

# Funding for Engaged Research:

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation and  
William T. Grant Foundation

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# Agenda

**Noon – 12:05 p.m. Welcome and Introduction**

**12:05 – 12:25 p.m. Alfred P. Sloan Foundation**

**12:25 – 12:45 p.m. William T. Grant Foundation**

**12:45 – 1 p.m. Q&A**



# IHSI Community–Academic Partnerships Core



**Faculty Development**



**Community Partner  
Connections**



**Proposal Development  
Support**

# Foundation Relations: What We Do



Assist with proposal preparation and submission



Monitor major foundation activities for changes in giving priorities, staffing, board, and leadership



Provide information on the University's relationships with specific foundations and devise strategies for approaching them



Conduct sponsor research and identification for faculty and units



Conduct/arrange foundation visits on behalf of campus and host foundation representatives on campus



Offer seminars and training on foundation philanthropy and proposal writing



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# Alfred P. Sloan Foundation

# Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Overview



ALFRED P. SLOAN  
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**Not-for-profit grant-making institution, founded in 1934 by industrialist Alfred P. Sloan Junior**

## **Mission:**

The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation makes grants primarily to **support original research and education related to science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and economics**. The Foundation believes that these fields—and the scholars and practitioners who work in them—are chief drivers of the nation's health and prosperity. The Foundation also believes that a reasoned, systematic understanding of the forces of nature and society, when applied inventively and wisely, can lead to a better world for all.



# Alfred P. Sloan Foundation: Grant Opportunities



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## GRANTMAKING STRATEGY

In selecting projects for funding, the Sloan Foundation seeks proposals for original initiatives led by outstanding individuals or teams. They are interested in projects that have a **high expected return to society**, exhibit a **high degree of methodological rigor**, and for which **funding from the private sector, government, or other foundations is not yet widely available**.

**GRANT GUIDELINES:** <https://sloan.org/grants/apply#tab-the-grant-application-process>





# Programs at Alfred P. Sloan Foundation



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RESEARCH



HIGHER EDUCATION



TECHNOLOGY



PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING



NEW YORK CITY PROGRAM



COMPLETED PROGRAMS

**Grantmaking is divided thematically across several broad subject areas related to science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and economics.**



# Alfred P. Sloan Foundation: Interested Applicants



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*The Foundation does not accept or review unsolicited grant proposals*

## **STEP 1: INTERESTED APPLICANTS SHOULD READ THE FOUNDATION'S WEBSITE**

- Grant applications should be made to a **specific program**.
- The *Program* sections include a statement of each program's goals, a description of the strategies employed, a list of recent grants, and information about how to apply.
- **Interested applicants are encouraged to browse through <https://sloan.org/grants-database> to get a feeling for the kind of projects the program supports.**

## **STEP 2: APPLICANTS SUBMIT A [LETTERS OF INQUIRY](#) BY EMAIL TO THE APPROPRIATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

- *NOTE: Not all programs accept unsolicited inquiries.*
- The *Apply* section of each program specifies whether inquiries are currently accepted.

## **STEP 3: PROMISING LETTERS OF INQUIRY WILL BE INVITED TO SUBMIT A FORMAL GRANT PROPOSAL**

- Visit their [Grant Proposal Guidelines](#) section for more information.





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# Interview with Jodi Schneider



**William T. Grant**  
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Interested in facilitating a better understanding of how children and youth develop and thrive:  
Improving lives of young people between 5 and 25

*“Effective programs and policies can enhance young people’s lives and social science research can help us understand, build, and improve those that work best.” -Adam Gamoran*

## FOCUS AREAS



Reducing  
Inequality



Improving the  
Use of Research  
Evidence

## RESEARCH PROGRAMS

[Reducing Inequality](#)

[Improving the Use of Research Evidence](#)

[Connecting Research, Policy, and Practice](#)

[Improving Youth Services in New York City](#)

# William T. Grant Foundation RFPs



Grant	Amount	Deadline(s)	Link
<p><b>Research Grants on Reducing Inequality</b></p> <p>Officers' Research Grants</p>	<p>\$100,000 to \$600,000 over 2-3 years, including up to 15% indirect costs.</p> <p>\$25,000–\$50,000 over 1-2 years, including up to 15% indirect costs</p>	<p>January 12, 2022</p> <p>May 4, 2022 (LOI for Officers' research grants are not accepted in May)</p> <p>August 3, 2022</p>	<p><a href="https://wtgrantfoundation.org/grants/research-grants-reducing-inequality">https://wtgrantfoundation.org/grants/research-grants-reducing-inequality</a></p>
<p><b>Research Grants on Improving the Use of Research Evidence</b></p> <p>Officers' Research Grants</p>	<p>\$100,000 to \$1,000,000 over 2-4 years, including up to 15% indirect costs.</p> <p>\$25,000–\$50,000 over 1-2 years, including up to 15% indirect costs</p>	<p>January 12, 2022</p> <p>May 4, 2022 (LOI for Officers' research grants are not accepted in May)</p> <p>August 3, 2022</p>	<p><a href="https://wtgrantfoundation.org/grants/research-grants-improving-use-research-evidence">https://wtgrantfoundation.org/grants/research-grants-improving-use-research-evidence</a></p>
<p><b>William T. Grant Scholars Program</b></p>	<p>\$350,000 over 5 years, including up to 7.5% indirect costs</p>	<p>July 6, 2022*</p>	<p><a href="https://wtgrantfoundation.org/grants/william-t-grant-scholars-program">https://wtgrantfoundation.org/grants/william-t-grant-scholars-program</a></p>
<p><b>Early-Career Reviewer Program</b></p>	<p>\$300 per review</p>	<p>July 27, 2022</p>	<p><a href="https://wtgrantfoundation.org/grants/early-career-reviewer-program">https://wtgrantfoundation.org/grants/early-career-reviewer-program</a></p>



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# Interview with Will Schneider

# IHSI Resources

[healthinstitute.illinois.edu/research-support](https://healthinstitute.illinois.edu/research-support)



## RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT CORE

Grant-seeking programs (NIH,  
DoD, peer accountability groups)  
Proposal development assistance



**BIostatISTICS,  
EPIDEMIOLOGY, AND  
RESEARCH DESIGN CORE**  
Pre- and post-grant services  
(grant applications, data analysis)  
Non-grant services (data analysis  
for manuscripts, abstracts, etc.)  
Biostatistics methods webinars  
and articles



**REDCAP CORE**  
Illinois REDCap free to Illinois  
investigators  
REDCap project build  
services



# Office of Foundation Relations Resources



## RESOURCES FOR SPONSOR IDENTIFICATION

Candid: <https://candid.org/>

GuideStar: <http://www.guidestar.org/> (basic stats, 990s) Now owned by Candid

The Grantsmanship Center: <http://www.tgci.com/> (under “Funding Sources” —identifies local [by state], Federal, or international funders)



## RESOURCES FOR GRANTSEEKERS

**Candid Learning** offers a wide range of information and resources (used to be GrantSpace.org):  
<https://learning.candid.org/>



## SUBJECT AREA LIST

Michigan State Libraries—Grants to Non-Profits Page:

<http://staff.lib.msu.edu/harris23/grants/2sgalpha.htm> (opportunities organized by subject area)



## PROPOSAL WRITING RESOURCES

New Faculty Guide to Competing for Research Funding: [UIUC Library Catalog](#)