

“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

The background features a large, faint, circular seal of the Russell Sage Foundation. The seal contains a central crest with a shield, flanked by two figures holding torches. The text around the border of the seal reads "RUSSELL SAGE FOUNDATION" at the top and "FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF SOCIAL AND LIVING CONDITIONS" at the bottom.

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ABOUT THE RUSSELL SAGE FOUNDATION

The Russell Sage Foundation was established by Margaret Olivia Sage in 1907 for “the improvement of social and living conditions in the United States.” It dedicates itself to supporting innovative social science research that explores cutting edge questions, policies, and methods in order to better understand societal problems and develop informed responses. The foundation supports visiting scholars, journalists, and researchers in residence and publishes books and a journal under its own imprint. It also funds researchers at other institutions and supports programs intended to develop and diversify new generations of social scientists. 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 currently supports four core programs:

- A program of research on **Behavioral Science and Decision Making in Context** focused on examining economic, social, political, and psychological decision-making processes, attitudes, behaviors, and institutional practices in public and private contexts such as policing/criminal legal systems, employment, housing, politics, racial/ethnic relations, and immigration.
- 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, Political, and Economic 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 on topics related to its mission and core program areas. These include research on the effects of race, citizenship, legal status, political culture and public policy on immigrant outcomes and research on the aftermath of the 2023 Supreme Court decision striking down race-conscious college and university admissions policies.

RSF’s **Pipeline Grants Competition**, funded in collaboration with the Economic Mobility and Opportunity Program at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, seeks to promote diversity in the social sciences broadly, including racial, ethnic, gender, disciplinary, institutional, and geographic diversity.

RSF’s **Dissertation Research Grants** (DRG) program supports innovative and high-quality dissertation research projects that address questions relevant to RSF’s priority areas.

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, 2024-2025

RSF visiting scholars pursue their writing and research at the foundation's headquarters in New York City. The following social scientists have been selected as visiting scholars for 2024–2025:

Atinuke Adediran, Associate Professor of Law, Fordham University

Caitlin Dickerson, Immigration Reporter, *The Atlantic*

Lucas Drouhot, Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Utrecht

Waverly Duck, North Hall Chair Endowed Professor of Sociology,

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Ansley Erickson, Associate Professor of History and Education Policy, Teachers College,
Columbia University

Brittany Fox-Williams, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Lehman College,
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Brown University

Camille Robcis, Professor of History and French, Columbia University

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Gerard Torrats-Espinosa, Assistant Professor in Sociology, Columbia University

Morgan Williams, Jr., Assistant Professor of Economics, Barnard College

Nathan Wilmers, Sarofim Family Career Development Associate Professor,
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MARGARET OLIVIA SAGE SCHOLARS, 2024-2025

Margaret Olivia Sage Scholars are nominated and selected by the foundation's board of trustees on the basis of outstanding career accomplishments.

Alejandro Portes, Professor of Law and Distinguished Scholar of Arts and Sciences,
University of Miami

Mary C. Waters, PVK Professor of Arts and Sciences and the John L. Loeb Professor of Sociology,
Harvard University

Hirokazu Yosikawa, Courtney Sale Ross Professor of Globalization and Education,
New York University

VISITING RESEARCHERS, 2024-2025

Maria Abascal, Associate Professor of Sociology, New York University

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Race/Class Conflict and Urban Financial Threat

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Structured Luck: Downstream Effects of the U.S. Diversity Visa Program

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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.



APPLYING TO THE RUSSELL SAGE FOUNDATION

Information about how to apply for grants or fellowships, as well as upcoming deadlines, is available on our website: 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

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 Scholar applications will be accepted until June 25, 2025 for the academic year which begins on September 1, 2026.

Applications for Visiting Researcher fellowships (up to 5 months) between September 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026 will be accepted until May 7, 2025.

Grants are not made for the support of undergraduate 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 (rsf.fluxx.io).

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

For more information, visit russellsage.org/how-to-apply



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