Susan G Komen Foundation

- The largest non-government funder of breast cancer research in the world
- Have supported a broad range of research from basic biology to treatment to survivorship
- Requests for Application (RFAs) are issued annually. Applications undergo a rigorous scientific peer review processes that involves Advocates in Science, Komen Scholars and other experts in the field.
- Grant announcements:
  - Cycle 1 Research grants (typically May)
  - Cycle 11 Fellowships and training (late Summer)
- Review process:
  - Pre-application peer review
  - Full application review
    - 1st step- review and rating
    - 2nd step- face-to-face meeting with review committee
- Review process typically involves more than 425 scientist and advocate reviewers working in 23 to 25 committees.
- Komen typically receives between 950 and 1,050 pre-applications annually. Funding ratios can vary considerably by year and grant type.
- Funding opportunities: [http://ww5.komen.org/ResearchGrants/FundingOpportunities.html](http://ww5.komen.org/ResearchGrants/FundingOpportunities.html)
- Contact the Komen Grants Help Desk at helpdesk@komengrantsaccess.org or 1 (866) 921-9678.

GlaxoSmithKline

- Drug research
  - Vaccines
  - Drugs
  - Consumer healthcare products
- Clinical trials
- Fighting diseases in developing countries.
- Provides grants and sponsorship to organizations that foster increased understanding of scientific, clinical, and healthcare issues, and contribute to improving patient care.
- As of January 1, 2010, GSK will no longer fund programs by medical education and communication companies.
- Requires that independent medical education programs be clearly designed to close documented gaps in patient care and include a plan for measuring results.
- GSK has strict, objective criteria in place to govern the grant funding and approval process. Requests are evaluated on the basis of alignment with our educational objectives and our therapeutic areas of interest. Community
Partnership grants are provided based on community needs, independent from our therapeutic areas of interest. All requests are subject to the availability of funding.

• More information available at: **www.gsk.com**

**Howard Hughes Medical Institute**

• Howard Hughes Institute uses its privately funded grants to enhance science education for all students from grade school to graduate school.
• They offer both individual grants and also institute grants. Most grants are awarded through a competition and have specific objectives and criteria.

**Exceptional Research Opportunities Program (EXROP)**

• Students are nominated to apply for the program by HHMI professors, directors of HHMI-funded undergraduate programs at colleges and universities, and active Science Education Alliance (SEA) schools. EXROP then matches students with HHMI scientists who have volunteered to provide mentored research experiences.

**EXROP Requirements**

• Students from a disadvantaged or underrepresented background.
• Will be enrolled as undergraduates in the Fall of 2013.
• Students that can commit 10 weeks for a summer research experience.
• Students that have an interest in graduate school.
• Previous research experience is not necessary but it is a plus.
• Students do not need to be a US citizen but must be able to fill out a Federal Form W-9 or W-8BEN.

**EXROP Benefits and Important Dates**

• Students receive a $4500 dollar award.
• Students can continue to receive support for doctoral education through Gilliam Fellowships for advanced study.
• Date for nominating and filling out an application has already passed for this year.
• November 1 was when the online application for nominated students opened and it closed on November 30.
• Mid January students are notified of receiving the award and have till the end of January to accept it.
• The end of May or the beginning of June students will begin their summer research program.
• More information available at: **www.hhmi.org**

**Gilliam Fellowship for Advance Study**

• A continuation of support for recipients of an EXROP award while they work on their PhD in a biomedical or related science including interdisciplinary degrees.
• Gives support of currently $46,500 a year for up to 4 years.
• Students that receive this grant cannot have received financial support from other grants, may not be employed, and enrolled 12 months a year.
• Date to apply for 2014 has not post yet.
International Student Research Fellowships

- Supports outstanding international predoctoral students studying in the US that are ineligible for fellowships or training grants from Federal agencies.
- Student must be in their 3rd or 4th year of study in biology, chemistry, physics, math, computer science, engineering, plant biology, and interdisciplinary research.
- The fellowship is awarded for up to 3 years at $30,000 dollars a year.
- Student is required to be enrolled full time for 12 months a year and continuation of the fellowship is dependent on making progress towards a PhD.
- Date to apply for 2014 has not post yet. Please check at: www.hhmi.org/intl_fellows

Paul G. Allen Family Foundation

- Private foundation that aims to strengthen individuals and enhance communities by supporting:
  - Innovation
  - Creating knowledge
  - Promoting social progress
- Foundation provides funding for the following program areas:
  - Arts and Culture
  - Asset Building
  - Basic Needs
  - Education
  - Library
  - Science and Technology

Application Process

- Invitations for funding proposals are extended to organizations that foster the aims of the foundation.
  - No unsolicited proposals for funding are accepted.
- In 2012, all funding was provided for arts and culture programs.
- To receive funding an organization must:
  - Serve populations in the following states: Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, or Washington
  - Be classified as a Public Charity with a 501 (c) (3) status by the IRS, be a government entity, or be an IRS-recognized tribe
  - Not have any delinquent final reports for previous foundation grants
  - Not have concurrent foundation grants
- More information available at www.pgafoundations.com

Blue Cross & Blue Shield of SC Foundation

Program Areas

- Childhood/Adolescent Health
- Community Health
• Health Care and Free Medical Clinics  
• Mental Health  
• Nursing Issues  
• Prevention of Obesity  
• Research  

How to Apply  
• 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, government, or educational/research institutions  
• Letter of Intent (Biannual)  
  ◦ LOI Spring deadline Feb 20, 2013  
• No maximum dollar amount  
• Proposals determined by Board of Directors  
• More information available at: www.bcbsscfoundation.org  

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF)  
• Mission: Improve health & health care of all Americans  
• Grants for projects in US & territories  
• Most thru Call for Proposal (CFPs) http://www.rwjf.org/en/grants/calls-for-proposals.html  
• Pioneer Portfolio: unsolicited proposals for “new & creative” approaches to solving healthcare issues (e.g., PHR & mobile technology: “mHealth”)  
• Eligible organizations: public agencies; universities; public charities under 501 (c)(3)  
• Priorities: Health Policy, Prevention, Cost & Value  

RWJF Grants: Must Address one of 7 Program Areas  
• Reversing Childhood Obesity  
• Ensuring Coverage for Uninsured  
• Investing in People to Improve Health  
• Fostering Pioneering Ideas  
• Improving the Public’s Health  
• Advancing Health Care Quality  
• Helping the Most Vulnerable Populations  

Rationale for CFPs  
• Sparks new & promising ideas from the field  
• Invites a diverse range of approaches and applicants to a single issue, problem or idea  
• Evaluates whether ideas that work in one setting will work in many different ones  
• Brings together coalitions of people and groups to act on a problem or issue  
• Compares many applications for the same purpose at the same time  

CFPs contain  
• Program’s purpose, background, intent, design, & grant requirements  
• Eligibility & selection criteria  
• Total dollars & number of grants being awarded  
• Matching fund requirements (if applicable)  
• How funds may be used
• Deadlines & key dates
• Instructions on how to apply

Types of Projects Funded

_Innovative projects that can have measurable impact and can create meaningful, transformative change, e.g.,_
• service demonstrations
• gathering and monitoring of health-related statistics
• public education
• training and fellowship programs
• policy analysis
• health services research
• technical assistance
• communications activities
• evaluations

**NSF-Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship Program (IGERT)**

• Aims to support the education of U.S. Ph.D. scientists and engineers with interdisciplinary backgrounds
• Intends to facilitate diversity in student participation and preparation
• Aims to contribute to a world-class, broadly inclusive, and globally engaged science and engineering workforce
• Support new models in graduate education in which students are engaged in an environment that supports innovation to learn through hands-on experience how their own research may contribute in new ways to benefit society
• Open to Undergraduate and Graduate Students
• Recent rewards in various fields
  ◦ Urban ecology
  ◦ Polar environmental change
  ◦ Marine ecosystem sustainability
  ◦ Graduate training in ocean change
  ◦ Integrative training in motor control
  ◦ Sustainable urban infrastructure
• More info:

**Foundation Center (Parts for individual &students)**

• The Foundation Center is the most authoritative source of information on private philanthropy in the United States
• This web site is designed to guide you quickly to the information you are looking for—instruction on funding research, help with proposal writing, tools for locating prospective funders, news and research on the field, or a library or training class near you.

Tips:
1. Do not focus all your efforts on one "ideal" funder.
2. You should first contact the financial-aid office at the college or university you plan to attend.
3. If it appears that you don’t qualify, don’t apply.
4. Two format of database:
   - Foundation Grants to Individuals ($75)
   - Foundation Grants to Individuals Online (> $19.95)
5. Proposal writing is just one step in the grantseeking process, and it is not the most important step.

Training courses
- Learn about tools and techniques for seeking financial support for higher education.
- **Online:**
  - Finding Foundation Support for Your Education (Free)
  - Grantseeking for Individuals (Self-Paced eLearning) ($19.95)
  - Proposal Writing: The Comprehensive Course (Self-Paced eLearning) ($189.95)

Classroom course (free)
- Before You Seek a Grant: A Checklist for New Nonprofits
- Finding Foundation Support for Your Education
- Getting Started with Foundation Grants to Individuals Online
- Grantseeking Basics
- Grantseeking Basics for International Organizations
- Guide to Online Grantseeker Resources
- How to Approach a Foundation
- Introduction to Finding Funders
- Proposal Budgeting Basics
- Proposal Writing Basics
- Proposal Writing Short Course

Foundation Center also provides much information for grantseeker/grantmaker other than individual & students. Please check their website for future information.

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