

## **Possible Private Funding Sources in the Humanities and Fine Arts**

The following is a list of private foundations and other organizations that offer fellowships and research awards in various areas of the humanities and fine arts. The purpose of this list is to provide the humanities and fine arts faculty with a sense of what types of funding are available, and to provide inspiration in order to begin thinking about projects with funding potential.

### **The American Association of University Women**

1111 Sixteenth Street N.W.

Washington, DC 20036

[www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

- Funds a wide range of academic research by women.
- Offers fellowships and research grants.

### **The American Council of Learned Societies**

Office of Fellowships and Grants

228 East 45th Street

New York, NY 10017-3398

[www.acls.org](http://www.acls.org)

- Works for the “advancement of humanistic studies in all fields of learning in the humanities and social sciences.”
- Offers research fellowships, professorships, and research grants.

### **The Blakemore Foundation**

1201 3rd Ave., Ste 4800

Seattle, WA 98101-3266

[www.blakemorefoundation.org](http://www.blakemorefoundation.org)

- Funds advanced study of Asian language and culture in the humanities, as well as projects that promote the understanding of Asian fine art in America.
- Provides funding for research, conferences/seminars, and fellowships.

### **The Truman Capote Literary Trust**

c/o Alan U. Schwartz,

11355 W. Olympic Blvd., 10th Fl.

Los Angeles, CA 90064

- Gives to institutions of higher education for creative writing and literary criticism fellowships the humanities.

### **Earhart Foundation**

2200 Green Road, Ste. H

Ann Arbor, MI 48105

- Funds research fellowships to faculty members for individual projects in economics, history, philosophy, international affairs and political science.

**The Ford Foundation**

320 E. 43rd Street  
 New York, NY 10017  
[www.fordfound.org](http://www.fordfound.org)

- Has wide-ranging interests including media, arts and culture, knowledge and religion, etc.
- Provides funding for curriculum development, research, fellowships, conferences/seminars, endowments and professorships.
- Check current funding interests on website.

**The Getty Foundation**

1200 Getty Center Drive, Suite 800 Los Angeles, California 90049-1685  
[www.getty.edu](http://www.getty.edu)

- Offers grants that support a diverse range of projects all over the world that strengthen the understanding and preservation of the visual arts.
- Provides research grants and fellowships for scholars. Annual Deadline: November 1.
- Also provides conservation grants for museums and buildings, as well as for the education and training of conservators.

**John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation**

90 Park Avenue  
 New York, NY 10016  
[www.gf.org/](http://www.gf.org/)

- Provides fellowships for advanced professionals in all fields (natural and social sciences, humanities, creative arts) except the performing arts.
- Members of the teaching profession receiving sabbatical leave on full or part salary are eligible for appointments, as are holders of other Fellowships of appointments at research centers.

**Elizabeth B. and Philip J. Hendrickson Foundation, Ltd.**

2538 Bittersweet Avenue  
 Green Bay, WI 54301-1843

- Supports the performing arts, primarily orchestra (symphony) and opera.
- Funds scholarships, professorships, fellowships and endowments.

**The Samuel H. Kress Foundation**

174 E. 80th Street  
 New York, NY 10021  
[www.kressfoundation.org](http://www.kressfoundation.org)

- Grants are concentrated on projects and programs that promote the understanding and enjoyment of European art and architecture, especially in relation to its historical context.
- Supports advanced training in conservation of works of art and development of scholarly resources in the fields of art history and conservation.
- Provides funding for conferences/seminars, fellowships, professorships and research.

**The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation**

140 E. 62nd Street  
 New York, NY 10021  
[www.mellon.org](http://www.mellon.org)

- Offers grants on a selective basis, currently making grants in six core program areas: higher education, museums and art conservation, performing arts, conservation and the environment, scholarly communications, and research in information technology.
- Types of funding include: continuing support, endowments, fellowships, program development and research.

**The Newberry Library Fellowships in the Humanities**

60 W. Walton Street  
 Chicago, IL 60610  
[www.newberry.org/research/felshp/fellowshome.html](http://www.newberry.org/research/felshp/fellowshome.html)

- Oversees fellowship programs focused on use of the Newberry Library collections, including short-term fellowships with terms of one week to two months and long-term fellowships of six to eleven months.
- Major areas include Renaissance studies, cartography, American history, French and German Renaissance Studies.

**Patroni Scholastici**

c/o James R. Ledwith, Dr. William W Fortenbaugh  
 400 Berwyn Park 307 Lincoln Ave.  
 Berwyn, PA 19132-1183 Highland Park, NJ 08904

- Provides grants for higher education, especially the performing arts.

**The Pew Charitable Trusts**

1 Commerce Square  
 2005 Market Street, Ste. 1700  
 Philadelphia, PA 19103-7077  
[www.pewtrusts.com](http://www.pewtrusts.com)

- Trust reorganized in 2004 into three clusters: Policy, Information and Civic Life, with paralleled grant guidelines organized into three sections--Advancing Policy Solutions, Informing the Public and Supporting Civic Life.
- Supports nonprofit activities that fall within the sections listed above, with emphasis on education, environment, health and human services, issues related to democracy, and arts and culture.
- Funds research and program development.

**The Carl and Lily Pforzheimer Foundation, Inc.**

650 Madison Avenue, 23rd floor  
 New York, NY 10022

- Maintains publishing and research activities in connection with the Carl H. Pforzheimer Library collection at the New York Public Library in the general field of American and English literature, and Shelley in particular.
- Funds fellowships, professorships, and program development.

**The Frederick W. Richmond Foundation, Inc.**

31 Harrison Street  
Easton, MD 21601

- Interested in funding pilot projects primarily in the arts, education, health, and the environment.
- Offers fellowships, seed money, and program development.

**The Rockefeller Foundation**

Creativity and Culture  
420 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10018

[www.rockfound.org](http://www.rockfound.org)

- The Creativity & Culture program supports individual artists, humanists and cultural organizations.
- Current areas of focus include preserving and renewing the cultural heritage of people excluded from the benefits of globalization; strengthening civil society and the free flow of ideas through supporting individual artists and humanists and their institutions; and supporting new art forms which promote cultural diversity, innovation and understanding across cultures.

**The Smithsonian Institution Fellowship Program**

750 9th Street NW  
Suite 9300  
Washington, DC 20560

[www.si.edu/ofg/start.htm](http://www.si.edu/ofg/start.htm)

- Offers three to twelve month fellowships to both postdoctoral scholars (holding a doctoral degree for fewer than seven years) and senior scholars (holding a doctoral degree for more than seven years).
- Applicant must propose to conduct research in a discipline pursued at the Smithsonian.
- The deadline is January 15th for awards to begin on or after June 1st.

**Dorothy Richard Starling Foundation Application Address**

P.O. Box 66709 2727 Allen Pkwy., Ste. 1700  
Houston, TX 77266 Houston, TX 77019-2125

- Supports classical violin at its highest levels.
- Funds fellowships, professorships and endowments.

**The Kurt Weill Foundation for Music, Inc.**

7 E. 20th Street, Fl. 3  
New York, NY 10003

[www.kwf.org](http://www.kwf.org)

- Awards grants to organizations and individuals for projects related to the perpetuation of the artistic legacy of Kurt Weill and Lotte Lenya.
- Applications must be received by November 1 of the year or cultural season before the project takes place; recipients are notified by February 1.

**The Witter Bynner Foundation for Poetry, Inc.**

P.O. Box 10169

Santa Fe, NM 87504-0169

[www.bynnerfoundation.org](http://www.bynnerfoundation.org)

- Offers grants in support individual poets, poetry translation and the process of translation, developing poetry audiences, and the uses of poetry.
- Letters of intent required between August 1 and December 1 each year. If project is of interest to the foundation, a full proposal will be requested, due February 1. Applicants are notified by end of May.
- Funds fellowships, projects, conferences/seminars, curriculum development, program development, and research.

**Wisconsin Humanities Council**

222 S. Bedford St. Suite F |

Madison, WI 53703-3688

[www.wisconsinhumanities.org/](http://www.wisconsinhumanities.org/)

- Offers mini-grants (up to \$2,000) and major grants (up to \$10,000).
- Offers a wide range of funding categories for humanities: media projects, exhibits, oral history projects, research grants for large projects, research grants for scholars, and teacher education programs.