Foundations as Funding Sources

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What is available?

• Two kinds of purpose
  • *Funds for career development*: students, residents, junior faculty
  • *Funds to support specific causes*: disease-specific, population-specific, unique causes, e.g. global health

• Two types of sources
  • *Private foundations*: Pew Charitable Trusts, Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, Gates Foundation, HHMI, etc.
  • *Professional societies*: FAER, IARS, AHA, ASCI etc.
What’s the difference between the federal and the foundation grants?

- **$$ and duration:** less $, shorter duration, usually no overhead.
- **Eligibility:** narrower range but usually not restricted to the US citizens
- **Application:** less pages, specific format
- **Submission dates:** 1-2 per year
- **Review process:** one or more committees, may be open or closed, NIH criteria and the mission of the foundation
Key to the Success

• Strong proposal and the best fit
• Know the mission of the foundation
• Understand the grant type and the associated requirements
• Find out who the previous recipients are
• Examples of successful applications
Examples

• FAER:  

• IARS:  [http://www.iars.org/awards/](http://www.iars.org/awards/)

• Doris Duke Charitable Fund:  
  [http://www.ddcf.org/Medical-Research/](http://www.ddcf.org/Medical-Research/)

• American Heart Association:  
  [http://my.americanheart.org/professional/Research/FundingOpportunities/Funding-Opportunities_UCM_316909_SubHomePage.jsp](http://my.americanheart.org/professional/Research/FundingOpportunities/Funding-Opportunities_UCM_316909_SubHomePage.jsp)