

# John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

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## *Approaching the MacArthur Foundation*

*The MacArthur Foundation supports creative people, effective institutions, and influential networks building a more just, verdant, and peaceful world. The Foundation is placing a few big bets that transformative change is possible on the world's pressing social challenges, including over-incarceration, global climate change, and nuclear risk.*

**The Foundation is not accepting proposals from universities at this time but please contact Foundation Relations for possible partnering opportunities.**

### **Overview**

The Foundation's Big Bets areas include Nuclear Challenges, Climate Solutions and Criminal Justice as described below. The foundations giving to date tops \$222M with the majority of awards in the \$100K - \$500K range.

**Nuclear Challenges:** The Foundation fosters collaboration, igniting the public's imagination, and sparking new ideas about how to eliminate the threat of nuclear weapons.

- Decrease weapons-useable nuclear material
- Identify political and technical solutions to inform effective decision-making
- Work includes policy-relevant scholarship, stakeholder engagement, outreach and dissemination of policy prescriptions; and advanced education on nuclear threat
- Supported areas of work include:
  1. Nuclear fuel cycle policies
  2. Global governance of nuclear material production and stockpiles
  3. Technical aspects of nuclear energy plans and policies

### *Update:*

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**Chancellor Gilman visits the MacArthur Foundation in Chicago.**



**John D. MacArthur (1897-1978) developed and owned Bankers Life and Casualty Company. His wife Catherine served as the director of the Foundation.**

**Climate Solutions:** The program seeks to limit global warming to 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels by reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 2025.

- Support global leadership and cooperation
- Initial grants focused on the United States
- Other efforts within and between the United States, China, and India

**Criminal Justice:** The program addresses over-incarceration by changing the way America thinks about and uses jails.

- Address the disproportionate impact on low-income individuals and communities of color
- Presently supports 20 jurisdictions to design and implement plans for creating fairer, more effective local justice systems using innovative, collaborative, and evidence-based solutions.
- In 2016, ten jurisdictions will be selected to implement their plans for reform.
- Invest in research and data analytics and in a robust communications campaign.

**MacArthur Fellows:** The MacArthur Fellowship is a grant to individuals who show exceptional creativity in their work and the prospect for still more in the future.

- Designed to provide recipients with the flexibility to pursue their own artistic, intellectual, and professional activities in the absence of specific obligations or reporting requirements.
- \$650K over 5 years
- No limits on age or area of activity
- Individuals cannot apply for this award; they must be nominated.
- Nominators are selected by the foundation from foundation board members, selection committee members, past nominators, and various experts across the country

## UCI Awardees

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2015

David Goldberg, Digital  
Media & Learning  
Competition, \$1,625,000

Beth Cauffman, Juvenile  
Justice Study, \$1,000,000

## Websites

Big Bets:

<https://www.macfound.org/learning/>

UCI Foundation Relations:

<http://grants.give.uci.edu/>