Russell Sage Foundation: Research Grants in Core Programs and Special Initiatives
Unrestricted funding opportunities

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Website:	https://www.russellsage.org/how-to-apply/application-deadlines
Submission Limitations:	None
Foundation Deadline:	**Wednesday, November 11, 2020 at 2pm ET**

Please contact your RAS unit *and* Tiffany Worboy to inform them of your intent to submit.

Funding Guidelines for November 11 Deadline

The Russell Sage Foundation (RSF) has long supported social science research with the aim of improving social and living conditions in the United States.

For its November 11, 2020 deadline, RSF will return to accepting letters of inquiry under the following core programs and special initiatives:

- Future of Work
- Immigration and Immigrant Integration
- Race, Ethnicity and Immigration
- Social, Political and Economic Inequality

Russell Sage Foundation will continue to accept letters of inquiry (LOIs) relevant to any of RSF's core programs that address at least one of the following issues:

1. Research on the Covid-19 pandemic and the resulting recession in the U.S. Specifically, research that assesses the social, political, economic, and psychological causes and consequences of the pandemic, especially its effects on marginalized individuals and groups and on trust in government and other institutions. Our priorities **do not** include analyses of health outcomes or health behavior.

2. Research focused on systemic racial inequality and/or the recent mass protests in the U.S. Specifically, research that investigates the prevalence of racial disparities in policing and criminal justice and their social, political, economic, and psychological causes and consequences; the effects of the current social protest movement and mass mobilization against systemic discrimination; the nature of public attitudes and public policies regarding policing, criminal justice, and social welfare; and the effects of those attitudes in the current political environment.

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Eligibility
- All applicants (both PIs and Co-PIs) must have a doctorate.
- In rare circumstances, RSF may consider applications from scholars who do not hold a doctorate but can demonstrate a strong career background that establishes their ability to conduct high-level, peer-reviewed scholarly research.
- Students may not be applicants.

Funding

- **Trustee Grants** are generally capped at $175,000, including 15% indirect costs.
- **Presidential Grants** are capped at $35,000 (no indirect costs). PIs may request up to $50,000 (no indirect costs) when the proposed research project has special needs for gathering data (e.g.: qualitative research) or gaining access to restricted-use data.
- Budget amounts are over a two-year period.

Grants are available for research assistance, data acquisition, data analysis, and investigator time for conducting research and writing up results.

RSF encourages early career scholars who are new to the foundation to apply for Presidential Grants.

Guidelines

- **IMPORTANT**: Applicants must create an account via RSF's online application portal at least one week before an application deadline. Activating a new account may take up to 2 business days.

- RSF rarely considers projects for which the investigators have not already fully-developed the research design, the sample framework, access to data, etc.

- Investigators are encouraged to submit an LOI after they have developed and pre-tested survey instruments, completed preliminary data analyses if the data are publically-available or conducted some preliminary interviews for qualitative studies.

- Successful proposals from this round can have a start date on or after July 1, 2021.

- If you are unsure about the foundation's expectations in this regard, we strongly recommend that investigators review the grant writing guidelines on our website, where you can also view an instructional webinar.

- **Note: Applicants can either apply to the Pipeline Grants (11/4 deadline) or our regular research grants (11/11 deadline), but not both.**