May 2015 Funding Opportunities Highlights

1. **Sponsor:** NASA  
   **Title:** NASA’s One Stop Shopping Initiative (OSSI)  
   **Application deadline:** May 31, 2015  
   **Description:** Supports an innovative, mission-enabling, NASA-wide approach to providing students at all IHEs access to a portfolio of internship, fellowship, and scholarship opportunities. Offers STEM and non-STEM opportunities and enables eligible students to access student opportunities through a single portal and single application. Internship deadlines: Spring (11/9/15); summer (3/1/15); Fall (5/31/15); yearlong (accepted anytime); Fellowship for 2015-2016 (9/9/15); and Scholarship applications (6/2/15).

2. **Sponsor:** U.S. Department of Education - Office of Postsecondary Education  
   **Title:** Strengthening Institutions Program  
   **Deadline:** June 8, 2015  
   **Funding/CFDA Number:** 84.031A  
   **Description:** The Strengthening Institutions Program (SIP) provides grants to eligible institutions of higher education (IHEs) to help them become self-sufficient and expand their capacity to serve low-income students by providing funds to improve and strengthen the institution's academic quality, institutional management, and fiscal stability. This year provides a competitive preference priority to support strategies for which there is moderate evidence of effectiveness.

3. **Sponsor:** National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)  
   **Title:** Humanities in the Public Square  
   **Deadlines:** Applications are due June 24, 2015.  
Description: The Humanities in the Public Square program supports scholarly forums, public discussions, and educational resources related to the themes of a new NEH initiative, The Common Good: The Humanities in the Public Square. Designed to demonstrate the vital role that humanities ideas can play in our civic life, the Humanities in the Public Square program invites projects that draw on humanities scholarship to engage the public in understanding some of today’s most challenging issues and pressing concerns. As NEH launches a yearlong celebration of its fiftieth anniversary in September 2015, the Common Good initiative seeks to demonstrate the vital role that the humanities can play in our public life. NEH’s enabling legislation speaks eloquently of the need to attend to “the relevance of the humanities to the current conditions of national life.” Today, as our country grapples with both remarkable opportunities and extraordinary challenges, the “conditions of our national life” suggest that this need is greater than ever. The Common Good initiative envisions humanities scholars and organizations turning their attention and expertise to topics that have widespread resonance with the American people and that lend themselves to humanistic methods and concerns. Organizations are encouraged to think creatively about what discussion topics would be meaningful to their community.

4. Sponsor: National Science Foundation
Title: Faculty Early Career Development Program (CAREER)
Deadlines: Full Proposals:
BIO, CISE, EHR: July 21, 2015
ENG: July 22, 2015
GEO, MPS, SBE: July 23, 2015

Description: The Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program is a Foundation-wide activity that offers the National Science Foundation's most prestigious awards in support of junior faculty who exemplify the role of teacher-scholars through outstanding research, excellent education and the integration of education and research within the context of the mission of their organizations. Such activities should build a firm foundation for a lifetime of leadership in integrating education and research. NSF encourages submission of CAREER proposals from junior faculty members at all CAREER-eligible organizations and especially encourages women, members of underrepresented minority groups, and persons with disabilities to apply.
Who May Serve as PI: A Principal Investigator (PI) may submit only one CAREER proposal per annual competition. In addition, a Principal Investigator may not participate in more than three CAREER competitions. Additional eligibility requirements apply; see solicitation for details.