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Deadline: December 1, 2009

American Library Association Invites Proposals for Carroll Preston Baber Research Grant

The American Library Association's [Office for Research and Statistics](#) is accepting applications for the Carroll Preston Baber Research Grant. The grant is given to one or more librarians or library educators conducting innovative research that could lead to an improvement in services to any specified group of people.

A grant of up to \$3,000 will be given to a proposed project that aims to answer a question of vital importance to the national library community.

Any ALA member may apply, and the jury welcomes projects that involve both a practicing librarian and a researcher.

For further information visit the ALA Web site. [Link to Complete RFP](#)

Deadline: November 16, 2009

Nominations Invited for 2010 Microsoft Research Faculty Fellows

[Microsoft Research](#) seeks nominees who are advancing computing research with the potential to create significant impact on the state of the art, and who demonstrate the likelihood of becoming thought leaders in the field for the 2010 Microsoft Research Faculty Fellows Program.

The Microsoft Research Faculty Fellowship Program is designed to identify, recognize, and support exceptional new faculty members engaged in innovative computing research. The objective of the program is to stimulate and support creative research undertaken by promising researchers who have the potential to make a profound impact on the field of computing in their research disciplines. The fellowship was previously known as the Microsoft Research New Faculty Fellowship in the United States and Microsoft Research European Fellowship in Europe. In 2010, the reach of these programs has broadened: Microsoft Research will name seven fellows chosen from nominees from Latin America and the Caribbean; Europe, the Middle East, and Africa; the United States; and Canada. Each fellowship award includes an unrestricted cash gift of \$200,000. The funds can be applied to a wide variety of uses to pursue novel research. Examples of possible research areas include, but are not limited to, interdisciplinary research, scientific computing, bioinformatics, computational biology, software engineering, and other areas where computing transforms the discipline and advances the state of the art.

Nominees for the Microsoft Research Faculty Fellowship program must be nominated by their research institution. Direct applications from new faculty members are not accepted. No more than one nomination from each research institution will be accepted. An emphasis is placed on nominations from departments working on computing research areas and on areas that involve the innovative application of computing.

Nominees must be new faculty members in the first, second, or third year of their first faculty appointment.

Visit the Microsoft Research Web site for complete program guidelines and eligibility details.

[Link to Complete RFP](#)

Deadline: Various

Ensemble Studio Theatre/Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Science & Technology Project Accepting Proposals

The [Ensemble Studio Theatre](#) collaborates with the [Alfred P. Sloan Foundation](#) to develop and produce full-length and one-act plays and musicals that address the questions and dilemmas faced by "hard" scientists. The Ensemble Studio Theatre/Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Science & Technology Project is designed to stimulate artists to create credible and compelling work exploring the worlds of science and technology and to challenge existing stereotypes of scientists and engineers in the popular imagination.

Commissions will be awarded to individuals, groups, and creative teams for full-length and one-act plays and musicals. The project is open to a broad range of topics related to the issues, people,

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ideas, processes, leading-edge discoveries, inventions, and/or history of the "hard" sciences and technology. Works about psychology, human behavior, medical conditions, victims of disease, and science fiction will not be considered.

Commissions between \$1,000 and \$10,000 each are available for script proposals, and rewrite commissions of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 each are available for existing scripts.

The deadline for commission proposals is November 30, 2009; the deadline for script submissions is December 31, 2009.

Visit the Ensemble Studio Theatre Web site for complete program information.[Link to Complete RFP](#)

Deadline: December 18, 2009

Social Impact Business Plan Competition Invites Entries From Nonprofit Organizations

The Social Impact Business Plan Competition identifies social sector scaling initiatives with demonstrated impact and readiness to grow, and supports them with up to \$100,000 in financial and consulting support. The competition is a program of the [Social Impact Exchange](#), a recently launched cross-sector initiative designed to support the growth of high-impact social programs. United States-based nonprofit organizations with a focus in education, youth development, health, poverty alleviation, or community economic development are eligible to enter.

The competition has two tracks. The early-stage growth track is for organizations that have a strategy for scaling their social impact but are in the early stage of growth. The mezzanine-stage growth track is for organizations that have (a) a significant level of successful product/service adoption and demand from the target population, (b) demonstrated positive outcomes, and (c) defined strategies for scaling their social impact.

Competition entrants have access to a Web site of resources, take part in group training and one-on-one consulting, and receive customized written feedback on their plans. Judging is conducted by qualified volunteers from multiple sectors.

The business plan competition takes place from October 2009 through June 2010 and includes three rounds of evaluation. There is no fee to enter.

Visit the competition Web site for complete program information.[Link to Complete RFP](#)

Deadline: December 4, 2009 and May 7, 2010

National Collegiate Inventors and Innovators Alliance Accepting Course and Program Grant Applications

The [National Collegiate Inventors and Innovators Alliance](#) awards Course and Program Grants to institutions for the purpose of strengthening existing curricular programs or building new programs in invention, innovation, and entrepreneurship.

Successful course and program grant proposals present creative pedagogical approaches that generate and deploy "E-Teams," bringing real-life applications into the classroom setting and beyond. The NCIIA defines an E-Team as "a multidisciplinary group of faculty, students, and industry mentors working together to bring a product or technology to market."

The NCIIA places a high value on grant proposals that demonstrate concern for the earth and the health and welfare of humans. The alliance encourages its members to find creative approaches to addressing such issues as poverty, disease, and environmental degradation through affordable design, technologies that solve critical problems and meet basic human needs (such as food, water, shelter, health, safety, and education), and pedagogical approaches that encourage awareness of and interest in global issues. Grant proposals may focus on introducing these issues to students with a design course, adding socially-focused E-Teams to an existing entrepreneurship course, or developing an entirely original program to engage students in problem-solving endeavors.

Faculty from NCIIA member institutions are eligible to apply for Course and Program grants.

Grants will range in size from \$2,000 to \$50,000 each. The grant period is one to three years.

Annual application deadlines are in December and May.

Visit the NCIIA Web site for complete program information and a list of member institutions.

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Deadline: December 15, 2009 (Extended)

Knight News Challenge Extends Deadline for Submittal of Innovative Digital Projects

The Knight News Challenge, an initiative of the [John S. and James L. Knight Foundation](#), seeks innovations that use new or available technology to distribute content in local communities.

The contest awards as much as \$5 million a year for innovative ideas related to platforms, tools, and services with the potential to inform and transform community news, conversations, and information distribution and visualization.

Anyone may nominate a project from anywhere in the world. To be eligible, projects must use digital, open-source technology; must distribute news in the public interest; and must be tested in a local community.

Visit the News Challenge Web site for complete program information. [Link to Complete RFP](#)

Deadline: Open

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Pew Charitable Trusts Announce Health Impact Project

A collaboration of the [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#) and the [Pew Charitable Trust](#), the Health Impact Project is intended to encourage the use of Health Impact Assessment (HIA) to help decision-makers better assess proposed policies, projects, and programs with respect to their impact on health so that they may avoid adverse health consequences and costs and improve health. The program partners have issued a call for proposals to demonstrate the effectiveness of HIAs and promote their incorporation into local, state, tribal, and federal decision-making.

Eligible applicant organizations include: state, tribal or local agencies; tax-exempt educational institutions; and publicly supported charitable organizations that are exempt from federal income tax as an organization described by section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Applicant organizations must be located in the United States or its territories at the time of application.

Up to fifteen demonstration projects will be awarded in this round of funding. Grants will range from \$25,000 to \$150,000 and must be completed within twenty-four months. Proposals for more than \$150,000 may be considered under rare and exceptional circumstances. Grants are awarded on a rolling basis; proposals may be submitted at any time.

Complete program information is available at the RWJF Web site. [Link to Complete RFP](#)

Deadline: March 1, 2010

National Academy of Social Insurance Accepting Applications for Nathan J. Stark Internship for Nonprofit Development

The Nathan J. Stark Internship for Nonprofit Development will provide two students with the opportunity to learn about nonprofit organizations, how they work, how they raise funds, and how they make a difference. Interns will be based at the [National Academy of Social Insurance](#) or another nonprofit organization, the [National Health Policy Forum](#).

Each summer, two students interested in a career in the nonprofit sector will be awarded an internship. The interns come to Washington, D.C., for twelve weeks during the summer semester.

The internship includes a \$3,000 honorarium and the opportunity to participate in a series of seminars and programs. International students with valid student visas can be placed with these nongovernmental organizations, if placement projects match their skills and interests.

Complete program information is available at the National Academy of Social Insurance Web site. [Link to Complete RFP](#)

Deadline: January 15, 2010

Terra Foundation Offers Summer Residency in France for Artists and Scholars

The [Terra Foundation for American Art](#) annually offers ten summer fellowships to artists and scholars from the United States and Europe. The residency is designed to provide participants with an opportunity for the independent study of American art within a framework of interdisciplinary

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exchange and dialogue. The setting for the program is the village of Giverny, France, located less than an hour from Paris.

These fellowships are awarded to artists who have completed their studies at the master's level and to doctoral students engaged in research on American art (from the eighteenth century to the 1980s). During their eight-week stay, senior artists and art historians are in residence to mentor fellows and pursue their own work.

Applicants must be nominated by a professor at an academic institution. Eligible applicants are American and European doctoral candidates researching a subject that contains a significant American art component, or that examines artistic exchange between America and Europe; and American and European artists who have completed a master's program (or its equivalent) in mixed media and/or painting. All applicants are expected to be fluent in English. Knowledge of French is desirable, but not required.

Each Terra Summer Residency Fellow is provided with lodging and study or studio space, daily lunches, and a program consisting of independent study, meetings, and seminars. Terra Summer Residency fellows are awarded a stipend of \$5,000 and artists receive an additional \$200 for the purchase of materials.

Visit the Terra Foundation Web site for complete program guidelines. [Link to Complete RFP](#)

Deadline: January 25, 2009

Applications Available for 2010-11 Whitaker International Fellows and Scholars Program

The Whitaker International Fellows and Scholars Program makes it possible for emerging leaders in U.S. biomedical engineering (or bioengineering) to undertake a self-designed project that will enhance their own careers within the field. In the first four years of the Whitaker Program, over sixty grants have been awarded to fellows and scholars who conducted projects in sixteen countries worldwide.

For the 2010-11 competition, the Whitaker Program intends to fund approximately fifty high-quality projects. Biomedical engineers can use the Whitaker International Fellows and Scholars Program to go overseas to help further their careers as well as the field of BME. Potential overseas activities could include conducting research at an academic institution, interning at a policy institute, establishing ties between home and host institutions, or pursuing post-doctoral research.

All applicants must be no more than three years from their most recent degree or be currently enrolled, and must have U.S. citizenship or be a permanent legal resident of the U.S.

The Fellows and Scholars Program offers a stipend commensurate with the recipient's experience and expected expenses in the host country.

For fellows, the term of the award will be for a maximum of one academic year (as defined by the academic calendar of the host country). For scholars, the term of the award will be as little as one academic semester, or up to two academic years in length (for post-doctoral research fellowships). Scholar awards generally should require a full academic year, but any length of time proposed should be appropriately justified at the time of application.

Award benefits include round-trip international airfare, a monthly living stipend, health insurance, and, for fellows, tuition allowance.

Visit the Whitaker International Fellows and Scholars Program Web site for complete program information. [Link to Complete RFP](#)

Deadline: January 8, 2010

Samuel Harris Fund for Children's Dental Health Grants Program Invites Applications

The [American Dental Association Foundation](#) established the Samuel Harris Fund for Children's Dental Health as a permanent endowment fund dedicated to improving oral health for children, particularly through prevention of childhood caries.

For 2009-10, organizations that sponsor programs for mothers and caregivers to help reduce the incidence of early childhood caries are invited to submit an application.

Competitive grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded solely for prenatal and postnatal oral health instruction for mothers/caregivers. Due to limited funding this year, approximately eight to ten grants will be made.

The complete Request for Proposals is available at the ADA Foundation Web site.

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Deadline: January 11, 2010

Black Metropolis Research Consortium Announces Two Fellowship Programs in African American Studies

The [Black Metropolis Research Consortium](#) is an unincorporated Chicago-based association of libraries, universities, and other archival institutions. Its mission is to make broadly accessible its members' holdings of materials that document African-American and African diasporic culture, history, and politics, with a specific focus on materials relating to Chicago.

The Black Metropolis Research Consortium is accepting applications for two fellowship programs: With support from the [Andrew W. Mellon Foundation](#), the BMRC short-term fellowship program in African-American studies supports scholars, professional artists, and writers who wish to conduct research in BMRC member institutions' collections relating to African-American and African diasporic culture, history, and politics. The fellowship period is for one or two months during the summer of 2010. Fellows will receive a stipend of \$3,000 per month to conduct research in Chicago. Qualified scholars, composers, media artists, musicians, visual artists, and writers are encouraged to apply. Priority will be given to applicants who wish to conduct research at more than one of BMRC's member or associate member institutions.

BMRC is also administering the Timuel D. Black, Jr. Short-Term Fellowship in African American Studies. The Timuel D. Black, Jr. Fund, a standing committee of the Vivian G. Harsh Society, Inc., is providing short-term research fellowships related to the Vivian G. Harsh Research Collection of Afro-American History and Literature housed at the Carter G. Woodson Regional Library of the Chicago Public Library. The fellowship program supports scholars, writers, educators, and institutional researchers who would benefit from research conducted at the Vivian G. Harsh Collection. The fellowship period is for one or two months during the summer of 2010. Fellows will receive a stipend of \$2,000 per month while conducting research in Chicago.

Visit the Black Metropolis Research Consortium Web site for complete program information.

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ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FDN RECENT CALLS FOR PROPOSALS:

Evaluating Innovations in Nursing Education (Deadline: November 24, 2009)

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation New Careers in Nursing (Deadline: December 15, 2009)

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Local Funding Partnerships: Peaceful Pathways: Reducing Exposure to Violence (Deadline: January 05, 2010)

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Nurse Faculty Scholars (Deadline: February 02, 2010)

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars (Deadline: February 26, 2010)

Changes in Health Care Financing and Organization (HCFO) (Deadline: Open)

Ladder to Leadership: Developing the Next Generation of Community Health Leaders (Deadline: Open)

Health Impact Project (Deadline: Open)

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ARTICLES OF INTEREST

National Academy of Sciences Says One in Six Americans Living in Poverty

A revised formula for calculating medical costs shows that approximately 47.4 million Americans were living in poverty last year, seven million more than the government's official figure, the [Associated Press](#) reports.

The disparity is the result of differences in the formulas used by the Census Bureau and the [National Academy of Science](#) to calculate the poverty rate. Using the NAS formula, the rate was 15.8 percent, or nearly one in six Americans, compared to the 13.2 percent rate, or 39.8 million Americans, reported by the [Census Bureau](#). Created in 1955, the formula used by the bureau does not factor in rising medical care, transportation, child care, geographical variations, or non-cash government aid.

Responding to requests from lawmakers and the Obama administration for a more complete range of numbers, the Census Bureau expedited the release of the revised figures, which found that 18.7 percent of Americans age 65 and older, or nearly 7.1 million people, are in poverty due to out-of-pocket expenses from rising Medicare premiums, deductibles, and coverage gaps in prescription coverage; that 14.3 percent of Americans between the ages of 18 and 64, or 27 million people, are facing economic challenges as a result of low income and rising transportation and child care costs; and that poverty rates have increased for non-Hispanic whites, Asians, and Hispanics while remaining flat for African Americans. In addition, NAS reported bigger jumps in poverty in the Northeast and West, largely because those regions boast high-cost-of-living cities such as New York, Boston, Los Angeles, and San Francisco.

According to Arloc Sherman, a senior researcher at the nonprofit [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities](#), the revised formula could take on greater importance as more Americans qualify for tax credits and food stamps through the federal stimulus program. "Food stamp participation rose during the first year of recession," said Sherman, "and appears to have softened what could have been an even greater increase in financial hardship."

Yen, Hope. ["Revised Formula Puts One in Six Americans in Poverty."](#) Associated Press 10/20/09.

Related Links

- [Number of Uninsured Grew, Poverty Rate Hit Eleven-Year High in 2008, Report Finds \(9/11/09\)](#)
- [Cash-Strapped Families Increasingly Turning to Credit Cards, Report Finds \(7/31/09\)](#)
- [Low-Income, Working Families Face Growing Struggles, Report Finds \(10/17/08\)](#)
- [Americans Increasingly Facing Lack of Insurance, High Medical Costs, Study Finds \(8/22/08\)](#)

Young Businesses Are Critical to U.S. Job Creation, Report Finds

Company age is more significant than company size in determining the number of jobs a firm creates, with newly created and young companies serving as the primary drivers of job creation in the United States, a new report from the [Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation](#) finds.

Based on an analysis of U.S. Census Bureau data, the report, *Where Will the Jobs Come From?* (17 pages, PDF), found that companies that were less than five years old created nearly two-thirds of net new jobs in 2007 and boasted a higher average number of jobs per company.

According to Kauffman Foundation vice president of research and policy Robert Litan, who co-authored the report, the message for policy makers is that young companies need extra support in their early years of formation so they can grow into viable job creators. That message is especially significant in light of the Bureau of Labor Statistics' announcement that the U.S. unemployment rate rose to 10.2 percent in October — the highest rate in twenty-six years.

"Job creation is the number one issue facing families and policy makers during this economic recession, and this study shows that new businesses and entrepreneurs are the key factor in adding

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new jobs," said Kauffman Foundation president and CEO Carl Schramm. "If the U.S. economy is going to have a sustained recovery, it will be up to entrepreneurs to lead the way."

A 2009 study by [CEOs for Cities](#) found that if each of the nation's fifty-one largest metropolitan areas improved the percentage of their populations with four-year degrees, it would boost the nation's GDP by \$166 billion a year.

The Cost of Failure to Enact Health Reform

As policy-makers continue to debate comprehensive reform of the nation's health care system, a new report commissioned by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) projects that if federal reform efforts are not enacted, the cost of failure would be substantial. In every state, the number of uninsured will increase, employer-sponsored insurance (ESI) coverage will continue to erode, spending on public programs will balloon and out-of-pocket health care costs for individuals and families could increase by more than 35 percent over the next decade.

While all income levels would be affected, middle-class working families would be hardest hit.

- [View the report.](#)
- [Read the news release.](#)
- [View interactive coverage map.](#)