Call For Proposals

The spring open-submission call for proposals for the John Templeton Foundation is open now until April 1, 2015. Visit https://portal.templeton.org/login to apply.

The John Templeton Foundation (JTF) will distribute $155M of funding in 2015; a significant proportion of these funds are dedicated to topics falling under the banner of character virtue development. JTF gives grants for up to 3 years in duration and for projects ranging in scope from $50,000 to more than $5,000,000. The median grant award in Character Virtue Development is just over $550,000.

The department supports a broad range of projects, including the direct support of character education programs as well as basic and applied research on specific virtues. The qualities of character emphasized in the Foundation’s charter include, but are not limited to, awe, creativity, curiosity, diligence, entrepreneurialism, forgiveness, future-mindedness, generosity, gratitude, honesty, humility, joy, love, purpose, reliability, and thrift.

At this juncture the department is specifically seeking proposals that incorporate religion or spirituality as a core component of the project. JTF’s founder, Sir John Templeton, sought to invest in a richer understanding of spirituality and religion’s role in character and virtue development. The department welcomes proposals from across the religious and spiritual spectrum.

The application process begins with an Online Funding Inquiry (i.e. a letter of intent); applicants who are successful at this stage are invited to submit a more detailed full proposal. The process is highly competitive: ~90% of proposals considered in the Character Virtue Development portfolio are declined at the first stage and ~30% are declined at the second stage.

Learn more about JTF’s grantmaking process here: http://www.templeton.org/what-we-fund/our-grantmaking-process

Learn more about Sir John Templeton’s philanthropic vision here: http://www.templeton.org/sir-john-templeton/philanthropic-vision

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