How to fund your research in the Social Sciences: Helpful information!

Here are some helpful links and future funding areas to assist you in planning your applications to federal sponsors. Below is a brief list of things you will need to consider in advance of applying, and some resources available at Cornell to assist in application preparation and submission.

**Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR) at NIH:**

OBSSR is holding the 9th Annual Matilda White Riley Behavioral and Social Sciences Day in D.C. in June 2016. Details [here](#).

The OBSSR strategic plan for funding will be forthcoming in the next few weeks, however they have an outline posted on their website.

**NSF Directorate of Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (SBE) (website)**

**Funding Areas up and coming (dear colleague letters):**

- International Collaborative Research Opportunities
- Developing New Data to Illuminate Science and Innovation Policy
- NSF/SBE Partnering in Round 4 of the Digging into Data Challenge
- National Brain Observatory: A Phased Approach for Developing a National Research Infrastructure for Neuroscience
- Stimulating Research Related to the Science of Broadening Participation
- International Collaboration Opportunities related to the NSF Investments in Understanding the Brain
- I/UCRCS in Areas Relevant to the Forensic Sciences
- Youth Violence: Opportunity for Breakthroughs in Fundamental Basic Research
- Research on Privacy in Today's Networked World
- Stimulating Integrative Research in Computational Cognition
- Forensic Science: Opportunity for Breakthroughs in Fundamental and Basic Research and Education
- [Cultivating cultures for Ethical STEM NSF](#)

**Upcoming program submissions for NSF SBE:**

- Perception, Action & Cognition
- Political Science Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants
- Inclusion across the Nation of Communities of Learners of Underrepresented Discoverers in Engineering and Science
- Archaeology and Archaeometry
- EPSCoR Research Infrastructure Improvement Program Track-1
- Cyberlearning and Future Learning Technologies
- Developmental and Learning Sciences (DLS)
- Linguistics
- Social Psychology
- Law & Social Sciences (LSS)
• Perception, Action & Cognition (PAC)
• Science, Technology, and Society (STS)
• Cognitive Neuroscience (CogNeuro)
• Decision, Risk and Management Sciences (DRMS)
• Documenting Endangered Languages (DEL)
• Secure and Trustworthy Cyberspace (SaTC)
• SBE Postdoctoral Research Fellowships (SPRF)

NSF Political Science Program: here

NSF Science, Technology and Society Program: here

NSF Sociology Program: here

Department of Defense (DoD):

DARPA: here

AFOSR: here

ARO: here

ONR: here

Explore by topic, there are topics such as leadership, adaptability, health, language, neuroscience, and trust which might be of interest to social sciences faculty. DoD is very specialized in their submission process, so we recommend contacting OSP well in advance of submission, and definitely contacting the program officer in charge of a specific program prior to submission of the white paper. In a recent presentation from the AFOSR Director, he mentioned that processing complex information and neuroscience were up and coming areas of research funding for AFOSR, and might be of interest for social science researchers.

Cornell Process for submission of proposals:

• Identify a funding Opportunity for which you wish to apply.
• Notify your department administrator (if you have one) as soon as possible. They will assist in preparing the proposal.
• Identify the correct grant and contract officer (GCO) to handle your submission here and let them know you intend to submit ASAP!!! This is important for managing workloads and ensuring someone is available to submit your proposal, but is also very important for you as a PI, as the GCO is an expert in submission to their portfolio of sponsors and can be a wealth of useful information to assist in proposal preparation and submission.
• Prepare proposal according to guidelines from the sponsor.
• Complete your financial conflict of interest disclosure, if you haven’t already here
• Download and complete the Form 10 for the proposal submission here. A form 10 is required for all proposals submitted, and is needed for the submission of the proposal for review by OSP. Digital signatures or email approvals are acceptable.
• For a full review, proposals should be submitted to OSP 5 days in advance of the deadline.
• Work with your GCO to ensure you have completed all aspects of the proposal preparation process and to co-ordinate submission to the sponsor.

Useful Links:

Social Sciences Research Council (SSRC) fellowships
SSRC “The Art of Writing Proposals”
American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS)
Russell Sage Foundation (only for social sciences)
Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy
American Educational Research Association (AERA)
American Political Science Association (APSA)
American Sociological Association (ASA)
American Psychological Association
Department of Education
GRAMMY Foundation
United Institute of Peace
Upjohn Institute for Employment Research
National Endowment for Democracy
W.T. Grant Foundation
Haynes Foundation