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The William Townsend Porter Foundation is seeking proposals designed to support increased opportunities for under-resourced individuals in the sciences and in particular physiology. For over a century, the Foundation has been supporting the training of under-resourced individuals. Founded as a result of the sale of the Harvard Apparatus Company by its founder William Townsend Porter, the Foundation shifted its focus from the support of majority scientists to the support of minority students pursuing careers in the physiological science. Since 1967, a primary focus of the Foundation's programs has been the support of The American Physiological Society's Porter Physiology Development Fellowship Program which provides support for the training of underrepresented minorities pursuing advanced degrees and training in the physiological sciences.

In an effort to expand its grantmaking beyond its historical grantees, the Trustees of the Porter Foundation are launching a pilot mini-grant program to support under-resourced individuals in the sciences and in particular, physiology. The focus is on teachers and/or associations with programs impacting science education in grades 6-12. The attached Request for Proposals provides details on the program's focus and the associated deadlines.

Thank you in advance for considering the RFP and directing it to those who might benefit from this opportunity.

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William Townsend Porter Foundation

Proposal Invitation Statement 2022 Pilot Mini-Grants Program

The William Townsend Porter Foundation makes grants to support increased opportunities for under-resourced individuals in the sciences and in particular, physiology. The Trustees are seeking applications focused on the following:

- Supporting science teachers in grades 6-12 to deliver innovative curricula and programs to under-resourced students, with a specific focus on low-income students and students of color.
- Middle and high school partnerships with scientific societies or intermediary organizations.
- Innovative projects to support increased engagement of under-resourced students in science, either in- or out-of-school.

The Foundation will make pilot seed grants in the range of \$5,000 for these efforts. Proposed projects could include requests to support costs associated with curriculum development, conference registration or travel, or pilot program implementation. Equipment expenses would be considered only if specific items or supplies are integral to the training or program being proposed and cannot be supported by other sources. Applications must come from a 501(c)(3) public charity nonprofit sponsor. The Foundation cannot make grants directly to individuals.

Interested organizations should send a 1-2 page letter of intent (LOI) to the William Townsend Porter Foundation at the email address below, providing information on the organization's scientific and educational mission and a summary of the proposed project with a preliminary estimate of expenses and other revenue. LOIs should also include the Philanthropy Massachusetts [concept paper cover sheet](#). The Trustees will request a limited number of full proposals from among those LOIs.

Annual Application Calendar

LOI Deadline: April 1

Applicants Invited to Submit Full Proposal: June 1

Full Proposal Submission: September 1

Funding Notification: by December 31

Funding Distribution: by March 30 in the following year

For more information, please contact the Porter Foundation staff:

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