Seeking Support From Private Foundations

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Corporate and Foundation Relations Office

http://www.givingto.msu.edu/corp_fdtn.html
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Who’s Who

Corporate and Foundation Relations Office - Central

- Lucille Fallon, Director, Corporate & Foundation Relations
- Tim Wuchter, Associate Director, Foundations (National)
- Brad Ricker, Associate Director, Key Industries (Agriculture, Food, Pharmaceuticals)
- Patti Althoff, Associate Director, Key Industries (Manufacturing, Digital Content Providers, Retail, Automotive, Entertainment, Consumer Products, Technology)
- Larry Wallach, Associate Director, CFR (Michigan)

Corporate and Foundation Relations Staff in Colleges/Units

Agriculture & Natural Resources
- Megan Hirschman, Associate Director, CFR

Broad College of Business
- Kyan Zeller, Associate Director of Development and CFR

College of Engineering
- Jennifer Jennings, Associate Director, CFR

International Studies and Programs
- Open Position
What does CFR do?

• Works with corporations and foundations who have multiple interests that would impact more than one discipline within the University

• Acts as a point of contact for corporate liaisons, key executives, and foundation program staff

• Works with alumni within corporations and foundations who can act as advocates for MSU within their organization

• Monitors the interests of Tier 1 corporate and foundation funders

• Works with colleges/units and VPRGS/MSU-BusinessConnect to develop fundable proposals that match corporate or foundation interests and needs

• Coordinates and plans stewardship activities for corporations and foundations

• Reviews/approves e-transmittals for all foundation proposals
Working with Advancement in Your College
University Advancement: Constituency Programs

Agriculture and Natural Resources, University Extension
Tami Baumann, Senior Director (10.20.14)
Megan Hirschman, Associate Director - CFR

Arts and Letters
Bridget Paff, Director

Broadcasting Services - WKAR
Cathy Zell, Senior Director

Communication Arts & Sciences
Meredith Jagustis, Senior Director

Education
Melissa Phillips, Senior Director

Engineering
Stephen Bates, Senior Director
Jennifer Jennings, Associate Director - CFR

Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum
Open

Eli Broad College of Business
Vivian Leung, Senior Director
Kyan Zeller, Associate Director - CFR

Human Medicine
Susan Lane, Senior Director

Intercollegiate Athletics
Chuck Sleeper, Senior Director

International Studies and Programs
Open

James Madison College
Rocky Beckett

Libraries & Info Technology Services
Seth Martin, Director

Lyman Briggs College
Danielle Parish, Director

Michigan 4-H Foundation
Cheryl Howell, Executive Director

MSU College of Law
Tina Casoli, Director

MSU Museum
Annie James, Director

Music
Rebecca Surian, Director

Natural Science/Cyclotron
Corey Longley, Senior Director

Nursing
Eric Sturdy, Jr., Director

Osteopathic Medicine
Christopher Surian, Director

Social Science
Nick McLaren, Senior Director

Student Affairs and Services
Ann Marie Lindley, Director

University Scholarships and Fellowships Honors College
Jennifer Bertram, Senior Director

Veterinary Medicine
Doug Moffat, Senior Director

Wharton Center
Doug Miller, Director
The Director of Development in your college . . .

• Serves as the liaison between the college and the central Corporate and Foundation Relations Office

• Can assist in identifying potential corporate and foundation (as well as potential alumni and individual support) for your project or initiative
  • Grants Planning Guide

• Can work with the central Corporate and Foundation Relations Office in seeking clearance to approach a corporation or foundation
Working with Foundations
IN 2012 THE U.S. WAS HOME TO 86,192 FOUNDATIONS WITH $715 BILLION IN ASSETS AND $52 BILLION IN GIVING

Source: Foundation Center
FOUNDATION GIVING THROUGH THE YEARS

Source: Foundation Center
TYPES OF FOUNDATIONS

- **INDEPENDENT**: Includes most of the nation’s largest foundations. Generally established by individual donors or donor families.

- **OPERATING**: Primarily run their own programs, but some also make grants. Generally established by individual donors or donor families.

- **CORPORATE**: Established by businesses ranging from major corporations to family-owned shops, although legally separate entities.

- **COMMUNITY**: Raise funds from the public. Engage in grantmaking primarily within a defined geographic area.

Source: Foundation Center
TOP FOUNDATIONS

BY TOTAL ASSETS

Ford Foundation
$11.2 B

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
$37.2 B

J. Paul Getty Trust
$10.5 B

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
$9.5 B

W.K. Kellogg Foundation
$8.2 B

David and Lucile Packard Foundation
$6.3 B

Lilly Endowment
$7.3 B

John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
$6.0 B

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation
$5.7 B

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation
$7.7 B

Source: Foundation Center
TOP FOUNDATIONS

BY TOTAL GIVING

Ford Foundation
$593.8 M

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
$3.2 B

Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation
$367.2 M

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
$292.9 M

W.K. Kellogg Foundation
$259.9 M

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
$258.1 M

Foundation to Promote Open Society
$257.9 M

Walton Family Foundation
$423.8 M

Silicon Valley Community Foundation
$294.0 M

Source: Foundation Center
Foundations, particularly the large national foundations, tend to focus on new, cutting edge initiatives, projects, and research that will advance the overall strategic goals and support the mission of the foundation.

Foundations are not just looking to support “good work”; for the most part, they seek to help institutions break new ground and accomplish articulated goals.

Foundations typically provide start-up funding for projects and initiatives that have the capacity to become institutionalized or self-supporting at some point.

Foundations normally will not provide support for endowment, capital projects, or general operating expenses: support is generally project-, program-, initiative- or research-based.
National Foundation Opportunities: Awards & Competitions

- Typically institutionally limited
- Many require nomination by the university
- Strong emphasis on early career faculty
- Focus tends to be on the sciences, engineering, and medical disciplines
- Highly competitive; expert review panels
- At MSU these types of opportunities are coordinated out of the VPRGS Office (Doug Gage) and are listed on the Institutionally Limited Proposals website:
  - [http://vprgs.msu.edu/ilp](http://vprgs.msu.edu/ilp)
- Foundations that offer awards and competitions include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation
  - Burroughs Wellcome Fund
  - William T. Grant Foundation (Social Sciences/Education)
  - Howard Hughes Medical Institute
  - Keck Foundation
  - Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation
  - Andrew W. Mellon Foundation (Humanities)
  - David and Lucile Packard Foundation
  - Pew Charitable Trusts
  - Searle Scholars Program
  - Simons Foundation
  - Alfred P. Sloan Foundation
National Foundation Opportunities: Program/Project Grants

- Most of the large national foundations have multiple program areas consisting of numerous sub-programs. For example, the Gates Foundation:
  - **Global Development**: Agricultural Development; Financial Services for the Poor; Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene, etc.
  - **Global Health**: HIV, Malaria, Tuberculosis, Neglected Infectious Diseases, Pneumonia, etc.
  - **U.S. Program**: College-Ready Education, Postsecondary Success, Washington State Program
- Proposals should align with the strategic programmatic goals and objectives of the foundation as well as the specific goals and objectives of the individual programs
- Program officers are typically experts in their fields
- Foundations tend to know who the top academics/researchers are in their respective fields and often use them as consultants on new program development or strategy refreshes
- Grantees are more often than not sourced by the foundation rather than the result of an individual “cold” submission
- Proposals are often co-created by the prospective grantee and the foundation
- Typically support projects that are national or international in scope, impact large numbers of people, can serve as a model for others, and have the capacity to become self-sustaining after a period of years
Foundation assets are starting to recover after the Great Recession . . . but we see a changing landscape.

As more and more foundations look to address the world’s most challenging problems, they are realizing that to have significant impact, they must redefine how they do business and are expecting the same in their grantees.
National Foundations: Current and Emerging Trends

• Choosing to invest their dollars in pressing national and global issues

• Developing aggressive, targeted goals to address these issues

• Looking to build networks among themselves for greater impact

• Seeking to impact the largest number of individuals in the shortest amount of time

• Exploring new and innovative funding models

• Encouraging multi-disciplinary/multi-partner collaborations

• Funding NGOs, advocacy groups, community-based groups and intermediary organizations rather than colleges and universities
National Foundations: Current and Emerging Trends

• Supporting national/international level collaborative initiatives rather than one-off proposals

• Funding the in-country partner on multi-partner international initiatives

• Incorporating a strong advocacy, policy and/or social justice overlay to their funding

• Placing greater and greater emphasis on scalability and sustainability

• Focusing more and more on accountability, both of themselves and of their grantees

• Joining affinity groups, which provide opportunities for program staff to meet and discuss current trends in specific funding areas such as education, health, and the environment among others
Questions?