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Deadline: December 1, 2009 (Letter of Intent)

University of Notre Dame Welcomes Second Wave of Proposals for Generosity Research

The Science of Generosity at the University of Notre Dame has announced its second request for proposals and letter of inquiry submission period for scholars interested in studying generosity in the human and social sciences.

The aim of this initiative, which is supported with funding from the John Templeton Foundation, is to stimulate scientific research on the practice of generosity in human life and society, particularly the sources, origins, and causes of generosity; the variety of manifestations and expressions of generosity; and the consequences of generosity for both the givers and receivers involved.

Grants of up to \$150,000 will be awarded to up to fifteen projects lasting approximately twenty months. Those proposals not selected for funding in the first wave of competition may revise and submit their application again for this second wave of funding. Applications are welcome from scholars and teams of scholars working in the fields of anthropology, behavioral economics, business and finance, communications, cultural studies, economics, education, family and developmental studies, geography, law, political science, psychology, social psychology, sociobiology, and sociology.

All proposals will be judged in two stages: letters of inquiry (LOIs) and invited full proposals. LOIs will be accepted for review and full proposal consideration through December 1, 2009, 5 p.m.

Selection of LOIs for full proposal development will be made in February 2010.

Visit the Science of Generosity Web site for complete program guidelines. [Link to Complete RFP](#)

Deadline: November 2, 2009

Journalists Invited to Apply for Reynolds Center 2010 Financial Fellowships

The [Donald W. Reynolds National Center for Business Journalism at Arizona State University](#) has announced a fellowship program for twelve professional journalists with at least two years of business journalism experience.

The fellowship applies to a four-day seminar of intensive study in financials and accounting held in Phoenix, Arizona, January 5-8, 2010. The third annual "Strictly Financials Seminar" will take place at Arizona State University's Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

The fellowships cover lodging, most meals, training, and materials, with a \$500 stipend for travel expenses.

For further information, visit the Donald W. Reynolds National Center for Business Journalism at Arizona State University Web site. [Link to Complete RFP](#)

Deadline: November 25, 2009

Ashoka's Changemakers Announces New Collaborative Competition on Nutrition

The [Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition](#) and [Ashoka's Changemakers](#) have announced "Improved Nutrition: Solutions through Innovation," a new online competition to identify innovative solutions for communities currently lacking access to adequate nutrition or unaware of its benefits.

The competition is open to all types of individuals and organizations (charitable organizations, private companies, or public entities) from all countries. The program will consider all entries that demonstrate system-changing solutions that expand and improve nutrition to undernourished populations, and that indicate growth beyond the stage of idea, concept, or research. At a minimum, entries should be at the demonstration stage and indicate success. Entries must be submitted in English, Spanish, French, or Portuguese.

Online competition submissions will be accepted until November 25, 2009. At any time before the deadline, competition participants are encouraged to revise their entries based on questions and insights that they receive in the Changemakers discussion. Participation in the discussion enhances

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an entrant's prospects in the competition and provides the community and the judges an opportunity to understand the entrant's project more completely.

A panel of judges will select the competition finalists, and the Changemakers community will then vote online to select the three award-winners from the field of finalists. The three finalists will each receive a cash prize of \$5,000. Five entrants will also be chosen by GAIN to attend, all-expenses paid, the GAIN Business Alliance Global Forum in May 2010, where they will have the opportunity to present their solutions to investors.

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

Deadline: December 11, 2009

VSA arts and MetLife Foundation Invite Applications for Arts Connect All Grant Program

[VSA arts](#) and the [MetLife Foundation](#) have launched the Arts Connect All initiative to encourage arts organizations to create or enhance inclusive, multi-session education programs by strengthening partnerships with local public schools.

The goals of Arts Connect All are to enable more students with disabilities to experience social, cognitive, and cultural development through arts learning alongside their peers without disabilities; create educational access and inclusion in the arts for students with disabilities; and document the contributions that arts organizations make to inclusive education in public schools.

VSA arts and the MetLife Foundation invite proposals from arts organizations working to create or enhance inclusive educational programs that undertake all of the following: incorporate inclusive teaching practices; provide access to students with all types of disabilities; develop social, cognitive, and artistic skills; involve people with disabilities in planning and implementation; build staff, teacher, and/or artist knowledge and skill of inclusive practices; and collaborate with public schools, actively engaging students, parents, and school administrators.

Nonprofit 501(c)(3) performing and/or exhibiting arts organizations — including museums, theaters, and multidisciplinary arts presenters — that are creating or have an established educational program are eligible to apply. Organizations must have as their primary mission the goal of advancing the arts and/or a specific art form.

Only arts organizations located in and partnering with public schools in the following metropolitan areas are eligible: Phoenix, Arizona; Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Francisco, California; Denver, Colorado; Hartford, Connecticut; Tampa, Florida; Atlanta, Georgia; Baltimore, Maryland; Boston, Massachusetts; Detroit, Michigan; Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota; Kansas City and St. Louis, Missouri; Charlotte, North Carolina; Tulsa, Oklahoma; Portland, Oregon; Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Providence, Rhode Island; Nashville, Tennessee; Houston, Texas; and Seattle, Washington.

A maximum of ten awards of up to \$15,000 will be given to selected organizations.

[Link to Complete RFP](#)

Deadline: November 10, 2009

Atlas Service Corps Invites Nonprofit Leaders From Around the World to Apply for Fellowship Positions

Atlas Service Corps seeks nonprofit leaders from around the globe to apply for 2010-11 fellowship positions in Washington, D.C., Baltimore, and Bogota (Colombia).

All expenses are paid in this prestigious fellowship program, including a living stipend, health insurance, and training.

Applicants must have three or more years of experience in the nonprofit sector, a college degree, fluency in English (and Spanish if applying to volunteer in Colombia), and a commitment to returning to their home country after one year.

Candidates from outside the United States are placed at outstanding host organizations in Washington, D.C., or Baltimore, Maryland, including [Ashoka](#), [Asian American LEAD](#), [CentroNía](#), the [Grameen Foundation](#), and Population [Action International](#). Candidates from the U.S. are placed at organizations in Bogota such as [Global Humanitaria](#) and [Oxfam GB](#). In addition to volunteering full time at their host organizations, fellows are enrolled in a management development training program and join a growing network of nonprofit leaders from around the world.

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For more details about eligibility requirements and the application process, visit the Atlas Service Corps Web site. [Link to Complete RFP](#)

2010 Vodafone Americas Foundation Wireless Innovation Project Fact Sheet

Overview:

The Vodafone Wireless Innovation Project seeks to identify and fund the best innovations using wireless related technology to address critical social issues around the world.

Prize:

Three winners will be selected for awards of \$100,000, \$200,000, and \$300,000, which will be paid in equal installments over three years. Funding awarded to winners in the Wireless Innovation Project may be used for project-related expenses only as detailed in the project budget submitted, not for the personal use of individuals.

Eligibility:

The Wireless Innovation Project is open to project entries (individually, the "Project") from universities and nonprofit organizations based in the United States. Projects must demonstrate a multi-disciplinary approach that uses an innovation in wireless related technology to address a critical global issue in one or more of the following areas: access to communication, education, economic development, environment, or health. The Project must be at a stage of research where an advanced prototype or field/market test can occur during the award period. The technology should have the potential for replication and large scale impact. Applicants should also have a business plan or a basic framework for financial sustainability and rollout.

Application Process:

The online application is available at <http://project.vodafone-us.com/>. Applicants must first complete an eligibility questionnaire that asks some basic questions about the proposed Project. Submissions will be accepted from October 5, 2009 to February 1, 2010. Vodafone Americas Foundation will then select up to eight finalists who will present their Projects before a panel of judges with expertise in the areas of wireless engineering, international development and social entrepreneurship. Winners will be notified in early April 2010. Winners will be publicly announced on April 19, 2010 at the annual Global Philanthropy Forum in Redwood City, CA, one of the Wireless Innovation Project's nonprofit partners.

Deadline: December 4, 2009

Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation Accepting Applications for the Barbara Jordan Health Policy Scholars Program

An initiative of the [Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation](#), the Barbara Jordan Health Policy Scholars Program brings talented college seniors and recent graduates to Washington, D.C., where they are placed in congressional offices and learn about health policy issues, particularly those affecting racial and ethnic minority and underserved communities.

Through the ten-week program (May 17-July 24, 2010), scholars gain knowledge about federal legislative procedure and health policy issues while further developing their critical thinking and leadership skills. In addition to gaining experience in a congressional office, scholars participate in seminars and site visits as a way of augmenting their knowledge of healthcare issues and write and present a health policy research memo that addresses a problem of concern to disadvantaged populations.

Eligible candidates must be U.S. citizens who will be seniors or recent graduates (less than two years) of an accredited U.S. college or university in the fall of 2010. Graduate students and individuals with an advanced degree are not eligible to apply. Successful applicants will show evidence of academic achievement and will either be a member of a population that is adversely affected by racial or ethnic disparities in health and/or have experience working in or with programs that address health issues disproportionately affecting racial and ethnic minorities or underserved communities or have done previous academic work related to health disparities.

Scholars receive approximately \$7,500 in support, which includes a stipend of \$2,000 upon successful completion of the program, a daily expense allowance for meals and local transportation, transportation/airfare to and from Washington, D.C., and lodging at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

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

Deadline: January 8, 2010 and May 3, 2010

USArtists International Offers Funding for Artists to Perform at Festivals Abroad

USArtists International, a program of the [Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation](#) in partnership with the [National Endowment for the Arts](#) and the [Andrew W. Mellon Foundation](#), is committed to ensuring that the range of expression and creativity of the performing arts in the United States is represented at international festivals abroad.

Grants are available to American dance, music, and theater ensembles and solo artists that have been invited to participate in international festivals outside the United States. Eligible applicants must be dance, music or theater ensembles, including practitioners of folk and traditional forms, that work at a professional level, count a majority of members who are citizens or permanent residents of the U.S., and have 501(c)(3) nonprofit status or have a fiscal sponsor with such status. Eligible festivals must be sponsored or organized primarily by a non-U.S.-based organization; be international in scope with representation from at least two countries outside the host country, or have a U.S. theme with representation from at least three U.S. performing groups; reach a wide audience and be open and marketed to the general public; provide the applicant with a signed letter of invitation or signed contract to perform at the festival; and provide some support to the invited ensembles in the form of cash remuneration, paid travel-related expenses, or in-kind contributions. Grants will seldom cover the applicant's total expenses and generally will range from \$1,000 to \$10,000 each, but will not exceed \$15,000.

The deadline is January 8, 2010, for projects taking place between March 1, 2010, and February 28, 2011; and May 3, 2010, for projects taking place between July 1, 2010, and June 30, 2011.

Visit the Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation Web site for complete program guidelines.

[Link to Complete RFP](#)

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: A Guide to Housing Related Opportunities for Making Connections Communities

Annie E. Casey Foundation

Lubell, Jeffrey; Megan Richardson; Published: July 2009

Outlines stimulus funding for housing-related programs and coordinated strategies to help low-income communities benefit. Suggests policies to promote, including advancing green and healthy housing and addressing the foreclosure crisis. Lists resources.

Funder(s): Annie E. Casey Foundation

[PubHub Link](#) (32 pages; 384KB; PDF)

Military Service Members and Veterans in Higher Education: What the New GI Bill May Mean for Postsecondary Institutions

American Council on Education

Provides an overview of the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008, its potential effect on college enrollment among current and former military personnel, the characteristics of military undergraduates, and the issues they face.

Published: August 2009 **Funder(s):** Lumina Foundation for Education

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The Science and Consequences of Ocean Acidification **Pew Center on Global Climate Change**

Published: August 2009

Outlines how carbon dioxide emissions from the burning of fossil fuels are absorbed by oceans, which produces carbonic acid and makes seawater corrosive to some minerals. Examines the threat to fisheries, marine ecosystems, and the global food supply.

Funder(s): Pew Charitable Trusts [PubHub Link](#) (8 pages; 322KB; PDF)

Research Into Action: Pathways to New Opportunities. Among other things, the report presents ten findings related to how the Philadelphia region's diverse population engages with the arts.

Education Matters for Health

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Outlines how education levels influence health-related knowledge and behaviors, employment and income, and social and psychological factors, and, in turn, health outcomes. Examines how parents' education affects children's health and educational outlook.

Published: September 2009

On the Frontiers of Finance: Scaling Up Investment in Sustainable Small and Medium Enterprises in Developing Countries

World Resources Institute Barreiro, Virginia; Mareike Hussels; Belinda Richards

Outlines the economic, social, and environmental benefits of investing in sustainable small and medium enterprises; the landscape and lending practices of financial intermediaries; and barriers; with case summaries and recommendations for sectoral growth.

Published: September 2009 **Funder(s):** Citi Foundation

MICHIGAN TIMES COLUMNIST:

UM-Flint student Jenny Serwach [wrote this cool column](#) about her day in Mayor Dayne Walling's office. Jenny hung out with Dawn Jones and wrote about her experiences. In particular, I liked the initiative Jenny showed in going to the mayor's office during the open-door hours and meeting the mayor. I also liked how responsive Dayne was in having her spend the day with Dawn. It's a great example of how the little things - a student showing initiative and a city official being receptive - can make a big difference.

[The Cost of Dropping Out: Particularly High for Young Black Men](#)

(October 12, 2009, *High School Connections Blog*)

http://www.clms.neu.edu/publication/documents/CLMS_2009_Dropout_Report.pdf

TEACHING FOR A LIVING:

How Teachers See the Profession Today

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[This report](#) is based on a nationally representative survey of 890 teachers. Data were collected by phone and online between April 16 and June 22, 2009. The margin of error is plus or minus 4.4 percent. For this research, Public Agenda also conducted a cluster analysis, examining the data in terms of how teachers grouped naturally based both on attitudes and demographics.

For more details about the research methodology, visit PublicAgenda.org. Research and analysis were conducted by Jean Johnson, Jon Rochkind, and Amber Ott of Public Agenda.

SOURCE FOR CHARTS: Public Agenda and Learning Point Associates