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Title: Harry Frank Guggenheim Distinguished Scholar Awards

Funding Agency: The Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation

External Deadline(s):

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Cognizant Office: Office of Foundation Relations

Description:

The Harry Frank Guggenheim Distinguished Scholar Awards (formerly the Harry Frank Guggenheim Research Grants) recognize leading researchers proposing to make a significant contribution to illuminating an issue of violence. The Foundation welcomes proposals from any of the natural and social sciences and aligned disciplines that promise to increase understanding of the causes, manifestations, and control of violence and aggression. Highest priority is given to research that addresses urgent, present-day problems of violence—what produces it, how it operates, and what prevents or reduces it.

Frequency: Typically annual

Total Award: \$15,000 to \$45,000

- Most awards fall within the range of \$15,000 to \$45,000 per year for periods of one or two years.
 - Applications for larger amounts and longer durations will be considered but must be strongly justified.
 - Requests will be considered for salaries, employee benefits, fieldwork, research assistantships, supplies and equipment, essential secretarial and technical help, and other items necessary for the completion of a project.
 - In general, a salary is only justified if paid work will be given up to free up time for the specific research project proposed.
 - The Foundation does not supply funds for overhead costs of institutions, travel to professional meetings, self-education, costly laboratory or field equipment, dissemination of research findings, or graduate-degree research.
 - The Foundation will not consider applications for the support of meetings or conferences.

Indirect Costs: Not Allowed

- Please note that the Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation requires that applicants state whether they are applying as **Individual** or **Institutional** grantees. Once the application is submitted, no change in application type will be permitted.
 - Individual Applicants will receive the grant funds directly and if selected as a grant recipient, the individual will be required to enter into a grant agreement with the

Foundation. Individuals who receive research grants may be subject to taxation on the funds awarded.

- **If administered by Caltech, the minimum overhead rate is based on the award's annual gross funding. Please refer to the [FY23 Annual Rate Memo](#) for applicable minimum overhead requirements. Applicants must work within their division to account for the required overhead via an approved MORA form.**

Duration: 1-2 years

Discipline(s): Biology and Biological Engineering; Humanities and Social Sciences

Eligibility: Postdoc, Research Faculty, Tenure-Track Faculty, Tenured Faculty

- Applicants for a Distinguished Scholar Award may be citizens of any country.
- While almost all recipients possess a Ph.D., M.D., J.D., or equivalent degree, there are no formal degree requirements for the award.
 - The award, however, may not be used to support research undertaken as part of the requirements for a graduate or doctoral program.
 - Caltech researchers other than tenure-track faculty will need to obtain approval from the Division Chair and Vice Provost for Research prior to submitting an application.
- Applicants need not be affiliated with an institution of higher learning, although most are college or university professors.
- Funding is not intended to supplement a project with other funding, unless an independent "Guggenheim component" of the research can be identified and is shown to make a difference to what can be accomplished by the larger (fully-funded) project.

Research Areas of Interest:

- The Foundation is interested in violence related to many subjects, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - War;
 - Crime;
 - Terrorism;
 - Family and intimate-partner relationships;
 - Climate instability and natural resource competition;
 - Racial, ethnic, and religious conflict;
 - Political extremism and nationalism.
- The Foundation supports research that investigates the basic mechanisms in the production of violence, but primacy is given to proposals that make a compelling case for the relevance of potential findings for policies intended to reduce these ills. Likewise, historical research is considered to the extent that it is relevant to a current situation of violence.
- Examinations of the effects of violence are welcome insofar as a strong case is made that these outcomes may serve, in turn, as causes of future violence.

Post-Award Obligations:

- TBD

Recent Caltech Recipients:

- David Anderson (2015)

Guidelines & Other Information:

Overview: <https://www.hfg.org/distinguished-scholars>

Guidelines (2022): <https://www.hfg.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/HFGDistinguishedScholars%E2%80%93Guidelines.pdf>

Past Grantees: <https://www.hfg.org/ds-past-grantees/>

Application (Requires Account): <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=hfg>

Board of Directors: <https://www.hfg.org/people>

Please notify the Foundation Relations team if you anticipate making a submission or if you have any questions regarding this opportunity. We are here to help ensure that Caltech's proposals are competitive. We can assist with proposal development and advise you on the routing of your paperwork. Interested researchers should work with their division grant manager to prepare the budget, the MORA form, and the Division Approval Form (DAF). Submissions and awards for this grant program will be processed through the Office of Foundation Relations.

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