GRANT-MAKING ORGANIZATIONS
FOR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

The on-line resources assembled below are intended for a US higher education audience seeking funding for international programs activities. This also includes some opportunities for direct grants to institutions from outside of the United States but many of the organizations below restrict grants to US organizations and individuals.

While not comprehensive of US sources, the links below can serve as a starting point in identifying potential grant sources and institutional partners.

General Grant Resources

***Denotes especially useful links

Chronicle of Philanthropy
http://www.philanthropy.com/
The newspaper of the nonprofit world. The Web site offers the complete contents of Chronicle's print edition, an archive of articles from the past two years, and more than four years' worth of grant listings -- all fully searchable.

***Federal Business Opportunities
https://www.fbo.gov/
The single government point-of-entry for US government procurement opportunities over $25,000—including especially USAID Request for Proposals. Organizations seeking grants can search, monitor and retrieve opportunities solicited by the entire Federal contracting community.

The Foundation Center
http://www.fdncenter.org/
The Foundation Center’s mission is to collect, organize, and communicate information on U.S. philanthropy; conduct and facilitate research on trends in the field; provide education and training on the grantseeking process; and ensure public access to information and services through the World Wide Web site, print and electronic publications.

***The Foundation Center: Grants for Foreign & International Programs - 2010 Digital Edition
http://foundationcenter.org/marketplace/catalog/subcategory_gg.jhtml?id=cat620002
This new Grant Guide reveals the scope of current foundation giving in the field. You'll find descriptions of over 14,800 grants worth in excess of $6 billion from more than 800 foundations. Grants for Foreign & International Programs is essential for identifying prospective funders for general support or specific projects. 571 pages. $39.95 for searchable .pdf file.

The Grant Advisor Plus
http://www.grantadvisor.com/
This service is geared toward grantseekers at U.S. colleges and universities. It provides
subscribers with a monthly newsletter and with listings of grant and fellowship opportunities from government, foundation and NGO sources for their institutions and faculty. A separate section of the newsletter is devoted to grants for international activities.

***The Grantsmanship Center
http://www.tgci.com/
Links to U.S. and international funding sources.

NonProfitExpert
http://www.nonprofitexpert.com/international.htm
Links to many international donor organizations.

***Michigan State University Grant Resource Listings
http://staff.lib.msu.edu/harris23/grants/privint.htm
An extensive list of online guides and websites for international grant seekers.

Grant Programs for International Higher Education

Higher Education in Development/USAID
http://www.hedprogram.org/
Higher Education in Development (HED) coordinates the efforts of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to plan and implement development programs with colleges and universities abroad. Through the Institutional Partnerships program, HED solicits proposals from U.S. colleges and universities to partner with higher education institutions in developing countries. These partnerships further USAID strategic objectives and assist both partnering institutions to apply their expertise collaboratively to global development challenges.

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs incl Fulbright Programs
--http://exchanges.state.gov/
--http://exchanges.state.gov/grants/open2.html
--http://fulbright.state.gov/fulbright/about/whyis/binational-partnerships/fulbright-commissions
The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the US Department of State administers grant competitions for a large number of undergraduate, graduate (Humphrey, Muskie) fellowship programs as well as faculty development programs for scholars abroad seeking to conduct study and research in the United States.

Institute of International Education
http://www.iie.org
IIE is an independent, nonprofit organization, the Institute is a resource for educators and institutions worldwide. IIEs goals include: to promote closer educational relations between the people of the United States and other countries; to increase the number of students, scholars and professionals who have the opportunity to study, teach and conduct research outside of their own country and to strengthen and internationalize institutions of higher learning throughout the world. IIE administers a variety of grant programs funded through foundations and by the US and other governments.
National Institutes of Health  
http://www.nih.gov/fic/programs.html
The Fogarty International Center promotes and supports scientific research and training internationally to reduce disparities in global health. This mission forms the conceptual basis for current FIC programs related to HIV/AIDS, emerging infectious diseases, maternal and child health, population research and demographic science, medical informatics, drug discovery from biodiversity, as well as fellowship programs for young Americans, with emphasis on underrepresented minorities. The disciplinary fields described are pursued through a range of funding mechanisms, including institutional training grants, cooperative agreements, small research grants, fellowships, and multilateral initiatives involving international organizations.

National Science Foundation – International  
http://www.nsf.gov/home/int/start.htm
The NSF supports international research and education through a variety of programs that include: Fellowships; Travel grants; Summer Institutes; Workshops; Research and education projects; and Antarctic projects. Depending on program, grants are available to graduate students, post-doctoral researchers, faculty and institutions.

Boren Awards for International Education  
http://www.borenawards.org/
Boren Scholarships and Fellowships provide unique funding opportunities for U.S. undergraduate and graduate students to add an important international and language component to their educations. We focus on geographic areas, languages, and fields of study that are critical to U.S. interests and underrepresented in study abroad.

Population Council Fellowship Program  
http://www.popcouncil.org/
The Population Council is an international, nonprofit institution that conducts research on three fronts: biomedical, social science, and public health. This research—and the information it produces—helps change the way people think about problems related to reproductive health and population growth. The Council offers research grants to individuals and institutions in these areas of research.

Smithsonian Institution  
http://www.si.edu/ofg/fellowopp.htm
The Smithsonian Museum offers fellowships and internships in a variety of fields to university researchers.

US Department of Education, International Programs  
http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/iegps/index.html
The International Education and Foreign Language Studies domestic programs are designed to strengthen the capability and performance of American education in foreign languages and in area and international studies. Overseas programs are intended to improve secondary and postsecondary teaching and research concerning other cultures and languages, training of specialists, and the American public’s general understanding of the peoples of other countries. Grant opportunities include:

- American Overseas Research Centers
- Business and International Education
• Centers for International Business Education
• Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships
• Fulbright-Hays Training Grants--Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad
• Fulbright-Hays Training Grants--Faculty Research Abroad
• Fulbright-Hays Training Grants--Group Projects Abroad
• Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad--Bilateral Projects
• Institute for International Public Policy
• International Research and Studies
• Language Resource Centers
• National Resource Centers
• Technological Innovation and Cooperation for Foreign Information Access
• Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program

US Department of Education, FIPSE
http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/fipse/international.html
The Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education offers institutional grants for international programs in a number of priority areas.

US Institute of Peace
http://www.usip.org/
The United States Institute of Peace offers financial support for research, education and training, and the dissemination of information on international peace and conflict resolution. Grants are awarded in regular annual competitions as well as to unsolicited proposals that meet the Institute’s guidelines. The Institute may provide grant support to nonprofit organizations and individuals—both U.S. and foreign—including the following: institutions of post-secondary, community, and secondary education; public and private education, training or research institutions, and libraries.

Foundations--General

Carnegie Corporation of New York
http://www.carnegie.org
The Carnegie Corporation of New York was created by Andrew Carnegie in 1911 to promote "the advancement and diffusion of knowledge and understanding." Today, a percentage of its funds are used for the same purpose in countries other than the U.S., with a current emphasis on Commonwealth Africa and Russia and other post-Soviet states. The Corporation’s current grant-making programs include Education, International Peace and Security, International Development, and Strengthening U.S. Democracy.

Council on International Exchange of Scholars
http://www.cies.org/
The Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) administers a variety of Fulbright Scholar Programs on behalf of the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Founded in 1947, CIES is a division of the Institute of International Education (IIE).

Ford Foundation
http://www.fordfound.org
The New York City-based Ford Foundation, one of the largest U.S. funders of
international programs, focuses its grant-making in three areas: Asset Building and Community Development, which includes program units in the areas of Economic Development, Community & Resource Development, and Human Development and Reproductive Health; Peace and Social Justice, with program units in Human Rights & International Cooperation and Governance & Civil Society; and Education, Media, Arts & Culture, with program units in Education, Knowledge & Religion and Media Arts & Culture.

**Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation**  
[http://www.gatesfoundation.org](http://www.gatesfoundation.org)  
The Seattle-based Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the largest private foundation in the U.S., places a major focus on helping to improve people's lives through health and learning and looks for "strategic opportunities to extend the benefits of modern science and technology to people around the world, especially where poverty serves as an obstacle to participating in these benefits." The foundation currently supports programs in the areas of global health, including common diseases, public health, and nutrition in developing countries; education and life-long learning, including the use of modern information technology; and family planning and reproductive health efforts in the developing world.

**Hewlett Foundation (William and Flora)**  
[http://www.hewlett.org](http://www.hewlett.org)  
Created in 1966 by Hewlett-Packard co-founder Bill Hewlett and his wife Flora "to promote the well-being of mankind," the Hewlett Foundation today concentrates its grant-making activities in the areas of conflict resolution, education, environment, family and community development, performing arts, population, and U.S.-Latin American relations. Most of its grants are awarded to U.S.-based organizations, so be sure to check the foundation's Web site for specific program guidelines.

**Institute of International Education**  
IIE, an independent non-profit organization founded in 1919, is a world leader in the exchange of people and ideas. IIE administers over 200 programs serving more than 20,000 individuals each year. IIE provides a wide range of services to and manages or administers programs for many corporations, foundations, government partners, and international agencies.

**W.K. Kellogg Foundation**  
[http://www.wkkf.org](http://www.wkkf.org)  
The Kellogg Foundation’s international grantmaking initiatives are focused on two geographic areas of Latin America and the Caribbean and southern Africa to promote leadership, social, and economic development in those regions. In Latin America and the Caribbean, the primary focus will be on southern Mexico and Central America. In Northeastern Brazil, we are providing funding for an endowment to address racial equity and social inclusion.

**John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation**  
[http://www.macfdn.org](http://www.macfdn.org)  
Under the umbrella of its Program on Global Security and Sustainability, the Chicago-based MacArthur Foundation recognizes the critical importance of three specific global
issues: international peace and security, ecosystems conservation and policy, and population. A fourth area, Global Challenges, focuses on human rights, the consequences of economic globalization, and the role of the United States in addressing these issues. The foundation also makes grants to individuals and organizations and institutions in the countries of the former Soviet Union through its Initiative in the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union, elements of which are currently under review.

**National Endowment for Democracy**
http://ned.org/

NED is a private, nonprofit foundation dedicated to the growth and strengthening of democratic institutions around the world. Each year, with funding from the US Congress, NED supports more than 1,000 projects of non-governmental groups abroad who are working for democratic goals in more than 90 countries.

**Mellon (Andrew W.) Foundation**
http://www.mellon.org/
The Mellon Foundation makes grants in five core areas:
- Higher Education and Scholarship
- Scholarly Communications and Information Technology
- Performing Arts
- Museums and Conservation
- Conservation and the Environment

**McKnight Foundation**
http://www.mcknight.org

The Minneapolis-based McKnight Foundation's international grantmaking seeks "to empower those who have been limited in the past by a lack of opportunities for self-sufficiency and to help organizations develop skills and techniques to prevent conflicts or resolve them peacefully." The foundation makes grants in six countries outside the U.S. - three in Africa (Tanzania, Uganda, and Zimbabwe) and three in Southeast Asia (Laos, Vietnam, and Cambodia).

**Charles Stewart Mott Foundation**
http://www.mott.org

The international grantmaking of the Michigan-based Mott Foundation (representing about 20 percent of its overall grantmaking) is concentrated in two main areas: Civil Society and the Environment. In addition to strengthening the fabric of civil society in the United States, Mott's Civil Society program seeks "to develop and sustain civil society in two regions of the world in transition from repression to democracy" -- Central/Eastern Europe and Russia, and South Africa. The foundation's Environment program has three funding priorities: reform of international finance and trade, conservation of freshwater ecosystems in North America, and special initiatives in response to unique opportunities to advance environmental protection in the U.S. and internationally.

**Open Society Institute**
http://www.soros.org

Devoted to promoting the development of "open societies" around the world, the George Soros-funded Open Society Institute supports more than 30 autonomous national foundations, located primarily in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe and the
former Soviet Union, as well as a range of other initiatives of global significance. These include initiatives in Belarus, an international landmines project, projects in Burma and Central Eurasia, and a project dedicated to ending racial discrimination against Romani (Gypsy) populations in Central and Eastern Europe.

Packard Foundation (David and Lucile)
http://www.packfound.org
Created in 1964 by Silicon Valley legend David Packard and his wife Lucile, the Packard Foundation provides international grants primarily through its programs in the areas of conservation, with a primary geographic focus on California, Cascadia, Hawaii, the Western Pacific, and Mexico; and population with the foundation's international work focused in Ethiopia, India, Mexico, Myanmar, Nigeria, Pakistan, the Philippines, and Sudan.

Rockefeller Brothers Fund
http://www.rbf.org
The fund's international grantmaking is concentrated in the areas of Sustainable Resource Use, with a geographic focus on the U.S., East Central Europe, and East Asia; Global Security (North America, East Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, and Southern Africa); the Nonprofit Sector (Cambodia, China, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines, Poland, Slovakia, Thailand, Vietnam, and the Russian Far East); and South Africa. The fund also operates a Program for Asian Projects to support initiatives in Asia that embody the spirit of the Ramon Magsaysay Awards.

Rockefeller Foundation
http://www.rockfound.org
Endowed and chartered by John D. Rockefeller in 1913, the New York City-based Rockefeller Foundation has from the beginning sought "to identify, and address at their source, the causes of human suffering and need." The foundation's grantmaking is organized around integrated programs in food, health, work, creative expression, and global inclusion to address the daily challenges of the planet's poorest populations and renew efforts to catalyze positive change through partnerships. While the foundation's work is administered largely from its New York City headquarters, in the future more of its activities will originate from its offices in Bangkok, Nairobi, Mexico City, Harare, and San Francisco.

Social Science Research Council
http://www.ssrc.org/
The Social Science Research Council is an independent, nonprofit international organization founded in 1923. It nurtures new generations of social scientists, fosters innovative research, and mobilizes necessary knowledge on important public issues

United Nations Foundation
http://www.unfoundation.org
The Ted Turner-funded United Nations Foundation seeks to support the goals and objectives of the United Nations and its charter in order to promote a more peaceful, prosperous, and just world, with a special emphasis on the UN's work on behalf of economic, social, environmental, and humanitarian causes. The foundation is currently focusing on four of the most pressing challenges facing the world in the 21st century:
children's health; the environment; women and population; and peace, security and human rights. UNF does not accept unsolicited proposals, but works instead in collaboration with the UN and its agencies to support a variety of causes and activities.

**Links to Grant Agencies Focused on Specific World Regions**

**Funders Online (Europe).**
http://www.fundersonline.org/
Information on European foundations and corporate giving programs.

**German Foundation Index**
http://www.stiftungsindex.de/
The German Foundation Index, a comprehensive online resource devoted to German foundations and philanthropy, offers links to more than 150 German foundations Web sites, a large number of references to international grantmakers, a German-language bibliographic database, and advice for grantseekers.

**The Grantsmanship Center—Africa**
http://www.tgci.com/fundingafrica.shtml
Extensive links to companies and foundations that give grants for programs and activities relating to Africa.

**The Grantsmanship Center—Asia and Oceania**
http://www.tgci.com/fundingasia.shtml
Extensive links to companies and foundations that give grants for programs and activities relating to Asia, Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands.

**The Grantsmanship Center—Europe**
http://www.tgci.com/fundingeurope.shtml
Extensive links to companies and foundations that give grants for programs and activities relating to Europe.

**The Grantsmanship Center—Latin America and the Caribbean**
http://www.tgci.com/fundingmexico.shtml
Extensive links to companies and foundations that give grants for programs and activities relating to Latin America and the Caribbean.

**The Grantsmanship Center—Middle East**
http://www.tgci.com/fundingmideast.shtml
Extensive links to companies and foundations that give grants for programs and activities relating to the Middle East.