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—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 was established by Margaret Olivia Sage in 1907 for “the improvement of social and living conditions in the United States.” It dedicates itself to strengthening the methods, data, and theoretical core of the social sciences 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.

In the more than a century since its founding, 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 conditions. 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 principal 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 a special initiative on the effects of race, citizenship, legal status, political culture and public policy on immigrant outcomes.

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. Proposed projects must be closely aligned with RSF’s funding priorities and contribute to its mission.

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.

For more information, please visit russellsage.org

VISITING SCHOLARS, 2022-2023

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 2021–2022:

Scott W. Allard, Daniel J. Evans Endowed Professor of Social Policy, University of Washington
Elizabeth Ananat, Mallya Professor in Women and Economics, Barnard College

Jennifer Chudy, Knafel Assistant Professor of Social Sciences and Assistant Professor of Political Science, Wellesley College

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Natasha Quadlin, Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles

Adam Reich, Associate Professor of Sociology, Columbia University

Eva Rosen, Assistant Professor, McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University

Lara Shore-Sheppard, Kimberly A. '96 and Robert R. '62 Henry Professor of Economics and Department Chair, Williams College

Jennifer M. Silva, Assistant Professor, Paul H. O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University

James Thomas, Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Mississippi

MARGARET OLIVIA SAGE SCHOLARS, 2022-2023

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

Thomas C. Holt, James Westfall Thompson Professor Emeritus of American and African American History, University of Chicago

Claude Steele, Lucie Stern Professor Emeritus of Psychology, Stanford University

Margaret Beale Spencer, Marshall Field IV Professor of Urban Education, University of Chicago

VISITING JOURNALISTS, 2022-2023

Louise Story, Independent Journalist

Anna Louie Sussman, Independent Journalist

Sarah Carr, Independent Journalist

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Angie Chung, Professor of Sociology at University at Albany

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Mona Lynch, Chancellor's Professor of Criminology, Law & Society, University of California, Irvine

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Paul Osterman, Nanyang Technological University Professor of Human Resources and Management, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

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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:

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Enobong Hannah Branch and Caroline Hanley

Voices in the Code: A Story About People, Their Values, and the Algorithm They Made

David G. Robinson

Soaking the Middle Class: Suburban Inequality and Recovery from Disaster

Anna Rhodes and Max Besbris

Collateral Damages: Landlords and the Urban Housing Crisis

Meredith Greif

An Ugly Word: Rethinking Race in Italy and the United States

Ann Morning and Marcello Maneri

Skin Color, Power, and Politics in America

Mara Cecilia Ostfeld and Nicole Yadon

Who Should Pay?: Higher Education, Responsibility, and the Public

Natasha Quadlin and Brian Powell

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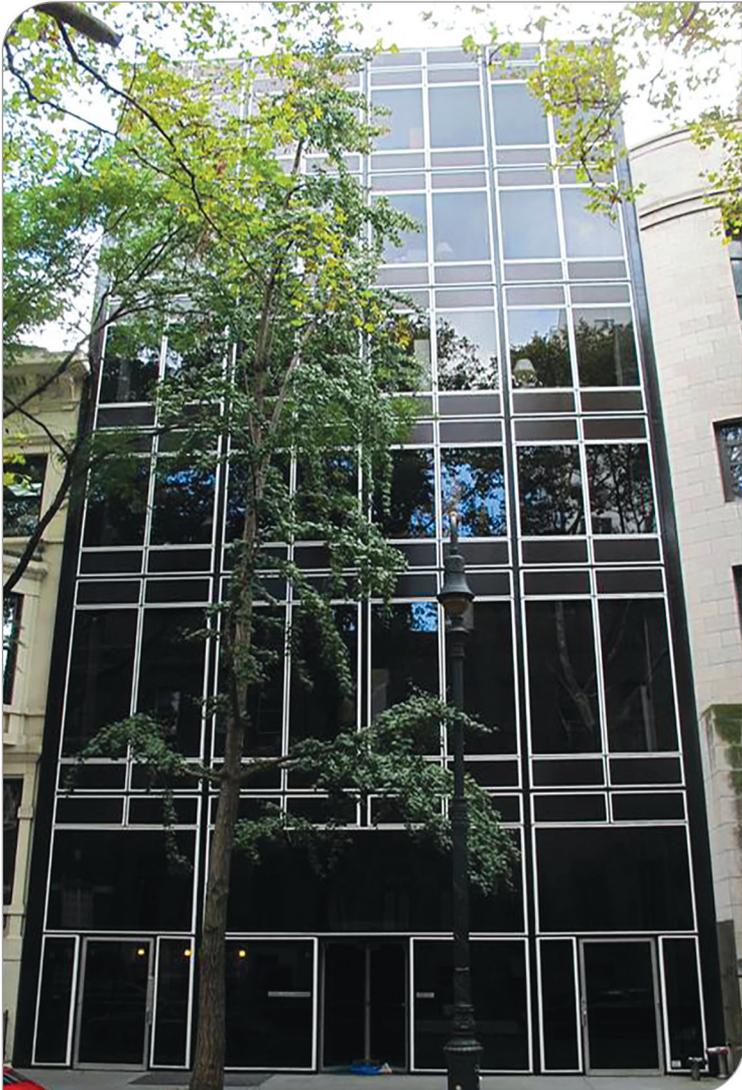
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FOUNDATION HEADQUARTERS

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

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 until June 27, 2023 for the academic year which begins on September 1, 2024.

Applications for Visiting Journalist fellowships (3-4 months) and Visiting Researcher fellowships (up to 5 months) between September 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024 will be accepted until May 2, 2023.

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

A large, faint circular seal is visible in the background. The outer ring of the seal contains the text "RUSSELL SAGE FOUNDATION" at the top and "FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF SOCIAL AND LIVING CONDITIONS" at the bottom, separated by stars. The center of the seal features a crest with a book and a lamp, surrounded by smaller text.

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