

Office of Foundation Relations

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What, Who, Where is OFR?

Northwestern University's central office supporting faculty and staff across all schools and units who seek funding from private, professional foundations.





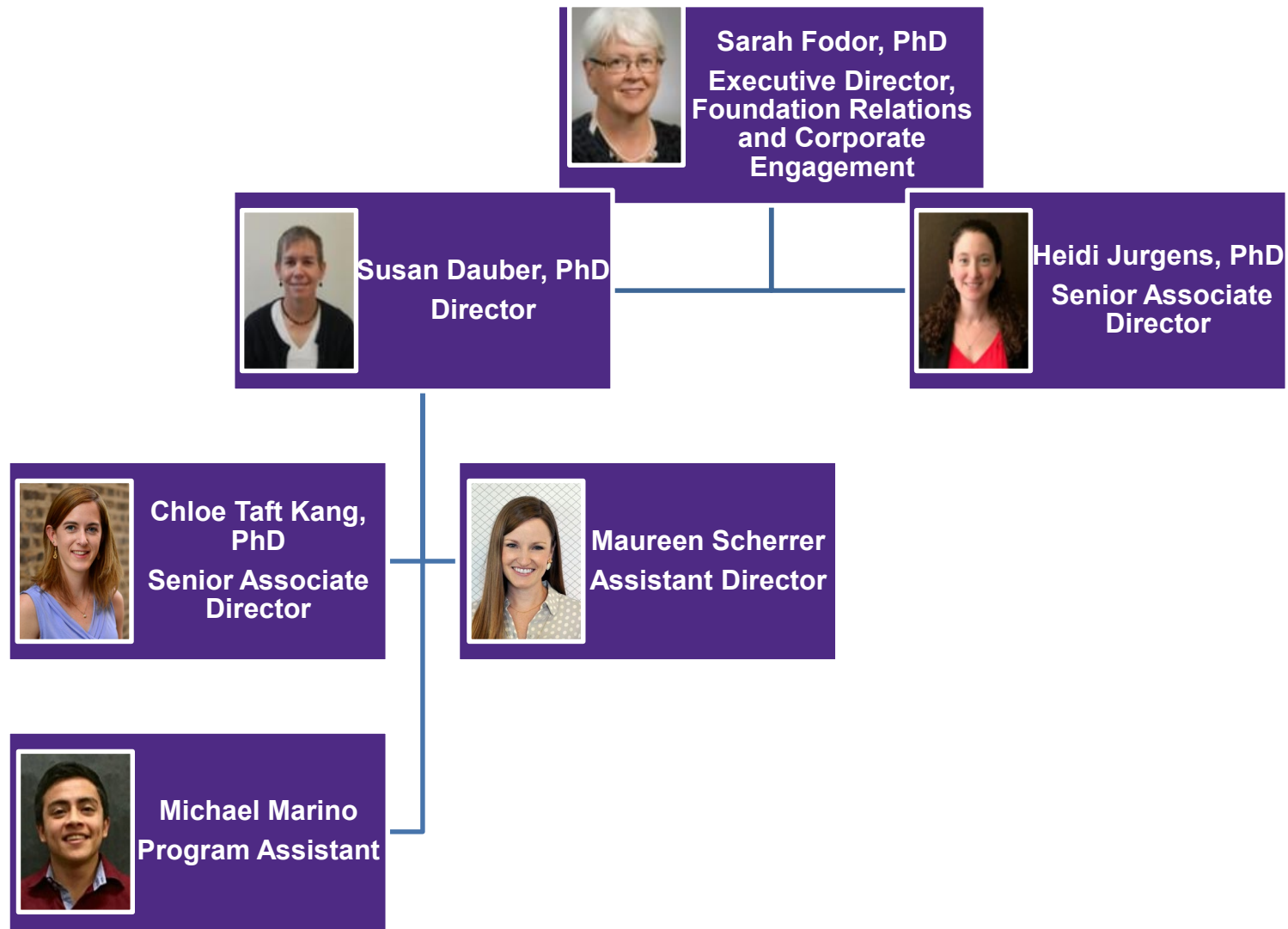
President – Morton Schapiro

Alumni Relations & Development (Bob McQuinn)

- Foundation Relations
- Corporate Engagement
- Individual Giving

Office of the Provost (Jonathan Holloway)

- Office for Research
 - ORD
 - OSR





Liaison Roles and Responsibilities

- **Sarah Fodor, PhD, Executive Director**
 - Institutional priorities, NU-Qatar, The Graduate School, Feinberg (in partnership with Michelle Melin-Rogovin)
- **Susan Dauber, PhD, Director**
 - Communication, IPR, Kellogg, Law, SESP, SPS, Weinberg—Social Sciences
- **Heidi Jurgens, PhD, Senior Associate Director**
 - Communication—CSD, Limited Submissions, McCormick—Biomedical Engineering and Chemical and Biological Engineering, Weinberg—Life and Physical Sciences
- **Chloe Taft Kang, PhD, Senior Associate Director**
 - Bienen School of Music, Block Museum of Art, McCormick—all other departments, University Libraries, Weinberg—Humanities, Department of History
- **Maureen Scherrer, Assistant Director**
 - Prospect research, reporting and analytics, student life and scholarships
- **Michael Marino, Program Assistant**
 - Gift/grant processing, stewardship support



FY2018 Private Foundation Funding

- \$54.7M in private foundation commitments to Northwestern
- 326 proposals **submitted**, requesting a total of \$134.4M
- 161 proposals **awarded**
 - Average Grant: \$262,435
 - Median Grant: \$75,000
 - Largest Grant: \$5M
- Assistance to every Northwestern School



What Private Foundations Fund

- **Research/programs** that align with their **mission** and current areas of interest
- Many have programs for **early-career investigators** (windows of eligibility)
- Applying for funding:
 - Open Requests for Proposals (RFPs)
 - Invited/Limited RFPs
 - “Not accepting unsolicited proposals” (but may accept inquiries)
 - Restricted Foundations



OFR Services

- **Identify Potential Funding Sources** - monitor 500+ foundations in our portfolio, disseminate new Requests for Proposals (RFPs)
- **Faculty Outreach/Support** – group/individual meetings, discuss research projects and funding needs; OFR can plan/staff foundation site visits
- **Customized Prospect Research** – PI/project-specific foundation opportunities (fit, eligibility, timing/strategy)
- **Proposal Consulting** – work closely with faculty (strategy/writing/editing) to develop compelling proposals specifically tailored to the foundation audience

Resources

- [OFR Website](#) – RFPs

- [Restricted Foundations](#) – *contact OFR first!*

- [Sign up](#) for Email/Listserv for upcoming funding opportunities

- [Foundation Directory Online \(FDO\)](#)

- [Other Funding Databases/Resources](#)

- [Grant Writing Guide](#)

- Institutional Documents Provided by OFR

Career Stage: Discipline: Deadline Month:

Only show opportunities currently accepting applications

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Show entries

Deadline	Opportunity	Funder	Status	Amount
> 08/01/2018	Fellowship Awards - Ataxia	National Ataxia Foundation	Open	\$35,000
> 08/01/2018	Promoting Positive Cognitive and/or Achievement Outcomes for Children - August	Brady Education Foundation	Open	Not specified
> 08/01/2018	Young Investigator Awards - Ataxia	National Ataxia Foundation	Open	\$35,000 to \$50,000
> 08/01/2018	Research Grants to Reduce Inequality and Improve the Use of Research Evidence - August	William T. Grant Foundation	Open	\$100,000 to \$1,000,000
> 08/01/2018	Small Research Grants - August	Spencer Foundation	Open	\$50,000
> 08/02/2018	Physical Therapy Research Grants	Foundation for Physical Therapy	Open	\$40,000 to \$50,000
> 08/07/2017	Faculty Scholars Program in Bioethics	Greenwall Foundation	Archived/ Anticipated	Not specified

Contact OFR

Please contact our office with any questions you may have about private foundations or whenever a faculty member you are working with is interested in seeking foundation funding.

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