

William T. Grant Foundation

Research Grants on Reducing Inequality—Letter of Inquiry

More Information: <http://wtgrantfoundation.org/grants/research-grants-reducing-inequality>

Eligibility:

Grants are made to organizations, not individuals. Grants are limited, without exception, to tax-exempt organizations. A copy of the Internal Revenue Service tax-exempt status determination letter is required from each applying organization. We do not support or make contributions to building funds, fund-raising drives, endowment funds, general operating budgets, or scholarships.

2021 LOI Deadlines:

- **January 13 @ 3PM EST**
- **May 5 @ 3PM EST**
- **August 4 @ 3PM EST**

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Program Details:

Purpose: The Foundation's mission is to support research to improve the lives of young people ages 5-25 in the United States. One way that we pursue this mission is by investing in high-quality field-initiated studies on reducing inequality in youth outcomes.

Our focus on reducing inequality grew out of our view that research can do more than help us understand the problem of inequality—it can generate effective responses. We believe that it is time to build stronger bodies of knowledge on how to reduce inequality in the United States and to move beyond the mounting research evidence about the scope, causes, and consequences of inequality.

Toward this end, we seek studies that aim to build, test, or increase understanding of programs, policies, or practices to reduce inequality in the academic, social, behavioral, or economic outcomes of young people. We prioritize studies about reducing inequality on the basis of race, ethnicity, economic standing, language minority status, or immigrant origins.

Amount: \$100,000—\$600,000

Duration: two to three years

Research grants on reducing inequality should aim to build, test, or increase understanding of programs, policies, or practices to reduce inequality in youth outcomes. We welcome descriptive studies that clarify mechanisms for reducing inequality or elucidate how or why a specific program, policy, or practice operates to reduce inequality. We also welcome intervention studies that examine attempts to reduce inequality. In addition, we seek studies that improve the measurement of inequality in ways that can enhance the work of researchers, practitioners, or policymakers. The common thread across all of this work, however, is a distinct and explicit focus on reducing inequality—one that goes beyond describing the causes or consequences of unequal outcomes and, instead, identifies leverage points for reducing inequality.

Full guidelines: <http://wtgrantfoundation.org/library/uploads/2020/11/2021-Application-Guidelines-Reducing-Inequality.pdf>