

JOHN TEMPLETON FOUNDATION CORE FUNDING AREAS

Online Funding Inquiry Deadline: October 1, 2013

Funding Amount: Varies - grants have ranged from \$5,000-\$10,500,000

Eligible Disciplines: All

The John Templeton Foundation serves as a philanthropic catalyst for discoveries relating to the Big Questions of human purpose and ultimate reality. The Foundation supports research on subjects ranging from complexity, evolution, and infinity to creativity, forgiveness, love, and free will. Online Funding Inquiries are currently being accepted for the Foundation's Core Funding Areas:

Science and the Big Questions

- **Mathematical & Physical Sciences:** The Foundation supports innovative projects that focus on foundational questions in mathematics or that seek a deeper understanding of the nature of reality within the realm of physics, cosmology, astronomy, chemistry, or other physical sciences. Projects that are unlikely to be supported by conventional funding sources are especially encouraged.
- **Life Sciences:** The Foundation supports projects investigating the evolution and fundamental nature of life, human life, and mind, especially as they relate to issues of meaning and purpose. Projects are welcome from a variety of disciplinary perspectives, including the biological sciences, neuroscience, archeology, and paleontology.
- **Human Sciences:** The Foundation supports projects that apply the tools of anthropology, sociology, political science, and psychology to the various moral and spiritual concepts identified by Sir John Templeton. These include altruism, creativity, free will, generosity, gratitude, intellect, love, prayer, and purpose.
- **Philosophy & Theology:** The Foundation supports projects that attempt to develop new philosophical and theological insights, especially (but not only) in relation to advances in scientific understanding.
- **Science in Dialogue:** The Foundation has a strong interest in projects that bring one or more scientific disciplines into a mutually enriching discussion with theology and/or philosophy, whether for a scholarly audience or the public at large.

Character Development: The Foundation supports a broad range of programs, publications, and studies focused on the universal truths of character development, from childhood through young adulthood and beyond. The qualities of character emphasized by Sir John in the Foundation's charter include awe, creativity, curiosity, diligence, entrepreneurialism, forgiveness, future-mindedness, generosity, gratitude, honesty, humility, joy, love, purpose, reliability, and thrift. The Foundation also has recently supported a major project on wisdom.

Freedom and Free Enterprise: The Foundation supports a range of programs intended to liberate the initiative of individuals and nations and to establish the necessary conditions for the success of profitmaking enterprise.

Exceptional Talent and Genius: The Foundation supports accelerated learning for students capable of working well beyond their grade level and national studies of the issue. Internationally, the Foundation has sponsored academic training and competitions for students who show extraordinary potential but whose talents might not otherwise be developed, especially because of their economic circumstances or insufficient educational support.

Application:

1. Applicants complete an [online funding inquiry](#), a brief form that asks for basic information about the proposed project. Online funding inquiries must be submitted by October 1, 2013.
2. If Templeton program staff determine that the project represents a realistic, strategic, and potentially successful opportunity to advance the philanthropic vision of the foundation, you will be invited to submit a full proposal. Notification will be provided by November 5, 2013.
3. Candidates invited to submit full proposals will provide more specific information about the activities of the proposed project and its anticipated results. Full proposals must be submitted for review by the Office for Sponsored Programs (OSP) by February 24, 2014. Full proposals must be submitted to the Templeton Foundation by March 3, 2014.

Additional Information:

Former award recipients from Harvard FAS include Martin Nowak (Program for Evolutionary Dynamics).

More information on this opportunity can be found at <http://www.templeton.org/what-we-fund/core-funding-areas>.

Questions regarding this proposal announcement or submission can be directed to Erin Cromack (617-496-5252, cromack@fas.harvard.edu) or Susan Gomes (617-496-9448, susan_gomes@harvard.edu).

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