“FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF SOCIAL AND LIVING CONDITIONS IN THE UNITED STATES.”
—Margaret Olivia Sage, Letter of Gift establishing the Russell Sage Foundation, April 19, 1907

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ABOUT THE RUSSELL SAGE FOUNDATION

The Russell Sage Foundation is the principal American foundation devoted exclusively to research in the social sciences. Located in New York City, it is a research center, a funding source for studies by scholars at other academic and research institutions, and an active member of the nation’s social science community. The foundation also publishes, under its own imprint, books and a journal that derive from the research of its grantees and visiting scholars.

One of the oldest American foundations, the Russell Sage Foundation was established by Mrs. Margaret Olivia Sage in 1907 for “the improvement of social and living conditions in the United States.” In the century since then, RSF has evolved in many ways—beginning as a source of information and support for private social agencies in its earliest years, and gradually becoming a research organization dedicated to strengthening social science and bringing it effectively to bear on describing and analyzing the nation’s changing social problems. It was Mrs. Sage’s foresight in allowing the foundation to adapt to unanticipated circumstances that has allowed RSF to pursue its founder’s intentions in a variety of creative ways over the long life of the institution.

The foundation now dedicates itself exclusively to strengthening the methods, data, and theoretical core of the social sciences as a means of diagnosing social problems and improving social and economic policies. It currently supports four principal programs:

- A program of research on Behavioral Economics that incorporates insights of psychology and other social sciences into the study of human behavior.
- A program of research on the Future of Work concerned primarily with examining the causes and consequences of the declining quality of jobs for less- and moderately-educated workers in the U.S. and the role of changes in employer practices, the nature of the labor market, and public policies on employment, earnings, and the quality of jobs.
- A program of research on Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration concerned with the social, economic, and political effects of the changing racial and ethnic composition of the U.S. population, including the transformation of communities and ideas about what it means to be an American.
- A program of research on Social Inequality focused on the extent to which rising economic inequality has affected social, political, and economic institutions in the U.S., and the extent to which it has affected equality of opportunity, social mobility, and the intergenerational transmission of advantage.

In addition, RSF sponsors special initiatives around specific topics highly related to the foundation’s mission and core program areas. Current initiatives support research on the social, political, and economic effects of the Affordable Care Act; integrating biology and social science knowledge; and computational social science. The foundation’s newest initiatives, launched in 2017, focus on Immigration and Immigrant Integration and Non-Standard Employment.

While the foundation remains open to innovative research outside its current priority areas, most external grants are made to projects that are closely aligned with these objectives.

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VISITING SCHOLARS, 2018-2019
At its headquarters in New York City, the Russell Sage Foundation has established a center where visiting scholars can pursue their writing and research. The following social scientists have been selected as visiting scholars for the 2017–2018 academic year:

Edwin Amenta, Professor of Sociology, University of California, Irvine
Tonya Britto, Jefferson Burrus-Bascom Professor of Law, University of Wisconsin
Noreen Goldman, Hughes-Rogers Professor of Demography and Public Affairs, Princeton University
Peter A. Hall, Krupp Foundation Professor of European Studies, Harvard University
Bradley L. Hardy, Associate Professor of Public Administration and Policy, American University
Jen Heerwig, Assistant Professor of Sociology, SUNY–Stony Brook University
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Carrie L. Shandra, Assistant Professor of Sociology, SUNY–Stony Brook University
Eric Verhoogen, Professor of International and Public Affairs and of Economics, Columbia University
Adam Waytz, Associate Professor of Management and Organizations, Northwestern University
Ariel White, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

ROBERT K. MERTON SCHOLAR
The Merton Scholar recognizes the enduring contributions of an eminent scholar to the social sciences.
Robert Solow, Institute Professor Emeritus, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

MARGARET OLIVIA SAGE SCHOLARS, 2018-2019
Margaret Olivia Sage Scholars are nominated and selected by the foundation’s board of trustees on the basis of outstanding career accomplishments.

Christopher Jencks, Malcolm Wiener Professor of Social Policy, Emeritus, Harvard University
Ira Katznelson, Ruggles Professor of Political Science and History, Columbia University
Hazel Rose Markus, Davis-Brack Professor in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University

VISITING JOURNALISTS, 2018-2019
Rich Benjamin, Independent Journalist
Cara Fitzpatrick, Independent Journalist
Larissa MacFarquhar, The New Yorker
Alexis Okeowo, Independent Journalist

VISITING RESEARCHERS, 2018-2019
Andrei Cimpian, Department of Psychology, New York University
Jane Mansbridge, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
Rosemary Taylor, Department of Sociology, Tufts University
Tom Tyler, Yale Law School, Yale University

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The foundation publishes the results of the research it supports through its book publishing program. Since 1907, the foundation has published more than 500 books, including such recent titles as:

- Homeward: Life in the Year After Prison
  Bruce Western
- The Government-Citizen Disconnect
  Suzanne Mettler
- Immigrants, Evangelicals, and Politics in an Era of Demographic Change
  Janelle S. Wong
- Sites Unseen: Uncovering Hidden Hazards in American Cities
  Scott Frickel and James R. Elliott
- Starving the Beast: Ronald Reagan and the Tax Cut Revolution
  Monica Prasad
- Administrative Burden: Policymaking by Other Means
  Pamela Herd and Donald P. Moynihan
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  Deborah Carr
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  Volume 4, Issue 4, April 2018 | Copublished with the Ford Foundation

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FOUNDATION HEADQUARTERS

The Russell Sage Foundation building is an architecturally distinguished seven-story structure designed by Philip Johnson and built in 1959. A renovated adjacent townhouse provides additional offices. Together, the buildings provide excellent facilities for conferences, seminars, individual research and collegial activities. Subsidized housing near the foundation is also provided for visiting scholars, journalists, and researchers from outside the New York area.

Located on East 64th Street in Manhattan, between Park and Lexington Avenues, the foundation is near a variety of educational, research, and philanthropic institutions. Hunter College of the City University of New York is four blocks north and the Rockefeller University is four blocks east. Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts and the Manhattan campus of Fordham University are directly across Central Park.
APPLYING TO THE RUSSELL SAGE FOUNDATION

Information about how to apply for research grants or for visiting scholar, visiting journalist, and visiting researcher fellowships, as well as upcoming deadlines, is available on the foundation’s website: www.russellsage.org.

Grants
Applications for research grants that fall within the foundation’s core programs and special initiatives are considered three times a year and must be preceded by a letter of inquiry to determine whether the foundation’s interests and funds permit consideration of a proposal. Letters of inquiry should be treated as mini-proposals and should include the research questions to be addressed, a well-developed research design, data sources and analytic strategy, the qualifications and responsibilities of the investigators, and an estimated budget.

Fellowships
To apply for a fellowship, visit russellsage.org/how-to-apply for full instructions. Applications include a brief online questionnaire, a 4-5 page description of the project to be undertaken while in residence at RSF, and a curriculum vitae. Visiting Journalist applicants must also submit a writing sample.

Visiting Scholar applications will be accepted between January 14 and June 27, 2019, for the academic year which begins on September 1, 2020.

Applications for Visiting Journalist fellowships (2-3 months) and Visiting Research fellowships (up to 5 months) between September 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020 will be accepted until May 1, 2019.

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Grants are not made for the support of undergraduate or graduate degree work, nor for institutional support. Grantees and visiting scholars are generally expected to offer RSF the right to publish any book-length manuscript resulting from foundation support.

All applications must be submitted through the foundation’s grants management system, Fluxx.

Questions about research grants and the fellowship programs should be sent to programs@rsage.org.

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