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World Charity Foundation, Inc.



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What is the Templeton World Charity Foundation?

One of the three Foundations set up by Sir John Templeton

The Oxford Team's purpose is to identify suitable projects and work closely with the Project Leaders to develop Grant Proposals for submission to the Foundation's Board of Trustees, based in Nassau in the Bahamas.

The decision of the Trustees to fund a project is independent of the Oxford Team's recommendations.

Our grants are for projects lasting up to three years. It typically takes 18 months from an Initial Proposal to the Grant drawdown.

The other two foundations set up by Sir John are *The John Templeton Foundation* and *The Templeton Religion Trust*

Motto: "How little we know, how eager to learn"

Sir John Templeton

1. Born in Winchester, Tennessee 1912
2. Attended Yale, then Oxford (Rhodes scholar)
3. Investment banker on Wall Street in 1938
4. Wide ranging interests
 - a. Divinity
 - b. Human Progress
 - c. Open mindedness
 - d. Character & Virtue
 - e. Genius
5. Books available at:
<http://www.sirjohntempleton.org/>
6. Contrarian



Templeton Prize

1. Founded in 1972
2. The “Nobel Prize” of Spirituality



Grantmaking Areas

TWCF looks to develop worldwide projects on Big Questions in the following 7 major funding areas:

IV.A. Humility in Theology (over 60% of funding)

IV.B. Other Categories:

Character & Virtue Development

Freedom & Free Enterprise

Voluntary Family Planning

Nurturing Exceptional Cognitive Talent

Genetics

Unity Church and similar organizations

(up to a maximum of 25% of funding and up to 12.5% for any one of the following categories)

IV.A - Humility in Theology or “*Science and the Big Questions*”

Humble in the face of how little we know

Aim: to discover new Spiritual realities

1. Forward-thinking theological research. For example: Science and Religion and the analytic philosophy of religion, theology and affect.
2. The Human person and the nature of personal well-being.
3. Fundamental laws, structures, and constituents of reality and possibilities of ultimate reality.

Humility in Theology: Methodology

Humility in Theology also involves a *Methodology*

1. Open-minded and opposed to dogmatism or unreflective presumptions.
2. Typically interdisciplinary, drawing on at least one science
3. Seeks to integrate novel sources of information (e.g. from the empirical sciences) into domains where such sources are often under-utilized (theology, philosophy, etc.).
4. Seeks to glean insights from “non-empirical” disciplines as a way of developing new research hypotheses.

H-i-T Focus: Christians in Science

Aims

1. To encourage interaction between science and the Christian faith
2. To discover how science can contribute to Christian faith
3. To promote openness among scientists and Christians

Christians in Science

Questions

What are the key questions in your context?

Could they include...

- 1.Origins: evolution, cosmology, the first human beings
- 2.Social and scientific explanations of religion
- 3.Theology and sustainable development
- 4.Rationality and miracles
- 5.Medicine and faith healing
- 6.Science and morality
- 7.Psychology of religion and the justification of religion
- 8.Love and affect in cognitive psychology

CHRISTIANS IN SCIENCE

Examples

Established:

1. Canadian Scientific and Christian Affiliation
2. Christians in Science - United Kingdom
3. American Scientific Affiliation
4. Christian and Scientific Association of Kenya
5. Faith and Science Collaborative Research Forum—
Hong Kong

Other Humility-in-Theology Projects

Examples:

1. The Brain and the Personal Self: can advances in neuroscience enlighten the notion of person?
2. Science and Orthodoxy around the World: Contemporary Perspectives on science from Orthodox communities
3. The Evolution of “Read-Write” Information in Biology: Computational and Experimental Models of Non-Genomic Information Imprinted on Living Tissues
4. Divine Immanence and Transcendence: How Contemporary Science can renew the Question of Divine Transcendence and Immanence in Creation

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How do I apply?

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Strategies

1. Identify the “Big Question” of your research
2. Read Sir John’s Writings
 - a. Can your work answer questions he was asking?

TWCF APPLICATION PROCESS

*Five Staged Process closely working together with
Oxford Team*

- a. Initial Concept Paper (1-2 pages)
- b. Initial Funding Inquiry Form
- c. Full Proposal Form
- d. External Review
- e. Board Decision

Forms

Pre-Proposal	Full Proposal	External Review
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial Funding Inquiry Form (IFIF)• Compliance Part 1• Instructions for Applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Full Proposal Form (FPF)• Budget Template• Timeline Template• Compliance Part 2• Instructions for Applicants• Expert Reviewers Form	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review Protocol for External Reviewers• Protocol for Response to Reviews

John Templeton Foundation

1. Open Submission – Competitive Process
2. www.templeton.org
3. Process
 - a. OFI (Online Funding Inquiry) – Completed by applicant
 - b. OFI Review Process (~2 months)
 - c. Full Proposal – by invitation only (~ 4 months)
 - d. Funding Decision – grant starts 2-3 months after decision



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Grant Calendar

2017 Cycle

OFI Deadline	August 31, 2017
OFI Decision	September 29, 2017
FP Deadline	Variable (Jan 31, 2018)
Funding Decision	Variable (June 8, 2018)



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TWCF or JTF?

1. Closed Submission – Requires Invitation
2. Smaller Grant Amounts
3. Particular Strategic Areas

1. Open Submission – Competitive Process
2. Large Grants
3. Funds more broad areas

An aerial photograph of a historic city, likely Oxford, showing a dense cluster of stone buildings with a prominent large dome in the lower-left quadrant. The text is overlaid on the image.

TEMPLETON WORLD CHARITY FOUNDATION

Asking Big Questions
Discovering New Information about the Divine
Accelerating Human Progress
Transforming Lives and Culture