



Office of Corporate and Foundation Relations

A curated list of upcoming Corporate and Foundation grant opportunities for Rowan University

Faculty interested in applying to one or more of the organizations below should reach out to [cfr@rowan.edu](mailto:cfr@rowan.edu)

---

**Funder:** Arnold Ventures

**Program Link:** [Cell Phone Policies](#)

**Deadline:** May 1, 2026 (LOI)

**Amount:** \$100,000 - \$500,000

Arnold Ventures seeks to fund causal research, using randomized control trials (RCTs) and quasi-experimental designs (QEDs) that address the **academic, behavioral, and mental health impacts of cell phone policies in K-12 education**. Studies should generate actionable insight for policymakers and school districts to better implement and refine policies. This RFP is particularly interested in addressing 1) What are the overall impacts of policies restricting cell phone use in K-12 schools, or 2) What factors explain variation in the impacts of cell phone policies?

---

**Funder:** EREF

**Program Link:** [Strategic Priorities Grants](#)

**Deadline:** May 1, 2026 (Pre-Proposal)

**Amount:** \$75,000 - \$250,000

The Environmental Research and Education Foundation supports research into solid waste and sustainable materials management. The Strategic Priorities Program must address areas related to **Greenhouse Gas Emissions; Emerging Contaminants; and/or Advancing Materials Circularity and Recycling**.

---

**Funder:** Huo Family Foundation

**Program Link:** [Research Grants](#)

**Deadline:** May 1, 2026

**Amount:** \$690,000

Directed toward young faculty (Assistant Professors who took their first tenure-track position in the last four years), the Huo Family Foundation is establishing a research portfolio on the effects of the **usage of digital technology on brain development, social behaviors, and mental health in children and young people**. Researchers can explore areas related to human physiology, psychology, behavior, well-being and mental health.

---

**Funder:** Wenner-Gren Foundation

**Program Link:** [Post-PhD Research Grant](#)

**Deadline:** May 1, 2026

**Amount:** \$25,000

This Wenner-Gren Post-PhD grant program funds individual research projects in **anthropology** with the goal of supporting work that furthers our understanding of what it means to be human. There is no preference for any methodology, research location, topic, or subfield. The Foundation also offers the Hunt Postdoctoral Fellowship to provide anthropologists within ten years of PhD, financial support to prepare a book, monograph, journal article or combination of publications.

---

**Funder:** Brain Aneurysm Foundation

**Program Link:** [Research Grants](#)

**Deadline:** May 4, 2026

**Amount:** \$50,000

The Foundations supports basic scientific research directed at early detection, improved treatment modalities, and technological advances that will ultimately improve outcomes for patients with **brain aneurysms**, as well as translational projects focused on early detection and imaging.

---

**Funder:** NEFE

**Program Link:** [Research Grants](#)

**Deadline:** May 4, 2026

**Amount:** Negotiable

The National Endowment for Financial Education supports research into existing **financial education** systems. Priority topics include financial education access in K-12 and postsecondary systems, quality of financial education, and/or the evaluation and impact of financial education.

---

**Funder:** Spencer Foundation

**Program Link:** [Racial Equity Research](#)

**Deadline:** May 4, 2026 (LOI)

**Amount:** \$75,000

The Spencer Foundation's Racial Equity Research Grants program supports education research projects that will contribute to understanding and disrupting **racial inequality in education** and work to reimagine generative possibilities to advance educational equity.

---

**Funder:** Alzheimer's Association

**Program Link:** [Health Services Research](#)

**Deadline:** May 6, 2026 (LOI)

**Amount:** \$250,000

The Association seeks to improve the care continuum of individuals with **MCI and Alzheimer's** through health services research that focuses on the **dementia care ecosystem**. This includes the value of early detection and diagnosis and post-diagnosis care pathways.

---

**Funder:** Amazon

**Program Link:** [Research Awards](#)

**Deadline:** May 6, 2026

**Amount:** \$50,000 - \$100,000

Amazon supports research in areas relevant to their business based on the quality of scientific content, creativity, and potential for impact at scale. In 2026, topic areas of interest include: **AI for Information Security; Agentic AI; Amazon 2030; Amazon Security; Post-Training of Language Models; Kernels for ML Acceleration; and, Robotics.**

---

**Funder:** AAA

**Program Link:** [Traffic Safety](#)

**Deadline:** May 7, 2026

**Amount:** Negotiable

AAA seeks proposals that improve **road safety** through collaborative research agreements that address one of the following areas: 1) Understanding Factors Affecting Decisions to **Delay Driver Licensing**; 2) Effectiveness of Different Laws in **Reducing Aggressive Driving**; Assessment of Different Technologies in Meeting Requirements of the **HALT Act**.

---

**Funder:** HESI

**Program Link:** [Thrive Grants](#)

**Deadline:** May 11, 2026 (LOI)

**Amount:** \$50,000

The Health and Environmental Sciences Institute Thrive grant program funds pilot work into **cancer therapies** and **cancer** survivorship. Through translational research, the programs seek to build a deeper understanding of the biological mechanisms underlying **treatment-related toxicity**.

---

**Funder:** Simons Foundation

**Program Link:** [PIVOT Fellowship](#)

**Deadline:** May 14, 2026

**Amount:** Salary Support

Available to scholars who hold a Ph.D. or M.D in the natural sciences (**astronomy, biology, chemistry, earth sciences, neuroscience, and physics**), **engineering, mathematics, data science, or computer science**, the PIVOT program supports established researchers who wish to make contributions to a new discipline (as listed above). Fellows will receive salary support to engage in a mentor's lab and, upon completion of the Fellowship, will be eligible for 1.5M in additional funding.

---

**Funder:** Waterhouse Family Institute

**Program Link:** [Communications Grants](#)

**Deadline:** May 15, 2026

**Amount:** \$10,000

The Waterhouse Family Institute at Villanova funds innovative research projects by scholars and to support the important and complex study of **communication and social change**. While the focus is broad, grants examine how communications impact cultures throughout the world and impact their ability to create societal changes and expand social justice.

---

**Funder:** Schmidt Sciences

**Program Link:** [Trustworthy AI](#)

**Deadline:** May 17, 2026

**Amount:** \$1,000,000 - \$5,000,000

The Science of Trustworthy AI program works to improve our ability to understand, predict, and control risks from **frontier AI**. The program is interested in research that can 1) Characterize and forecast misalignment in AI systems; 2) Develop generalizable measurements and interventions; or 3) Oversee AI systems with superhuman capabilities and address multi-agent risks.

---

**Funder:** Ekhaga Foundation

**Program Link:** [Research Grants](#)

**Deadline:** May 20, 2026

**Amount:** Negotiable

The Ekhaga Foundation's Research Grant is open to researchers across the world, but prioritizes those who can collaborate with a Swedish institution. The grant seeks to improve public health by supporting the development of **healthy foods, nutrition, organic agriculture and, natural healing methods** to complement biological medicine.

---

**Funder:** Water Research Foundation

**Program Link:** [AI Evaluation Grants](#)

**Deadline:** May 20, 2026

**Amount:** \$200,000

The WRF seeks to fund program that are evaluating Scalability, Reproducibility, and Impact of **GenAI and Agentic AI in the Water and Wastewater Sector**. The goal is to identify and demonstrate unique and meaningful GenAI pilot applications within the sector.

---

**Funder:** AERA

**Program Link:** [Research Grants](#)

**Deadline:** May 20, 2026

**Amount:** \$250,000

The American Educational Research Association seeks to advance fundamental knowledge of relevance to **STEM education policy**, foster significant science using **education data**, and build research capacity in **education and learning**. The program is open to field-initiated research that welcomes proposals using major datasets from wide-ranging sources.

---

**Funder:** Craig H. Neilsen Foundation

**Program Link:** [SCI Translational Spectrum](#)

**Deadline:** May 22, 2026 (LOI)

**Amount:** \$400,000

The Neilsen Foundation's portfolio for **Spinal Cord Injury on the Translational Spectrum** funds studies aimed at improving function, testing new treatment strategies, and moving them forward to improve outcomes for individuals with spinal cord injury (SCI). SCIRTS funds rigorous research with translational potential, spanning preclinical models, human subjects research, and existing datasets with potential to restore function and promote wellbeing.

---

**Funder:** Biocodex Microbiota Foundation

**Program Link:** [National Grant](#)

**Deadline:** May 22, 2026 (LOI)

**Amount:** \$50,000

Supporting early career researchers (10 years post-terminal degree), the Biocodex Microbiota Foundation supports research in the microbiome field. For 2026, they are specifically interested in research that harnesses the **gut microbiome** to create positive impacts on health, disease, diagnosis and therapeutics.

---

**Funder:** Dana Foundation

**Program Link:** [Neuroscience and Society](#)

**Deadline:** May 24, 2026

**Amount:** \$150,000

Through its neuroscience and society initiatives the Dana Foundation seeks to leverage **neuroscience** in collaboration with other disciplines to benefit from its promise and apply neuroscience knowledge to benefit society.

---

**Funder:** Schmidt Sciences

**Program Link:** [AI Interpretability](#)

**Deadline:** May 26, 2026

**Amount:** \$300,000 - \$1,000,000

This Schmidt Sciences program will fund research into the development of interpretability methods that (1) detect **deceptive behaviors exhibited by LLMs** and (2) **steer their reasoning to eliminate these behaviors**? The program intends for this work to unlock use cases of **AI** and improve human-AI teams in practice.

---

**Funder:** Gerda Henkel Foundation

**Program Link:** [Lost Cities](#)

**Deadline:** May 27, 2026

**Amount:** TBD

The Foundation supports teams of at least two investigators in humanities and social sciences who explore the context around **abandoned cities** throughout the world and how that can shape identity, knowledge, and culture.

---

**Funder:** PhRMA Foundation

**Program Link:** [Translational Medicine](#)

**Deadline:** May 27, 2026 (LOI)

**Amount:** \$100,000

Open to early career faculty whose first appointment came in 2025 or later, the Foundation supports investigators working in **translational medicine** to focus on unmet clinical needs and developing new diagnostic, therapeutic, and computational approaches to improve patient care.

---

**Funder:** Pulmonary Hypertension Foundation

**Program Link:** [Health Access and Outcomes](#)

**Deadline:** May 27, 2026 (LOI)

**Amount:** \$100,000

Through the Health Access and Outcomes Research Award, the Foundation supports research that addresses **health inequities in pulmonary hypertension**, including early diagnosis, treatment outcomes, access to care and the impact of social determinants of health.

---

**Funder:** Coefficient Giving

**Program Link:** [Living Literature Review](#)

**Deadline:** May 31, 2026 (LOI)

**Amount:** ~\$250,000

Coefficient Giving is seeking experts across academic fields to develop **Living Literature Reviews**, a continuously updated online collection of accessible articles that synthesize academic research on a specific topic. Reviews should aim to be accessible to readers unfamiliar with a field while maintaining rigor and incorporating findings from multiple sources. Reviews should leverage digital platforms for hosting and distribution and avoid paywalls or technical barriers to non-specialists.

---

**Funder:** Caplan Foundation for Early Childhood

**Program Link:** [Research and Development](#)

**Deadline:** May 31, 2026 (LOI)

**Amount:** ~\$50,000

The Caplan Foundation is an incubator of promising research and development projects that appear likely to improve the welfare of young children. The Foundation is particularly interested in work that improves **parenting education**, builds creative and caring environments in a culturally diverse world, and/or improves the quality of **early childhood learning** through teaching and play.

---

**Funder:** Hinrich Foundation

**Program Link:** [International Trade Research](#)

**Deadline:** May 31, 2026

**Amount:** Negotiable

The Hinrich Foundation supports **global trade research** that will support policy development. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to: Trade governance; Geopolitics of Trade; Digital trade, innovation and technology; Global supply chain resilience and security; Industrial competitiveness, Foreign direct investment; Trade logistics; Natural resources in trade; Environmental sustainability; and Trade workforce development.

---

**Funder:** Horticulture Research Institute

**Program Link:** [Research Grants](#)

**Deadline:** May 31, 2026

**Amount:** \$35,000

The Institute supports broad economic and business research work that benefits the **horticultural industry**, with a specific focus on quantifying plant benefits on ecosystems and human health to create value propositions, creating more efficient biological or technological systems, gathering consumer data, and improving resource management.

---

### **Other Disease and Medical Specialty Research Opportunities**

[American Academy of Pediatrics \(Neonatal Resuscitation\)](#) – May 1; (\$55,000)

[American Society of Hematology](#) – May 1; (\$150,000 for ASH members who are young investigators)

[PCDH19 Alliance](#) – May 1; (\$75,000)

[Cystic Fibrosis Foundation](#) – May 3; (\$160,000 - \$350,000)

[Breakthrough T1D](#) – May 7; Negotiable

[Alliance for Cancer Gene Therapy](#) – May 15; (\$500,000 for work in solid tumor cancers)

[Hirshberg Foundation \(Pancreatic Cancer\)](#) – May 15; (\$75,000 for early career faculty)

[RYR-1 Foundation](#) – May 16; (\$120,000 - \$200,000)

[TS Alliance](#) – May 18; (\$150,000 for early career investigators)

[Arthritis Foundation \(Psoriatic Arthritis\)](#) – May 19; (\$250,000)

[Children's Heart Foundation \(CHD\)](#) – May 20; (\$150,000)

[Beyond Celiac](#) – May 26 (\$100,000 for early career researchers)