

Arthur Vining Davis Foundation – Private Higher Education *and* Interfaith Leadership & Religious Literacy

Unrestricted funding opportunity

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Website: <https://www.avdf.org/Programs/ProgramsOverview.aspx>
Submission Limitations: None, however, Please contact your RAS unit *and* Jessica McDaniel to inform them of your intent to submit
Foundation LOI Deadline: **August 28, 2020, 5:00 PM (EST)**

The Arthur Vining Davis Foundations were organized in 1952 under a living trust established by Mr. Arthur Vining Davis. The Foundations bear witness to Mr. Davis' successful corporate leadership acumen and his visionary, entrepreneurial spirit in philanthropy. Mr. Davis envisioned his namesake foundation as a highly respectable organization with national reach and impact that would strengthen America in perpetuity through philanthropy to "religious, charitable, scientific, literary and educational purposes within the United States and its territories." Since inception, the Foundations have given over 3,800 grants totaling more than \$300 million to colleges and universities, hospitals, medical schools, and divinity schools. The Arthur Vining Davis Foundations have funded visionary leadership in public television for scientific and historical documentaries, children's programming, and the distribution of high quality educational media

Two funding opportunities are currently open:

Private Higher Education: The Private Higher Education Program Area supports colleges and universities that prioritize undergraduate education and emphasize the liberal arts. The Foundations provide grants directly to private colleges and universities as well as to consortia that support those institutions in their educational mission. Although the Foundations support a variety of programs in higher education, grants typically support projects that improve student outcomes or enhance faculty leadership. The Foundations do not provide grants to support capital projects or endowment. **Average Award \$25,000 to \$300,000 though the foundation will entertain larger requests. Grants can support projects that span multiple years.**

Interfaith Leadership & Religious Literacy: As one of the most religiously diverse nations in human history, the United States faces the challenge of nurturing an increasingly religiously pluralistic society while also moderating religious tension. Achieving these twin goals requires Americans to embrace a deeper understanding and appreciation for religious traditions other than their own, and to cultivate opportunities for collaborations and friendships across religious divides. The Interfaith Leadership and Religious Literacy Program Area seeks to advance these goals by supporting organizations that promote religious literacy, and create opportunities for courageous multi-faith conversations and collaboration Areas of Focus - While the Foundations are open to any funding request aimed at advancing the goals outlined above, proposals are especially encouraged concerning the Areas of Focus: 1) Interfaith Leadership and Religious Literacy on Faith-Based Campuses 2) Collaborations between Campus Student Groups and 3) Inter-Group Dialogue on Campus. **Average Award \$100,000 to \$300,000 though the foundation will entertain larger requests.**

Eligibility: The Foundations award grants to eligible 501(c)(3) institutions whose work aligns with the Foundations' Trustees' philanthropic priorities. We do not provide grants to individuals. Grantee organizations must be based in and operate within the United States.

Application Components: Submit the LOI through the online AVDF Grantee Portal: https://avdf.fluxx.io/user_sessions/new. Your brief letter of inquiry should include a description of the project, intended goals and outcomes, budget, possible/desired impacts, timeframes, and why you believe your project aligns with the Foundations' philanthropic priorities.

Proposal: After your LOI is submitted, it will be reviewed to evaluate whether the proposed project is consistent with the mission and funding priorities of the AVDF. Only invited full proposals will be accepted.

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