

William Townsend Porter Foundation 2024 Letters of Inquiry

The William Townsend Porter Foundation is seeking 2024 Letters of Inquiry (“LOI”) for projects which increase opportunities for under-resourced individuals in the sciences and in particular physiology. For over a century, the Foundation has been supporting the training of under-resourced individuals. Founded as a result of the sale of the Harvard Apparatus Company by its founder William Townsend Porter, the Foundation shifted its focus from the support of majority scientists to the support of minority students pursuing careers in the physiological science. Since 1967, a primary focus of the Foundation’s programs has been the support of The American Physiological Society’s Porter Physiology Development Fellowship Program which provides support for the training of underrepresented minorities pursuing advanced degrees and training in the physiological sciences.

The Porter Foundation is interested in educational projects focused on engaging youth in grades 6-12 in physiology and related fields, as part of their 2024 grantmaking. Please use this form to submit a project that fits within the William Townsend Porter Foundation’s interests for this new grant program, as outlined below. Grant awards would be up to \$10,000.

1. Existing educational programs serving populations underrepresented in physiology and/or related fields, particularly students of color and indigenous young people.
2. Curriculum development, pilot educational programs, program expansion, collaborative programs, and/or
3. Equipment to facilitate a program’s goals

How to submit your LOI:

Fillable online form (via [GoApply](#)) with the following questions:

1. Applicant organization or fiscal sponsor legal name, federal tax ID#, primary contact, mailing address, and website
2. Brief description of applicant organization, its mission, history, and current programs/services (one paragraph in online form)
3. Amount of current fiscal year organization operating budget
4. Requested amount
5. Title of Program/Project
6. Program/Project summary, including key project staff, partners, and/or collaborators, including partner schools if relevant.
7. Total project budget amount and amount raised to date for this request

Uploads

1. Please submit a letter, to be uploaded as an attachment, which should not exceed two pages, which includes the following:
 - a. How the project meets the Porter Foundation's mission and focus area outlined above.
 - b. Project timeline

Please contact [Gioia Perugini](#) with any programmatic questions.

Letters of Inquiry to The William Townsend Porter Foundation must be submitted via the [GoApply online portal](#) by 5:00 pm on October 30, 2024.

Please review this guide on [how to register](#). Click here for a [password assistance guide](#). You will receive email confirmation of your submission. Please direct questions related to the portal to Senior Grants Manager Rita Goldberg at rgoldberg@hembar.com.