

Top 50 U.S. Foundations Awarding Grants for Higher Education, circa 2000*

Foundation Name	State	Dollar Amount	No. of Grants
1. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	WA	\$311,832,905	47
2. Lilly Endowment Inc.	IN	250,432,210	80
3. The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation	NY	124,230,505	336
4. The Ford Foundation	NY	111,632,508	505
5. The Pew Charitable Trusts	PA	98,833,000	64
6. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	NJ	90,547,143	202
7. The David and Lucile Packard Foundation	CA	69,730,697	181
8. The Whitaker Foundation	VA	59,119,412	147
9. The Duke Endowment	NC	47,467,576	57
10. John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation	IL	38,913,542	104
11. Alfred P. Sloan Foundation	NY	37,531,427	209
12. Donald W. Reynolds Foundation	NV	37,335,448	11
13. W. M. Keck Foundation	CA	37,050,000	38
14. W. K. Kellogg Foundation	MI	36,779,993	119
15. The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation	CA	31,665,000	128
16. Wayne & Gladys Valley Foundation	CA	31,271,182	8
17. The Rockefeller Foundation	NY	30,746,986	245
18. The Starr Foundation	NY	28,383,500	106
19. The Kresge Foundation	MI	28,123,000	40
20. The Robert A. Welch Foundation	TX	27,486,000	171
21. Burroughs Wellcome Fund	NC	26,056,714	110
22. Ford Motor Company Fund	MI	24,414,777	157
23. The Henry Luce Foundation, Inc.	NY	22,603,068	107
24. Robert W. Woodruff Foundation, Inc.	GA	21,505,090	16
25. The Teagle Foundation, Inc.	NY	19,913,900	72
26. Houston Endowment Inc.	TX	19,172,500	41
27. The Spencer Foundation	IL	19,046,967	211
28. O'Donnell Foundation	TX	18,406,209	6
29. The Annenberg Foundation	PA	18,217,581	32
30. The San Francisco Foundation	CA	17,980,703	53
31. John S. and James L. Knight Foundation	FL	17,915,735	43
32. Doris Duke Charitable Foundation	NY	17,572,981	21
33. Peninsula Community Foundation	CA	16,811,077	105
34. Pritzker Foundation	IL	16,768,000	16
35. F. W. Olin Foundation, Inc.	NY	15,746,123	5
36. The Freeman Foundation	NY	15,189,018	45
37. Carnegie Corporation of New York	NY	14,998,000	83
38. The Columbus Foundation and Affiliated Organizations	OH	14,885,429	68
39. SBC Foundation	TX	14,390,195	138
40. The California Endowment	CA	14,219,065	32
41. M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust	WA	13,561,600	63
42. Schmidt Family Foundation	FL	13,525,000	2
43. The George S. and Dolores Dore Eccles Foundation	UT	13,444,145	38
44. The Bush Foundation	MN	13,350,124	42
45. The San Diego Foundation	CA	13,079,384	50
46. The Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation, Inc.	OK	12,289,205	8
47. The J. E. and L. E. Mabee Foundation, Inc.	OK	11,950,000	16
48. Barr Foundation	MA	11,882,883	8
49. Andersen Foundation	MN	11,525,000	48
50. The John W. Kluge Foundation	MD	11,510,000	8
Total		\$2,021,042,507	4,442

Source: The Foundation Center.

*Based on grants of \$10,000 or more awarded by a national sample of 1,015 larger U.S. foundations (including 800 of the 1,000 largest ranked by total giving). For community foundations, only discretionary grants are included. Grants to individuals are not included in the file. The search set includes all grants to recipient organizations classified in this topic area and grants to other recipient types for activities classified in this topic area. Grants may therefore be included in more than one topic table, e.g., a grant to a university for its arts program is included in Education, Higher Education, and Arts.

Note: Higher Education grants are also included in the Education table.