



## Examples of External Funding Opportunities

There are four basic types of funding sources:

- I. **Government** - many government agencies provide funding to individuals and teams of researchers to work on specific types of research projects. Examples of government agencies that provide financial support include:  
[The National Science Foundation](#) (NSF) (science, engineering, and education)  
[The National Institutes of Health](#) (NIH) (health, science and engineering related to health)  
[The Department of Energy](#) (DOE) (energy science, innovation, economy, security, and safety)  
[The National Aeronautics and Space Administration](#) (NASA) (aerospace science and engineering)  
[U.S. Department of Health & Human Services](#) (HHS) (medicine, public health, and social services)  
[The U.S. Department of Education's e-Grants](#)
- II. **Private Industry** - many private companies provide grants and/or materials and supplies in support of research. Examples of companies that provide targeted support include:  
[Honda](#) (e.g., fuel cells and robotics)  
[DuPont](#); (e.g., polymer science broadly defined)  
[L'Oreal](#) (research on personal care products)
- III. **Foundations** - foundations are another good source of funding for research. Examples of foundations that provide financial support to researchers include: [Foundations & Grantmakers Directory](#)  
[Howard Hughes Medical Institute](#) (HHMI)  
[Research Corporation for Science Advancement](#) (RC)  
[The Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation](#)
- IV. **Professional Organizations** - represent still another possible source of funding for your research project. Examples of professional organizations that provide support for research include:  
[Sigma Xi](#)  
[The American Association of University Women](#) (AAUW)  
[The American Cancer Society](#)  
[The American Heart Association](#)  
[The American Association for the Advancement of Science](#) (AAAS)  
[Leukemia and Lymphoma Society](#)

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