research for Action program, which aims to build more inclusive and responsive legal, political, and economic systems that shape people's lives and their health/wellbeing. The foundation will support various approaches to eliminating systemic and structural barriers to health and wellbeing, including those related to structural racism. Research must be community-rooted and focus on at least one of RWJF's [Prioritized Systems](#): Community Development, Economic Inclusion for Families, Government, Health Science Knowledge, Healthcare Media, and Public Health. Proposals must also lead to actionable solutions (informing policy, institutional change, real-world action, and/or redefining dominant healthcare narratives) and demonstrate an existing community partnership of at least two years (with more time preferred). RWJF requires that one of the co-principal investigators is a representative or leader from a community-based organization. **Funding: Up to \$500,000 | LOI Deadline: May 14**



Corporate Opportunities

Toyota | Research Grant Program

WRF is seeking projects that evaluate alternatives to water shutoffs for non-payment of bills. Projects should analyze how billing practices, third-party resources, and various penalty structures impact both utility financial sustainability and customer payment behavior. **Funding: Up to \$8 million yen (approx. \$53,000) for a two-year grant period beginning November 1, 2026 | Submission Deadline: June 5, 3:00 p.m. JST (12:00 a.m. CST)**

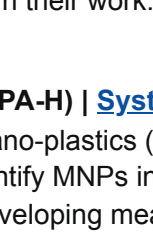


Federal Opportunities

National Endowment for Humanities (NEH) | Collections Stewardship

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Division of Collections & Infrastructure is accepting applications for Collections Stewardship, a program to advance the preservation and availability of physical and digital collections important for research, teaching, and public engagement in the humanities. Planning and implementation projects may include conservation and preservation, digitization and description, enhancement of long-standing digital resources in the humanities, and preservation services or education and training for students and professionals in collections stewardship. **Funding: Up to \$500,000 | Application Deadline: May 11**

Science and Engineering Funding Opportunities



Foundation Opportunities

Schmidt Sciences | Science of Trustworthy AI

The Science of Trustworthy AI program is seeking research that improves our ability to understand, predict, and control risks from frontier AI systems while enabling their trustworthy deployment. **Funding: Tier 1: Up to \$1M; Tier 2: \$1M-\$M+ | Application Deadline: May 17**

Schmidt Sciences | AI Interpretability

The AI Interpretability program is seeking research that detects deceptive behaviors exhibited by LLMs and steers their reasoning to eliminate such behaviors. **Funding: \$300k - \$1M | Application Deadline: May 26**

Craig H. Nielsen Foundation | Translational Spectrum Grants

The Nielsen Foundation's Translational Spectrum Grants support the development of new approaches to restore/enhance function and prevent or reverse neurodegenerative diseases and/or conditions that arise after traumatic spinal cord injury (SCI). Studies should demonstrate novelty, scientific merit, and the potential for substantial impact on SCI treatment and care. Inclusion of individuals with lived SCI experience is encouraged. **Funding: Up to \$400,000 | LOI Deadline: May 22**

Dana Foundation | Neuroscience and Society

The Dana Foundation has an open call for LOIs in three program areas at the intersection of neuroscience and society: Education, NextGen, and Frontiers. Neuroscience and Society grant applications are made to one of the three program areas. **Funding: Up to \$150,000 | LOI Deadline: May 22**

Children's Heart Foundation | Independent Research Awards

The Children's Heart Foundation sponsors investigator-initiated research in clinical cardiology, including surgical and interventional techniques, as well as translational research and population science for patients with congenital heart defects (CHDs). This RFP's primary focus is funding research in patients born with structural congenital heart disease, but research in fetuses/patients with congenital complete heart block as well as investigations focused on the evaluation/treatment of cardiomyopathy and arrhythmias is eligible for funding under this RFP. At the time of application, investigators must have completed pre-clinical studies informing the trial and hold an approved IND as well as demonstrate a track record of implementing and executing biologics clinical trials through publishing a prior investigator-initiated clinical trial as a lead PI or as a member of a study committee. **Funding: Up to \$1.8M | Application Deadline: June 9**

Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation | R Accelerated Grant

The R Accelerated Award Grant advances ALSF's mission to find cures and better treatments for childhood cancers, supporting scientists focused on pediatric oncology research. Proposals should be original projects that are not currently funded and have a clear focus on accelerating the discovery of more effective, less toxic therapies for childhood cancers (patients 19 years of age or younger). Applicants must be within 10 years of their first faculty appointment at the Assistant Professor level and be a first-time PI or co-PI (PI of a pediatric cancer research-focused NIH R01 award or equivalent independent award). **Funding: Up to \$800,000 | Application Deadline: June 11**

Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation | A Award Grant

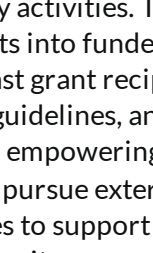
The A Award Grant provides support to early career scientists who want to establish a career in pediatric oncology research. Proposals must be original projects that are not currently funded. Demonstration of a future commitment to pediatric cancer investigation as well as institutional support for the career development of the investigator are critical components of a successful application. A mentored research program for career development plan must be included. Applicants must be within five years of their first faculty appointment as an Assistant Professor at the time that their application is submitted. MD and MD/PhD investigators must be within 10 years of their terminal research degree or end of post-graduate clinical training (whichever date is later), and PhD applicants must be within 10 years of their terminal research degree. **Funding: Up to \$800,000 | Application Deadline: June 16**

Lung Cancer Research Foundation | Effects of Air Pollution and Climate Change on Carcinogenesis and Lung Cancer Prevention

LCRF is seeking to fund innovative projects that examine the impact of climate change and environmental pollution on lung cancer risk, diagnosis, treatment, and outcomes and identifies strategies to mitigate these effects. Topics of interest include but are not limited to: Impact of climate change on cancer incidence and prevalence, Role of screening for lung cancer in a warming climate, Impact of extreme weather events on lung cancer prevalence and outcomes, Role of air pollution and lung cancer in never-smokers, Effects and interactions of environmental carcinogens and ways to mitigate their impact, and Mechanisms by which PM2.5 and other environmental carcinogens cause lung cancer. **Funding: Up to \$200,000 | Application Deadline: June 2**

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation | Exemplary Pathways to STEM Graduate Education

The Sloan Foundation is funding STEM undergraduate programs seeking to identify and remove longstanding, systemic barriers to STEM master's and doctoral degrees. Projects must demonstrate an overarching commitment to addressing significant barriers to STEM graduate education within the fields of astronomy, biology, chemistry, computer science, data science, Earth sciences, economics, engineering, marine science, mathematics, physics, and/or statistics. Applications should also have created, or show a capacity to create, partnerships that meaningfully address such barriers. **Funding: Up to \$500,000 | Application Deadline: June 1**



Corporate Opportunities

Bayer | Epigenetic Modulation of Plant Traits

Bayer Crop Science is seeking programmable platforms to modulate plant traits through targeted epigenetic modifications—such as DNA methylation or histone remodeling—without altering the underlying DNA sequence. The initiative focuses on CRISPR/Cas-based epigenome editors and innovative delivery systems, including sprayable nanoparticles or peptides, that can achieve transient or heritable phenotypic changes in crops. Proposals must demonstrate molecular evidence of epigenetic modification in model species and provide a clear rationale for translation into field-applicable solutions for improving crop resilience or yield. Solutions involving stable genome integration, transgenic modification, or standard DNA sequence editing are considered out of scope. **Funding: \$25,000 to \$200,000 annually based on project scope, with potential for expansion and long-term collaboration | Application Deadline: May 29**

Haleon | Novel Fixative Technologies for Superior Denture Hold and User Experience

This opportunity seeks innovative solutions to improve denture adhesives, specifically requesting bio-inspired, moisture-responsive, or thermo-responsive materials that provide all-day hold and a superior food-tastes seal length that is not currently found. Proposals must present a credible mechanism for improving the user experience through oral-safe ingredients—such as mucoadhesive polymers or pressure-sensitive systems—that are compatible with daily-use formats like strips, films, or gels. Crucially, solutions must avoid the use of zinc, PVB/MMA copolymer salts, and nanotechnology, and they cannot rely on a medicinal or pharmacological mode of action. **Funding: \$25,000 to \$100,000 for a six-month project | Application Deadline: May 29**

Haleon | Oral Microbiome Modulation for Improved Gum Health

Haleon is seeking innovative ingredients and technologies—such as probiotics, postbiotics, and targeted delivery systems—that selectively modulate the oral microbiome to prevent or reverse gingivitis. Proposals must demonstrate proven efficacy (in vitro or in vivo), cost-effectiveness for consumer products, and a clear regulatory pathway for safe daily use. Please note that solutions involving non-pharmacological or non-pharmacological ingredients subject to regulatory restrictions are strictly out of scope for this request. **Funding: \$25,000 to \$100,000 for a six-month project | Application Deadline: May 29**

Private Company | In-line Detection of Foreign Bodies in Industrial Processing

A major food and nutrition company is seeking next-generation in-line detection technologies to identify low-density, non-metal contaminants—such as plastics, rubber, wood, and stones—embedded within product matrices. Proposals should focus on breakthrough sensing hardware like hyperspectral imaging, terahertz, microwave, or acoustic sensors, potentially fused with AI for signal interpretation, and must be capable of high-throughput performance (up to 12 m³/hour). Solutions must achieve minimum sensitivity levels for both metal and low-contrast foreign bodies while remaining compatible with food factory washdown and sanitation requirements. Standard X-ray systems, incremental metal detection improvements, and AI-only software proposals without integrated hardware are considered out of scope. **Funding: Up to \$100,000 in sponsored research funding for proof-of-concept, with a clear path to global scale across the company's manufacturing network | Application Deadline: May 29**

Sony | Women in Technology Award with Nature

This award aims to recognize and celebrate the remarkable women spearheading advancements in technology, driving positive change for society and the planet. Early to mid-career women researchers working in academia, at a research institution, or an affiliated university spinout are invited to apply. A PhD or equivalent is not required. Three winners will be selected; at least one winner will be selected in an early-career category each year. Applications will be judged on their own merit and not against different career stages. **Funding: \$250,000 | Application Deadline: June 5, 7:00 p.m.**

Federal Opportunities

National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) | Environment Track: Early-Career Research Fellowship

This track invites research that leverages innovative scientific or technological approaches to assess, monitor, or predict the resilience of critical ecosystems and species to changing conditions.

Fellows should develop or test innovative monitoring techniques and/or develop solutions that enhance a system's biodiversity or slow its loss. This work should translate into actionable management & policy strategies that sustain ecosystem services & strengthen community resilience. Special emphasis will be placed on applicants that utilize genetic/genomic/machine learning/AI methodologies in their work. **Funding: Up to \$76,000 | Application Deadline: June 2**

Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H) | Systematic Targeting Of MicroPlastics (STOMP)

A growing body of evidence suggests that micro- and nano-plastics (MNP)s harm human health. The Systematic Targeting Of MicroPlastics (STOMP) program seeks to better quantify MNPs in humans; understand the mechanisms of MNP deposition; and, ultimately, improve human health by developing means to limit uptake and remove MNPs from the body. **Funding: Unspecified | Solution Summary: May 6**

Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) | Automated Discovery for Design and Control of Turbulent Systems (AutoDACS)

The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) is soliciting innovative proposals for the data-informed development of generalizable models and principles for aeronautical design and the optimal control of turbulent systems. Proposed research should investigate innovative approaches that enable revolutionary advances in science, devices, or systems. Specifically, excluded is research that primarily results in evolutionary improvements to the existing state of practice. **Funding: Unspecified | Application Deadline: May 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 RCFR 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 engagement, 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@rice.edu

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 continued partnership. Halo releases RFPs monthly. You can sign up for regular updates and access is free and open to anyone who creates an account. If you have questions about Halo or how to navigate it, please contact 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. UIDP focuses on developing innovative approaches to collaborative endeavors, providing a wealth of resources accessible on their comprehensive website.

This resource is available and strongly working at Rice, and we're always encouraging you to make an account to receive updates.

Candid offers a comprehensive understanding of the social sector by integrating extensive data and insightful analysis. The platform aggregates information on nonprofits, foundations, and grantmaking activities, alongside current news and in-depth research. Faculty can utilize Candid's robust tools to thoroughly research and verify nonprofit 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 interests. The directory offers insights into funders' priorities, past grant recipients, application guidelines, and continued information, empowering faculty to strategically pursue external funding opportunities to support their work at Rice University.

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

Research Data Management

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 Fondren 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.

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.